PRINCIPAL NEWS

Well done to all students who represented Wallington Primary School at the Athletic Sports yesterday. You should be very proud of achieving your personal best both on and off the field. Thank you to the parents who attended to support our students, and also to Ms Lennon and Mrs O’Brien for their planning and organisation on the day. We will share student results in upcoming newsletters.

Spud Olympics
Our annual Spud Olympics is on tomorrow. The opening ceremony will take place at 9.15am, with a full day of events to follow. We encourage all parents and grandparents to come along and enjoy the day. A reminder to all students to please dress in ‘sports clothing’, and also bring along 2-3 spuds to compete with. Hopefully the rain holds off and we can enjoy a day of fabulous fun and laughs.

Parent Opinion Survey
We highly value feedback across all levels to ensure that our school is meeting and exceeding expectations across all areas. As we continue to revisit how we are ‘doing things’ at Wallington, we ask all parents to undertake a parent survey which reflects on how the school is meeting the needs of your child and our community. This survey is now open, and will close on Friday August 26. All feedback is anonymous, and we will only be analysing collated data. The link for this survey can be found at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVFQ2Z9

Though this is an online survey, we do understand that not all families have access to a device and/or internet at home. As such, parents may choose to undertake the survey at school on a school laptop. A session to support this will take place on Friday Aug 19 from 2.30-3.00am. Alternatively, a hard copy of the survey can be obtained from the office, but needs to be returned by Thursday August 25. This feedback is extremely important, and we appreciate families taking the time to complete this survey.

Curriculum Day
A reminder that next Monday is our school’s Curriculum Day. Students are not required at school on this day, as our staff will be involved in a whole day of learning. The Curriculum Day will involve staff reflecting on our 2016 school data and then re-visiting our programming in response to this. Please note that there will be no After School basketball on that day.

Book Week
Book Week is celebrated from the 22 – 26th of August (next week). Our annual Book Week Parade will take place next Friday morning at 9.15am on the basketball court.

Preparation for Puberty
Next Monday evening we are offering a Preparation for Puberty Parent Session. This session is for the parents of our current year 6 students, and will take place at school at 7.00pm. Presenter Liz Worpel will offer parents an overview of the program, provide parent recommendations and ideas for support, and also answer any questions that parents may have. Please see note that has been sent home for details.

Parent Support
I would like to thank all parents and volunteers who give their time to help our students at school each day. We greatly appreciate the wonderful support that students and teachers receive in their classrooms. I strongly encourage any parent who has any concerns or queries about any situation involving students at Wallington, to please speak with the classroom teacher or myself. It is then the school’s responsibility to respond to these situations.

Strawberry Fair
A reminder that we have placed a suggestion box in the foyer area, and encourage input from staff and families as to how we might best utilise monies raised from the Fair for ongoing school improvement. Slips for suggestions are located beside the box, and your input is greatly appreciated.

Yr 3/4 Camp 5th - 7th October 2016
Now that the Yr 5/6 Maldon Camp is behind us, we have commenced planning for the Yr 3/4 Log Cabin Camp in Creswick www.logcabincamp.com.au. This camp will take place in the first week of term 4 (5th-7th October) and offers a wide range of activities to encourage social and emotional learning. A note with initial camp information will be going home with Yr 3/4 students this afternoon.

Swimming Program Prep-3
Swimming permission notes have been sent home today for Prep-3 students. More information will be published in the newsletter closer to the date.

Toni Scott
Acting Principal
**School & Community News**

**Trivia Night / Silent Auction Fundraiser**
(for a family in need)
7 pm, Sat Sept 10
Leopold Sportsman’s Club
Tickets $20 each, tables of 8 - 10
B.Y.O chips / nibbles
Drinks at bar prices
Door prizes, Silent Auction, Raffle & Trivia
Call Rebekah 0425851455 or Mathew 52501685

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**School Disco**
Reminder that forms and payment are due to be returned to white drawer opposite office by tomorrow **FRIDAY 19th AUGUST**.

**Fathers Day Stall**
This year’s stall will be on:
- **Wednesday 31st August at 1.45 – 2.15pm**
  Open to grades 3-6
- **Thursday 1st September at 1.45 – 2.15pm**
  Open to grades Prep-2
- **Friday 2nd September at 3.30pm**
  Open to whole school
Gifts will range from $2 to $5 and there is a strict limit of 2 gifts per child. See flyer below.

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

**A big Thank You**
to all families who helped to fill up our **Toucan Appeal box**.
This is now full of goodies and essential items ready for pickup next week by the Geelong Food Relief Centre to deliver to people in need.

**Skoolbag/New Updat-ed App**
In the coming weeks we will be implementing a new App through our current school web provider. The Updat-ed app is user friendly and is compatible with iphones and androids and is linked to our website for important information. Any parents wishing to trial this can do so now by contacting the office. Once the Updat-ed app is fully operational, we will discontinue with the Skoolbag app in order to streamline all electronic communication.

**LEOPOLD LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB**
Come and Join Little Athletics
Family, Fun & Fitness
Do you enjoy running, jumping and throwing?
All Girls and Boys Aged 5 - 16 years
Saturday Mornings at Landry Field
Season runs between October to March

**Registration Night:**
Thursday 18th August 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Kensington Room – Leopold Primary School
$155/Per Athlete
(fee covers registration and weekly comp fee for the whole season)
INFORMATION SESSION FOR NEW MEMBERS @ 7.00PM

2 Tryout Sessions are available for friends or newcomers@ no cost
Optional Training: Wednesday 4.30pm – 5.30pm
@Leopold Primary School Oval

Follow us on
TEAM APP for all the upcoming season information including registration, season dates, duty roster, wet weather cancellations etc.
https://leopoldlittleathletics.teammapp.com
Also following us on Facebook and website
http://www.leopoldlittleathleticsclub.com

Enquiries: Barry Brew: 0485568732
Mark Petterwood: 0413771644

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