PRINCIPAL NEWS

I hope all the mums had a lovely day last Sunday and enjoyed the gifts from the Mother’s Day Stall. It has certainly been a busy few weeks. The NAPLAN testing for grades 3 & 5 has gone well and this is a credit to staff and students.

3 Way Interview
This will be happening on the 14th and 15th June. Notes will go home shortly to allow families to book a time for this interview. This is a good opportunity for Teacher, Parent, and student to come together to celebrate the success and map out the direction for future learning.

Report Writing
Teachers are in the midst of testing and writing reports. Reports will be finalized and sent home prior to the 3 way interviews.

Footy Clinic
Next Monday the grade 5 and 6 students will be attending an AFL footy Clinic at the school. This will be run by current AFL players. It is an exciting experience for them. There is no cost involved.

Prep 2016 Open Day
Next week we will be having our open day for next year’s preps to come and tour the school. This will be on Wednesday 18th May at 9:30am. The student leaders will be escorting the parents around the school. This is an open invitation to anyone to come and have a look at the school.

Lightning Premiership (26th May)
The Peninsula District Lightning Premiership will be held soon on Thursday 26 May. We have a football team and Netball team entered. We wish everyone involved the best and hope they have an enjoyable and successful day. Thank you to John Dunstan (Football) and Chantel Milne, Michelle Kelly, Lisa Lennon, and Tracey Vaught (Netball) for giving up their time to coach the teams for the Lightning Premiership.

Our Volunteers
It is important that we take time to reflect on the great impact that volunteers have on the school. We would like to thank Michael Caruso, Joan Keating, and Pauline Hamilton for the work they do around the school and in the classrooms.

These three people have no other connection to the school besides their desire to help out our school. We are very grateful and fortunate to have these wonderful people helping at the school.

The work that parents do around the school is much appreciated and forms a vital link between home and school. They willingly volunteer their time and resources to ensure the school provides effective programmes to our students. On behalf of staff and students I would like to say thank you to everyone who volunteers at Wallington Primary School.

Head Lice
We have had reported a couple of cases of Head Lice. Over the past years parents at Wallington have been vigilant and treated and reported cases of head lice to the school. This has ensured that we minimize the impact. I have put up on the website information that may be of assistance to parents.

Parent Payments 2016
Thank you to the families who have already made their payments for School Requisites 2016.

If you have not yet made your payment, please do so as soon as possible. Please note that Parent Payments for 2016 were due by 26th February, unless other arrangements are made.

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P&F Meeting
Come and join us on Friday 10th June for our P&F Meeting 9am in the School Hall. All welcome.

Winter Veggies
Forms have gone home for winter veggie seedlings. Forms and payment to be returned to the white drawer outside the office by no later than Thursday 19th May. Delivery will be week commencing 23rd May.

2nd Hand Uniform Sale
There will be a 2nd hand uniform sale on Friday 13th May 2.45 – 3.45pm in the kitchen area of the hall. Gold coin donation per item. Donations of clean resalable uniform items always accepted with thanks.

Stay up to date
With lots of Parents and Friends news and upcoming events, stay up to date by joining our Facebook page. Search for “Wallington PS Parents and Friends” and request to join.

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?
Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.
You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Amanda Vernon your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5278 8122
avernon@bethany.org.au

HAVE YOU EVER USED OUR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES IN THE CITY OF GREATER GEELONG?
We want to know what you think about our Maternal and Child Health services and facilities.
Complete our short online survey from 23 March – 27 May at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/yoursay and provide valuable input into the future direction of the maternal and child health service in Geelong.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Parenting as a Team
When we become parents we find ourselves in a new role and a new set of circumstances. Most parents learn the skills they need “on the job”, and at times it can feel like one is learning at the “deep end”.
How can two parents describe their differences, talk about them in a calm and constructive way, and then work out a common approach that is consistent, that works, and satisfies both parents?
It is fair to say that learning to work together to build a shared approach is no mean feat!
The four week program looks at:
- Reflecting on our own upbringing
- The importance of understanding the differences in parenting styles
- Knowing that it is normal to experience some level of frustration or disagreement about the “correct” way to parent your children

Cost
Gold Coin Donation

For bookings and more information please contact the Regional Parenting Service
Phone
5272 4741
www.geelongaustralia.com.au