Well, the Strawberry Fair has come and gone. The hard work; the many hours of preparation; and the sense of purpose has made the fair an outstanding success. As I said to the gathering after the fair – “It takes the whole school community to run the fair”. Thank you to everyone who contributed prior to and on the day of the fair. A special thank you to the committee who have been meeting regularly since July 2015 and to our co-ordinators:

- **Parent Liaison:** Kerri Wrench
- **Promotions:** Tracey Frigo and Amy Boland
- **Rosters:** Fiona Ferguson
- **Rides:** Linda Edwards
- **Entertainment:** Michelle Hughes
- **Graphic Design:** Linda Di-Giusto
- **Sponsors:** Ann Lane
- **Auction:** Kath Rahdon
- **Produce:** Naomi Watson
- **Site:** Ben Whykes
- **Car Park:** John Dunstan
- **Cakes:** Darlene Gerusel

The final meeting for this strawberry Fair season will be On Wednesday 16th March at 7:00 in the staff meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to make recommendations for 2017.

**School Council**

The Annual General Meeting of the School Council will be on Wednesday 23rd at 4:15pm.

**School Photos**

School Photos will be on next **Wednesday, 16th March**. Each class and each student will be photographed. Envelopes have been sent home today for all students. There is also provision for a family photo (2 or more students in the one family). Please get a family envelope from the office if needed. There is no obligation to purchase.

The school does not handle any of the money and no change will be available. The envelopes are passed directly to MSP photography. All enquiries will be done through MSP at Tel: 52226747.

**Social and Emotional Learning**

As part of the school’s programs this year, students will be doing activities that explore social and emotional learning. This structured program builds on the school values and is part of the school’s Civics and Citizenship aspect of the school curriculum.

**Emergency update**

As part of the Emergency Management process, we have updated the computers to enable us to send out sms text and emails to parents and guardians in the event of an emergency. **Note: this function will only be used for school emergencies, NOT for illnesses or absences etc.** Alerts will also be generated through the Skoolbag App.

If you do not wish to be contacted via sms text or email for school emergencies, please advise the office. It is also a timely reminder to check that your contact details are current. Any changes may be made via the skoolbag or a note to the office/class teacher. To download the Skoolbag App, go to: [http://www.skoolbag.com.au/forparents.php](http://www.skoolbag.com.au/forparents.php)

**Japanese Cultural Exchange**

Mizuho has now completed her 3 weeks at Wallington. What a wonderful time for her and all students. The *Karuta* card games have been completed and look fantastic. We have also had fun with lots of games and craft. She has been a charming and enthusiastic addition to our school community and even starred in the Geelong Advertiser for Strawberry Fair! We thank her very much for all her efforts and wish her well for the future.

*Judie Macmillan*
AGM
On Tuesday parents and friends had their 2016 AGM. We welcome the new committee for this year:

President: Amanda Howard
Vice President: Kerstin Willey
Secretary: Bree Schammer
Treasurer: Jane Healy
Book Club: Natalie Baensch
2nd Hand Uniforms: Jo Harris

Grade Representatives:
Prep: Danielle Wilks, Kate Fenwick
Grade 1: Lisa Dyson, Jane Healy, Tanya Hayward
Grade 2: Natalie Baensch, Jen Absalom
Grade 3: Renee Renshaw, Michelle Hughes
Grade 4: Kerstin Willey, Jo Harris
Grade 5: Amanda Howard, Kerri Wrench
Grade 6: Tracey Frigo, Kath Rahdon

School Welcome Picnic
All families of the school are invited to an evening school picnic on Thursday 17th March from 5.30pm. A bbq tea will be provided with sausages, hamburgers and soft drinks, or you are welcome to BYO picnic. We will also be having some fun family games and races. A form has gone home with the newsletter to be returned to your teacher by Tuesday 15th March for catering purposes.

Special Easter Morning Tea
Forms have gone home this week for the special Easter morning tea on Tuesday 22nd March. Hot Cross Buns and flavoured milk are available. Forms are due back to the draw opposite the office by strictly no later than Wednesday 16th March.

Next Meeting
The next Parents and Friends meeting is on Thursday 14th April, 9.15am Elkhorn Roadhouse. We warmly invite all parents to come along for a relaxed coffee and chat and plan the years activities.

Stay up to date
To go on the distribution list for parents and friends minutes and correspondence please email breeschammer@bigpond.com. You can also keep up to date with the latest Parents and Friends news by joining our Facebook group. Search for “Wallington PS Parents and Friends”.

Strawberries, Strawberries, Strawberries everywhere...
A great day at the Strawberry Fair 2016 and fun for everyone. Come and have a look at pics at the office foyer.