Welcome Picnic-BBQ

All families are invited to a Welcome Picnic-BBQ at the school on Thursday 17th March. There is no charge for the BBQ and it is a good opportunity to come along and meet the other parents. The BBQ will start from 5:30pm. Details also in Parents & Friends section of the newsletter.

Last Day of Term.

The last day of term is Thursday 24th March. Students will be dismissed at 2:30 pm. There will be no assembly on that day. We will have a shortened lunch time so that children have some time in their classrooms preparing for the end of term. Please make sure that your child is picked up on time. After School Care will be operating from 2:30 pm until 6 pm.

Parents and Friends AGM

This was held last Tuesday week and begun with a wonderful run down on what this group had achieved in the past 12 months.

- Disco
- Mothers and Fathers Day Stall
- Christmas Picnic
- Meet the new families BBQ
- Parent Dinners
- Sushi Wednesday
- Book Club
- School Banking
- Hot Chocolate Day
- Book week
- Morning Teas
- Whole School Excursion
- Graduation Pens
- Mitre 10 BBQ

The Election of the 2016 Office Bearers

Amanda Howard - President
Bree Schammer - Secretary
Kirsten Willey - Vice President
Tanya Hayward - Treasurer

Congratulations to these parents and I hope that you have a successful year.

Rep's for each year level were again allocated. The role of these reps will be to help co ordinate events and welcome new families into the school.

Parent Representatives for Year levels are:

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

Student Absence

It is a requirement of the Department of Education and Training that “Parents/guardians are required to provide an explanation for their child’s absence from school, and a principal (or teacher) must record in writing the reason (if any) given by the parent/guardian.” A note in the diary with a simple explanation for the absence is greatly appreciated. Teachers read the diary every day and will initial the entry to show that it has been recorded. Absences can also be reported via the Skoolbag app.

The Car Park

It has been observed that a few parents are using the drop off zone in the afternoon to pick up their children. The Drop Off Zone is closed in the afternoon. Parents are asked to park and then go and collect their child/children from the school yard and escort them back to the vehicle. Whilst this may be seen as a waste of time let me assure you that the safety of all children is foremost in our minds. We ask all parents to respect this rule as a matter of safety to all concerned.

Bring your Own Devices (BYOD)

The access to technology on a one to one basis with the students is a discussion that we need to have over the course of the year. What is this? Click on the link below for a full description. Basically it is a program where the students bring to school or lease from the school their own device for use at home and at school. It is a way of bridging the digital divide.

Should our children be “connected online” all the time?

What are the benefits of such a program in terms of my child’s learning?

Do we, as parents, have a say in the matter?

All good questions, and questions that not only need to be asked, but answered to the satisfaction of the community. We want the decision to be one that is made with community input. This will be an issue that will ensue throughout the year. http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/learning/Pages/devices.aspx

Book Buddies

I regularly send boxes of books to Cambodia to be given to schools, language centres and orphanages. So if you are doing a sort out over the holidays and find any picture storybooks or easy novels that you don’t want anymore, please bring them to the Art room.

Much appreciated
Judie MacMillan
School Welcome Picnic
Don’t forget the school picnic is on tonight 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.

Parents Social Horse riding Group
Dates for rides in term 2 are 29/4, 27/5 and 24/6. Cost is $40 and includes 1hr ride and light lunch To book a place contact breeschammer@bigpond.com

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
You can keep up to date with the latest Parents and Friends news by joining our Facebook group. Search for “Wallington PS Parents and Friends”

Ocean Grove Auskick
Friday nights 5.30pm-7pm .
Shell Road Reserve Sports Pavilion (52-60 Shell Road, OG) enquiries: oceangroveauskick@gmail.com
Boys & Girls from Kinder age to Grade 5 welcome Starts Friday, April 15th

NAB AFL Auskick Program 2016
Barwon Heads NAB AFL Auskick commences on Friday 15th April 5 - 6pm at Barwon Heads Football Club, Bluff Road.
The NAB AFL Auskick program is aimed at children aged 5-12 and makes learning to play AFL fun, safe and easy for boys and girls. Through weekly coaching sessions they will learn the skills of the game in an exciting, social and safe environment.
Each participant will receive an awesome pack full of gear when they join.
The cost for the season is $91 and is paid online at registration.
To register children must be turning 5 this calendar year (2016).
The season will run from Friday 15th April - Friday 12 August 2016 (Please note Auskick will not run on the Fridays of public Holidays, 22 April and 10 June or on the School Holidays 1 July and 8 July).
The bar will be open each week with a sausage sizzle put on for the kids each week from our local sponsors Benno’s and IGA, we will also have family nights and strive to get a half time grid game and a visit from some AFL players.
To Register please follow these simple steps
- Visit aflauskick.com.au
- Enter your Postcode in the centre locator and select Barwon Heads
- Complete the registration process
We have a new team at Barwon Heads this year and can’t wait to see you all at the ground.
If you have any questions please contact Amy Raleigh amyraleigh@bigpond.com