This will be the 29th Wallington Strawberry Fair – and 31 years since the first Fair! It is truly an iconic event and the longest running of its type of the Bellarine Peninsula. The Strawberry Fair is a wonderful community event that is organised and supported by the families, teachers, staff and students of the Wallington Primary School.

The Fair is our one big fundraiser for the school. All of our students directly benefit from the funds that we raise and it is expected that all families will be available to assist at the Fair. With around 100 families at the school we need every family to participate and share the workload.

We are a small school – full participation is crucial to a successful Fair.
If you have younger children, remember to book in your babysitters – it’s all hands on deck!!!

The Strawberry Fair Committee has been meeting since last year and plans are well underway for many of the activities associated with the Fair but there are many jobs that you can assist with over the next couple of weeks.

- Flyers/posters to deliver to schools/recreation centres/kinders/shops
- Letter box drops
- Working bees
- Site set up
- Hulling of strawberries
- Helping on the day

Please ensure that you have your name on the roster or you aren’t fussed where you work. If you haven’t put your name down, you’ll receive a note letting you know where you have been assigned for the day.

**WORKING BEES** – there will be a number of working bees to sort out equipment for stalls and also one to prepare the school grounds on February 23rd. Please keep an eye out for these in the school newsletter.

**FLYERS/POSTERS** – Thanks again to Linda di-Giusto for designing the flyers, posters and ads for the papers. If you can help with distribution please collect from the office or from Tracey Frigo (Sophia Yr 3/4L) and please register where you will be distributing them so that we don’t double up.

**PROMOTIONS** – In addition to helping with flyers, you can help promote the Fair by starting to talk about it with family and friends, and invite them to come along. It’s a great place to catch up with people, the children love to show off their school, the cakes are scrumptious, our delicious gourmet jam is indeed home made by parents, the auction is great fun, the entertainment will be fantastic and the market stalls are top quality!!

And if you’re into social media you can share and help spread the word on Facebook and Twitter too!

Like and / or follow the Wallington Strawberry Fair at -

[www.facebook.com/wallingtonstrawberryfair](http://www.facebook.com/wallingtonstrawberryfair)  [www.twitter.com/strawberryfair1](http://www.twitter.com/strawberryfair1)
AUCTION ITEMS – The Auction team is collecting donations for the auction and spinning wheel – if you can help, please contact Pam Halifax or the office.

LUCKY BAGS – Each family received some Lucky Bags at the end of last year. The bags that have been sent home are only a small proportion of the bags that have been made up to sell on the day. Please support this stall by returning yours decorated and filled – they are sold for $3. Extra bags are available from the office.

CAKE STALL – Our cake stall is legendary!! All families contribute home baked cakes, slices, biscuits. Information will be sent home regarding this, along with the packaging to place your baked items in.

RED SHIRTS FOR THE STRAWBERRY FAIR – Now is the time to find your red top to wear at the Fair. Everyone is encouraged to wear a red top on the day so that the public know that we are part of the school community.

SET UP – WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Saturday is a big day for set-up so please come along even if you can only make it for part of the day. As with all aspects of the Fair, numbers are crucial to ensure that we spread the work load – plus it’s a good social day to spend time with other members of the school community. On Saturday 2nd March, helpers are needed for:

- Site set up; stage set up
- Setting up tents, shade structures, charis, tables, hay
- Hulling of strawberries in the hall (we need at least 20 people for this)
- Choc dipping of strawberries,
- Gourmet food preparation

*Please put your am on the list on Leigh’s window to offer your help on Saturday.

SHADE STRUCTURES AND ESKYS – If you are able to help with either, please contact Leigh.

WRISTBAND FOR RIDES - We are re-introducing wristbands for the rides for Wallington Primary School children. These can be pre-purchased from the school prior to the Fair at a cost of $15 per wristband or purchased on the day for $20. This means that the children will be able to have unlimited rides on the Bungy run, Giant slide, Climbing wall and Chair-o-plane. Information will be sent home regarding pre-purchase of the wristbands for your children.

(Please note that the wristband does NOT cover pony rides, animal farm or little train)

The wristbands are for Wallington Primary School children only.