Don’t Forget The Picnic next WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER

The school picnic will be held next Wednesday in the school grounds from 5pm onwards. BYO picnic.
Santa will arrive at 6pm. Please leave a book wrapped and labelled for your child with a value up to $10.00 at the office.
The Parents Club would like to extend the invitation to the 2014 Grade Preps and their parents, in an opportunity for them to get to know the current families attending Wallington PS.

Lost Property
The lost property is starting to accumulate again. If your child is missing a jumper or shirt it might be in lost property. If it is named then it will be returned to its owner.

Today we had the Helpers Morning Tea. This is our way of saying thank you for your help throughout the year. We greatly appreciate your time and effort to assist our students in their learning.

Request for Video footage
We are looking for any video footage of the assembly on 22nd November. David McIntyre is after any video of the Awards presentation on that day. If you have any please contact the office and we will put you in contact with David.

Swimming Program
Another successful swimming program has come and gone. All students’ efforts and achievements were excellent and the feedback from instructors was high of praise and appreciation for the effort and behaviour of all students from Wallington PS. Thank you to all who let their children take part for your children will be wiser around water. For children such programs can be very challenging so well done children with your perseverance. The teachers have noticed a marked improvement with the personal growth, personal confidence and independence of students. Thank you to all the staff who assisted in anyway and whose normal programs were disrupted but helped without complaint. A special mention to parents who helped with transport.

Mr Vaught and Miss Jones
Swimming coordinators

School Working Bee
The final school working bee will be held next Friday 13th at 3:30 till approximately 5:30. There will be icy poles for the kids. Jobs will be to prepare for the fire season, clean grounds for the school break and prepare some areas for the 2014 school program. Please bring tools if you are able to help in one of the jobs listed below.

Term 4 working bee jobs list includes:
- Clean spider webs.
- Cover hothouse.
- Cover fruit trees with netting.
- Gutters on sports shed cleaned.
- Trees trimmed.
- Rabbit proof oval, particularly under gates.
- Rabbit holes under garden shed blocked up.
- Lawns cut, sweeping around buildings and netball court, underground drains checked.
- Erect ball keeper maybe near basketball court.
- Remove sink from east side of oval.
- Remove cement blocks near bike shed.
- Clean behind garden shed, scrap metal collection.
- Gutters on main building need to be removed and cleaned of grass.

Mr Vaught, Environment Coordinator

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Class Structure and Staffing for 2014
Prep/1 M                  Mrs Murray
Prep/1K                   Mrs King
Grade 2                   Mr Vaught
Grade 3                   Yet to be confirmed
Grade 4                   Miss Jones
Grade 5                   Mrs Duckett
Grade 6                   Mrs Lennon
The Arts/ Cultural Studies Ms MacMillan
Integration Aide:         Julie Laird
Office:                   Cho Lay Thomas

Last Day Arrangements
Final assembly will begin exactly at 1:00pm as we have many awards to present.

Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents are asked to ensure that their child/children are picked up on time on the last day. Teachers will be involved in the setting up of the school for 2014.

Term Dates 2014
Term 1: 28 January (school teachers start) to 4 April *
Term 2: 22 April to 27 June**
Term 3: 14 July to 19 September
Term 4: 6 October to 19 December

* The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school, so contact your school for details.

** Term 2 starts on Tuesday 22 April as Monday 21 April is a public holiday for Easter Monday. Please note: Friday 25 April is ANZAC Day.
You will be notified in the newsletter by the end of the year of the precise dates for pupil free days in 2014.
Dear Emily

I would like to congratulate you on your great group of students after your visit to our Centre yesterday. Our teachers said your students were a pleasure to teach and the best behaved group they had taught in their years at the Centre. They were also impressed with their focus, enthusiasm and knowledge of sustainable behaviours.

I had lots of fun on the ride. I didn’t know that Phar Lap was once hidden “at Suma Park” (Sophia F)

Parents & Friends Dinner

The next Parents and Friends get together will be on Thursday December 12th – a 6pm meeting followed by 7pm dinner. If you can’t make the meeting, you are more than welcome to come along for the dinner only.

**Could you please RSVP if you will be coming for dinner (alone or with partner) so that we can plan for numbers and make a booking, either to the office or to Penny (Kieran’s Mum 3/4J – mob 0407 891599) or Tracey (Sophia’s Mum 3/4L - tracey@pondaeastate.com.au).**

Bellarine Cuisine Cookbook

Exciting news!! All of the hard work to get our cookbook out before Christmas has paid off - we’ve been on sale for just over a week, have almost sold out and are planning for a reprint. A big thank you to all of our sponsors for contributing to/supporting the book:

Restaurant/café sponsors


Generous sponsorship

- Hendry’s cycles, Bellarine Railway, Generous sponsorship from Hendry’s cycles, Bellarine Railway and Ponderosa Winery contributed to over $200 of prizes. The family section was won by the Vauhts and the pairs section by Seamus and Joe.

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