School Council Elections
Nominations for school Council Closed on
Monday at 5:00pm.
We only had one nomination for the parent
position. Kelly Tobin is duly elected onto
the school council. Kelly has Ava and Pop-
py in Grade 1 and Phoebe in Preps.
The remaining position will be filled through
casual appointment. The first meeting of
the new school council will be on Wednes-
day 20th March at 3:45pm

Parents Club
The first meeting of the Parents Club was
held today. The New office Bearers are:
Penny Bailey President
Michelle Hughes Vice President
Tracey Frigo Secretary
Jo Leyden Treasurer
Lisa Mitchell—2nd Hand Uniforms.

Thank you to the outgoing office bearers,
under the leadership of Glenda Dixon, for
their great work throughout 2012.

The first act of the new committee was to
rename the Parents Club to Parents and
Friends. The new name allows for wider
membership and allow the wider community
to become involved.

The main charter of the Parents and Friends
is to provide social activities for the school
(for parents and students)

Family Picnic
Reminder that tonight is the family get to-
gether picnic starting at 5:00pm on the
grassed area near the basketball court. Bring
a picnic tea and meet other parents.

Parent Teachers Interviews
Thanks to those parents who came to Parent
Teacher Interview. The interview was a
chance to share information with your
child’s teacher. In some cases the interview
was not required as this sharing of infor-
mation has already occurred. If you were
unable to meet with your child’s teacher to-
ight, and would like to do so please make
an appointment with the appropriate teachers

Strawberry Fair
As the Fair quickly approaches. There are
still many last minute jobs to do. Our next
meeting is an important one as we will be
having our emergency/safety. All area
managers, co ordinators need to be at this
meeting so that we can do a thorough
briefing.

Roster
At the moment we still have a a few places
to fill. Of the ninety— eight families we
have at Wallington 79 families have vol-
unteered. For those who have yet to regis-
ter on the roster please do so as soon as
possible.

Working Bee
This Saturday at 8:00am bring whipper
snippers, blowers rakes etc
Jobs to do
• Whippet snip the fence line
• Remove goal posts
• Clean cobwebs off hall
• Clear out door tracks on hall
• Trim a few trees
• Weed native garden
• Sweep paths

Auction
Pam Halifax is currently looking for do-
nations for the Auction and spinning
wheel from businesses. If you have a
contact or you have a business that
would be willing to donate items we
would welcome any donations. We are
trying not to double up on donors there-
fore, please let Pam Halifax or the office
know which business you have made
contact with. A sponsorship letter for
donations is available at the office.

Also, if you have any unwanted Christ-
mas/birthday pressies at the back of your
cupboard and still in packaging it would
be gratefully received.

Lucky Bags
Keep them coming in to the office
Please make sure that the bags are la-
belled “boy or girl”

Wristbands

Wristbands are available for presale next
week. The wrist bands entitle wallington
students unlimited rides on
• Chairoplane
• Bungy Run
• Climbing Wall
The cost is $15.00 The train ride, Animal
farm and Pony rides are not included in
this offer.

1st / 2nd Ocean Grove
Scout Group
Cubs meet
Tuesday 7.00 pm
Scouts meet Wednesday
7.00pm

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EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2013

Forms due by Tuesday 26th February

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for the EMA:
1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, 28 February 2013 for the first instalment and 2 August 2013 for the second instalment; and
3. You must on 29 January 2013 for the first instalment and 15 July 2013, for the second instalment:
   - be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
   - be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
   - be a temporary foster parent.
4. Submit your application to the school by the due date:
   - 28 February 2013 for the first instalment*
   - 2 August 2013 for the second instalment.

* Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August. The Pension Concession Card (PCC) or Health Care Card (HCC) is subject to electronic confirmation with Centrelink to verify that the cardholder is receiving a benefit.

EXTRA Curricular Activities

Chess
Where: Wallington Primary School - Library
When: Thursday’s 2.35pm - 3.25pm
7th Feb – 28th Mar 2013

Cost:
12% discount for Cash Payments -
$65 Cash or $75 Cheque - per child.

Benefits:
Strategic thinking, improved self esteem, attention span in class, lateral thinking, team work, analytical skills.

Payment (per child) of $65 cash or $75 Cheques made payable to “Hooton Consulting Pty Ltd”
Enrolment forms available at the office
Vacancies exist

Drumming
Hand drumming will continue this year giving student a chance to try some hand drums and rhythms from around the world that they may not get through traditional music classes. Classes will start Tuesday the 19th and continue for 6 weeks until Tuesday the 26th of March. The classes will be capped at 10 students each at a cost of $40 for the 6 weeks.

Forms available at the office or online on the school’s website

Scott McCutcheon