Grounds
While we continue to search for a new grounds person, we need to keep the grounds looking as good as possible. If anyone has some spare time to mow can you please let me know.

Melbourne Cup Holiday
Just as a reminder that the 5th November is a regular day at Wallington Primary School. We do not have the Melbourne Cup day off.

5/6 Camp
The Grades 5 and 6 are off to Melbourne on their camp next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We hope that they really enjoy themselves. I will be attending the camp along with Mrs Marino, Mrs Duckett, Ms Laird and Mrs Peter.

How Can I Improve My Child’s Reading?
By: Beverley B. Swanson
What can I do for my school-age child who doesn’t like to read?
In the early elementary years, from first through third grades, children continue learning how to read. It is a complex process, difficult for some and easy for others. Care must be taken during these early years not to over-emphasize the learning to read process.

Reading for pleasure and information develops reading interests and offers children the opportunity to practice their reading skills in meaningful ways. Parents of elementary-age children should provide reading materials in the home that arouse curiosity or extend their child's natural interest in the world around them. By encouraging and modelling leisure-time reading in the home, parents take the most important step in fostering their child's reading development.

How can reading research information be useful to me, as a parent?
Current research in reading reveals three important considerations for parents and teachers:

- Children who read, and read widely, become better readers.
- Reading and writing are complementary skills.

Parents are important to children both as role models and as supporters of their efforts.

What does research say about ways parents can help their children with reading?
The following suggestions have been beneficial to many parents:

- Provide a good role model — read yourself and read often to your child.
- Provide varied reading material — some for reading enjoyment and some with information about hobbies and interests.
- Encourage activities that require reading — for example, cooking (reading a recipe), constructing a kite (reading directions), or identifying an interesting bird's nest or a shell collected at the beach (using a reference book).

- Establish a reading time, even if it is only ten minutes a day.
- Write notes to your school-age child; encourage written responses.
- Ask your child to bring a library book home to read to a younger sibling.
- Establish one evening a week for reading (instead of television viewing).
- Encourage your child in all reading efforts.

References
http://www.readingrockets.org/article/161/

P-3 Swimming Program
Important Notices
Notice 1
Swimming begins on Mon 18th Nov. In order to finalise the program we are asking for all permission forms and program costs of $100 to be returned by Friday 10th Nov. The school program for Prep - Year 3 will commence on Mon 18th Nov and run over the following two weeks with Fridays being rest days. Fees cover transport, entry and eight 45 minute swimming lessons by qualified instructors at Bellarine Aquatic Sports Centre (BASC) Ocean Grove. Get organised and don’t forget to label your clothes, bathers and bags for wet clothes etc. This program is an important part of students gaining not only a life skill of swimming but also independence, organisation, responsibility and confidence. This program is part of the schools extra curricula sports educational program and it is expected that all children will participate. If there are any concerns please see your classroom teacher.

Prep-2 Athletics
Dear Parents,
Prep, one and two athletics will be held on Wed 30th Oct at 2.00—3.30 pm. Events will include high jump, shot put, long jump, sprints and team relay. Students will need to wear their sports shoes and team house colours of red, green or blue. It will be a fun afternoon with a focus on all kids competing in and completing the events. If you are able to assist on the day please see your class teacher. Hope to see you there.

Thank you.
Prep-2 staff

Children’s Fair
The children’s fair last Friday raised a total of $1,107 which will go towards our World Vision sponsorship of a child.
Well done everyone!

COMMUNITY NOTICES
SUGAR...SUGAR...SUGAR...SUGAR
For strawberry fair jams...
We aim for approximately 65kgs of white sugar (packets unopened) each year. We currently have 56kgs….. Any donations gratefully accepted.
The Geelong Marlins are seeking registrations of interest from junior players or teams to play in a Geelong based competition. The games would be played at Geelong College on a Sunday afternoon 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. We are happy to accommodate club and school based teams.

Geelong Marlins Water Polo  
Sunday Junior Competition and Flippa Ball  

Please find attached flyers about exciting opportunities for juniors to play water polo in Geelong. The Geelong Marlins are seeking registrations of interest from junior players or teams to play in a Geelong based competition. The games would be played at Geelong College on a Sunday afternoon 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm. We are happy to accommodate club and school based teams.

Geelong Marlins will also be running a Flippa Ball program for children 12 and under. This modified non contact version of water polo is played in the shallow end of the pool. It is suitable for players of all swimming abilities.

For teachers and parents  
"Understanding Adolescent Boys" (Presented by Dr Ian Lillico)  Cost: $15  
**When:** November 11th, 2013  **7pm to 9pm**  
**Where:** St Bernard's College, 40 Rosehill Rd, Essendon

**How to Raise Happy and Resilient GIRLS!** (Presented by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg)  Cost: $20  
**When:** Monday November 18th, 2013  
**Where:** Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School, 123 Marshall St, Ivanhoe (Filling fast!)

**When:** Tuesday November 19th, 2013  
**Where:** Sacred Heart College, Retreat Rd, Newtown (Geelong)

**HOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE:**  
Please email rick@criticalagendas.com.au  
Include Your **NAME, Event Date, and No. Tickets** required.  
Collect and pay for tickets on the night (No EFTPOS).  
Teachers will receive a Certificate of Participation (2 PD hours)

Parents and Friends
Thanks to all who attended our October meeting. If you are unable to attend meetings but would like to keep up to date with discussions/agendas/minutes, please email tracey@pondaestate.com.au to go on our mailing list. At our October meeting discussed a number of upcoming events including a planned family bike ride along the Bellarine Rail Trail on November 30th to be followed by a lunch/fish and chips at the Queenscliff Rotunda. Please save the date and stay tuned for more information.

*We had asked for expressions of interest from families interested in participating in a Car Boot sale – thanks to those who responded but overall we didn’t have enough responses to go ahead with this.*

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