Parent Teacher interviews
Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 13th Feb from 1:30-5:30pm. Notes for this will go home today. This is an information sharing session and is not compulsory. If you are unable to make the interview please feel free to make an appointment with your child’s teacher at a more appropriate time. Many people have also had sharing conversations already with the teachers and may not feel it necessary to meet again. Parents will be notified of their interview time.

Student Accident Insurance
Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance.

Strawberry Fair
The Strawberry Fair is on Sunday the 2nd March. It is expected that all families help out to ensure the success of the day. We still have places to fill on the roster in the areas of Car Parking and Devonshire Tea. If you haven’t put your name down can you please do so this week. We require all families to help in some way. This is the school’s major fundraiser for the year.

The Roster is on the window of my office.
Strawberry Fair meetings will be held 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th February at 7:00 pm in the Staff Room.

Lucky Bags
There are extra bags at the office. The lucky bags can be filled with little knick knacks, lollies (in sealed wrappers). They sell for $3.00. For the new families these bags are sold at the fair. The more bags we get the more profit we make. Completed bags can be left at the office. Bags for Prep parents went home tonight with the newsletter as well.

Leigh McLaren
Principal

Geelong Zone Swimming Sports
The Geelong Zone Swimming Sports will be held on 28th Feb. Children in Grade 4, 5, and 6 are eligible to enter providing they meet a qualifying time. See Lisa Lennon for more details.

Parents and Friends
The next meeting of the Parents and Friends will be held at 3:00 pm in the hall on Tuesday 11th February. All parents are welcome to attend.

Art Room
In preparation for another busy year of making and creating, could ALL students please bring a named Art Smock to school next week.

Judie Macmillan—Art Teacher

Preps & Gr 6 Buddies

SCHOOL NOTICES

Wallington Primary School takes no responsibility for and does not endorse the quality or conduct of any activity advertised in the Community Notices section of the newsletter. Customers are required to make their own enquiries and judgements.
**Foundation's new video series** asked questions about children and asthma. In the video, experts discuss a range of topics, including:

- What can parents and carers do to help their child’s asthma at school?
- How can parents manage their child’s asthma independently?
- How can parents ensure that their child is always carrying their reliever medication?
- How can parents and carers encourage their child to seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms?
- How can parents and carers update their child’s Asthma Action Plan?

**Respiratory experts talk to parents about asthma**

Experts from The Asthma Foundation of Victoria were interviewed for the video series, discussing the following topics:

- What can parents and carers do to help their child’s asthma at school?
- How can parents manage their child’s asthma independently?
- How can parents ensure that their child is always carrying their reliever medication?
- How can parents and carers encourage their child to seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms?
- How can parents and carers update their child’s Asthma Action Plan?

**What can parents and carers do to help their child’s asthma at school?**

- If your child is self-managing their asthma, or capable of taking their asthma medication independently, ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication.
- Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early symptoms of an asthma attack and check to make sure they are using their reliever medication properly.
- Ensure your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms.
- Ensure that your child’s asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP (this is a good opportunity to also update the Asthma Action Plan required by your child’s school/preschool).

**Respiratory experts talk to parents about asthma**

In the video, experts discuss the importance of:

- Ensuring that your child’s asthma is being well managed.
- Providing your child with an updated Asthma Action Plan.
- Ensuring that your child’s asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP.
- Ensuring your child will seek help from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms.
- Ensuring that your child’s asthma is being well managed and that their medication and management is reviewed annually by your GP.

**Find out more!**

For more information on the video series and resources available from The Asthma Foundation of Victoria, visit [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)

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**Parent Contributions 2014**

Thank you to the parents who have already made payments for 2014. Payments for Student Requisites can be made at the office via cash, cheque or EFT. Please finalise payment arrangements by 28 February 2014. Any enquiries can be made at the office.

**Sacramental Program**

Children wishing to receive the sacraments in the Catholic Church are advised that enrolment day will be on Tues 18th Feb at 4 pm in Star of the Sea church—John Dory Drive, Ocean Grove. For grades 3-6 children, a copy of baptismal cert is required.

Enquiries Lyne Horner Tel: 52515819

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**Junior Triathlon Squads**

Our Junior Triathlon Programs are designed to introduce the sport of Triathlon (swimming, cycling and running) to children aged 8 years and above in a FUN, SAFE and INCLUSIVE environment. All our sessions are run by certified coaches who are highly experienced Triathlon competitor's and working with children checked registered.

**Introduction To Triathlon Program (8-12 years)**

- Christian College Geelong (Highton - Middle School Campus)
  - Mondays 4pm - 5pm beginning Monday the 10th of Feb
- Geelong Grammar School (Handbury Centre for Well Being)
  - Wednesdays 5:15pm - 6:15pm beginning Wednesday 12th of Feb

**Triathlon Development Squad (12-18 years)**

This squad is aimed at graduates of our ‘Intro to Triathlon' program who now wish to pursue the sport further, plus teenagers interested in giving Triathlon a go. Specific training sessions are run each week in swim, cycle, run and transitions skills at Geelong and Surf Coast locations.

For more information please contact Michelle Hemley on 0402 299 589 or michellehemley@outlook.com

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**Hockey Bellarine Inc**

Hockey Bellarine, now playing at Saint Ignatius College, Drysdale. Under 10, Under 13, Under 15 and Women. More information?

email : hockeybellarine@gmail.com or phone: Gillian Pasque 0439 309 081 Ali/Lee Kooloos 0418 340 248

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**Become A Volunteer Host Family**

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

**Arriving in July:**

- Pietro (17) from Italy is sporty, representing his region in tennis. He is a member of the scouts and plays the guitar and drums.
- Cecile (15) from France is a keen dancer, in both classical and jazz. She is also an excellent skier and enjoys the smaller, non-materialistic things in life.

**Find out more!**

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

**Sylvia Kelly**

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Open your home and hearts to an international exchange student! It’s easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!