**PRINCIPAL NEWS**

### School Council Election

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE 2015**

- **Notice of election and call for nominations**: Mon 9 February 2015
- **Closing date for nominations**: Fri 16 February 2015

**If the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies, then a ballot will not be necessary.**

**Date by which list of candidates and nominators will be posted:** Mon 23rd February 2015

**Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed on or before:**
- **Close of ballot**: Wed 4th March 2015
- **Vote count**: Wed 4th March 2015
- **Declaration of ballot**: Wed 4th March 2015

**Special council meeting to co-opt Community members:**
- **Wed 18th March 2015**

**1st council meeting to elect office bearers:**
- **Wed 18th March 2015**

**The following vacancies exist:**
- 3 x parent representatives
- 1 x parent representative (casual vacancy)
- 1 x DET representative

**Nomination forms available from the office or the school website:**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

The parent teacher interviews are on tonight Thursday 12th February. The purpose of these interviews is for parents and teachers to exchange information. If you have already met with your child’s teacher, then there may be no need to have an interview. If you are unable to make it on that day, feel free to arrange a time with your child’s teacher that is mutually acceptable.

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**STRAWBERRY FAIR**

**Strawberry Fair – Working Bee**

The term one working bee will be held next Saturday, 21st Feb starting at 9:00 am as a clean up in preparation for the Strawberry Fair. The more people we get, the more we can get done. Jobs will only include:

1. Cleaning leaves around pathways, buildings and the bike shed.
2. Filling in tripping hazards around pathways and oval with dirt.
3. Placing poles etc around hazards.
4. General clean up.
5. Clean up behind garden shed.
6. We need people to bring wheel barrows, shovels, brooms, rakes, whisper snippers.

**Strawberry Fair – Lucky Bags**

We will be sending home another round of lucky bags as some families do not recall getting them at the end of the year. These can be decorated and filled with …… (preferably no confectionery) and marked B (for boy) or G (for girl) and dropped into the office.

**Strawberry Fair – Wrist Bands for Rides**

As a Special offer for Wallington Primary School Families only, we are offering wrist bands for $20.00. These will allow unlimited rides on Giant Slide, Laser Tag, Chair o Plane, Activities, and the Animal Farm. Please note that the Pony Rides and train are NOT covered by the wrist bands. Orders and payment for wrist bands need to be done by Thu 26th Feb.

A quick online survey at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LP3S532](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LP3S532)

We are seeking some feedback on the Strawberry Fair Policy. Could you please take one or two minutes to complete this online survey. Only aggregated data will be used.

**Sporting Opportunities**

As part of our school’s sporting program, the students have the opportunity to compete against other schools across the district and division throughout the year. The first of these this year will be the Bellarine and North Geelong Divisions Primary School Schools Swimming Championships on Friday 6th March. This competition is open to all students in Grades 3-6. Information was sent home to students yesterday. Interested students must submit their qualifying times to Mrs. Lennon by the start of next week. Late entries will not be accepted.

The second sporting opportunity is the Bellarine and Geelong North Divisions Tennis Championships on Wednesday 18th March. This event is 12 and under. Any interested students please see Mrs. Lennon for more details.

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**Bookclub**

Bookclub orders are due by Tues 18th Feb. Please place all orders in top white drawer next to printer. Contact Kirsten on 0409097227 for any queries.
**SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Last Week's SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

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<td>CHARLEY C</td>
<td>For great getting along skills. You have had a wonderful start at Wallington making lots of new friends.</td>
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<td>Gr 1 McLaren</td>
<td>TOM Mc</td>
<td>For showing persistence in learning to tie up his shoe laces. Great work Tom.</td>
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<td>Gr 2 Vaught</td>
<td>NOAH S</td>
<td>For showing persistence in learning to tie up his shoe laces. Great work Noah.</td>
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<td>Gr 3 Stevens</td>
<td>CHARLIE WR</td>
<td>For excellent work effort in class.</td>
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<td>Gr 4 Farley</td>
<td>MAYLEE H</td>
<td>For a fantastic start to the year - great persistence during class tasks.</td>
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<td>Gr 5 King</td>
<td>HUGH H</td>
<td>For a great start to the year and showing initiative to help others.</td>
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<td>BRIANNA L</td>
<td>For a great start to the year showing good leadership qualities and being a caring big buddy for Summer.</td>
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<td>RONAN B</td>
<td>For a great start to the year showing good leadership qualities within the classroom and with his little buddy Xavier.</td>
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**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**INVITATION**

Wallington Primary School
Parents & Friends
Monday, February 16th, Elkhorn Roadhouse, 9am

You are warmly invited to come along to the first get together of WPS Parents & Friends for 2015 on Monday 16th February, 9am at Elkhorn Roadhouse.

Parents & Friends is open to all parents and friends of children attending the school and is a great way to meet other parents. Monthly meetings provide an informal opportunity for parents to discuss issues of interest or concern with each other and with the Principal. There is no obligation to commit to regular meetings.

Parents & Friends also organises social events throughout the year – including the welcome picnic, mothers/fathers day activities, Christmas bbq and other activities such as last year’s Bike Ride.

Each year we have a turnover of parents as families move on to secondary school so new faces are very welcome!!

If you are unable to attend this Monday but would like to be kept in the loop about activities and meetings, please email tracey@pondaestate.com.au & ask to be put on the Parents & Friends email list.

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**SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**School Hats**
Hats are available for purchase from the office in all sizes (S, M & L) at $10.

**Bendigo Bank**
The Bendigo Bank is offering School Banking for all students every Monday commencing 23rd Feb 2015. If you would like your child to participate, please call up to the office or send a note with your child to pick up an application form. Completed forms will be processed by Bendigo bank staff on Monday 23rd Feb at school. Standard ID for 100 pt check will be required (refer to application form).

Any queries can be directed to Bendigo Bank at Gateway Plaza in Leopold Tel: 52501057 or email: Leopoldmailbox@bendigobank.com.au

**Sacred Heart College Open Day**
Tuesday 24 March 2015

Option 1 - Tour 1: 4pm - 5pm
followed by information session 5.30pm - 6pm

Option 2 - Tour 2: 5pm - 6pm
followed by information session 6.30pm - 7pm

For more information please contact our Registrar, Judy Smith on 5222 0490

Closing date for Year 7 2016 enrolments is Friday 22 May 2015

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**Moolap Primary School COUNTRY FAIR**

**Saturday February 21st 2015**
11am – 5pm

Come join in the fun & celebrate with us!

In association with Geelong Animal Welfare Society

• Rides • Food • Stalls

For sponsorship Ph. 5248 2284

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