DIARY DATES

Thu 19th & 26th Feb Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm
Sat 21st Feb Working Bee 9 am start
Sun 1st Mar STRAWBERRY FAIR
Thu 5th Mar Gr 5/6 Golf Clinic
Fri 6th Mar Bellarine & North Geelong Divisions Primary Schools Swimming Championships
Wed 11th Mar P-4 Soccer Clinic
Wed 18th Mar • Bellarine & North Geelong Divisions Tennis Championships
                      • SCHOOL PHOTOS
                      • School Council Meeting & AGM
                      • Parents & Friends Meeting 9 am in the Hall

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Special Religious Instruction (SRI)
SRI will commence from next term. The delay is due to changes in the re accreditation process. All instructors must be accredited. At the end of last year a form was sent home to allow you to indicate if you wished your child to participate in special religious instruction. (For prep parents this was on the enrolment form). The form can also be found on our website at http://www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au/page/83/Policies. If for some reason you have changed your mind or the form was not returned please let the school know in writing of what your decision is. If what you indicated on the form last year is unchanged then you do not have to do anything. SRI is purely voluntary and is the decision of the parent/carer. There is a cost of $7 if students participate in SRI.

Strawberry Fair
As the Fair quickly approaches, there are still many last minute jobs to do. Our next meeting is tonight. Here we will be setting prices. The meeting next week is an important one as we will be having our emergency/safety briefing. All area managers and coordinators need to be at this meeting so that we can do a thorough briefing.

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 26th Feb.

Working Bee
This Saturday at 9:00 am, bring your whipper snippers, blowers, rakes, mowers etc. Jobs to do include:

* Whipper snip the fence line
* Remove goal posts
* Clear out door tracks on hall
* Clean cobwebs off hall
* Weed native garden
* Sweep paths
* mowing under trees

Principal News (contd)

Swimming Sports
We have a number of students who are competing in the Geelong Schools Swimming Sports on Friday 6th March. Each of the competitors have met the qualifying times for their particular events. Congratulations on being selected and we wish you well in your event.

WPS Parents and Friends
There was a good turnout at the first P&F meeting for the year on Monday morning with quite a few new faces and lots of enthusiasm. The discussion focused on a range of activities and events for this year and we set a date for the AGM – Monday, March 18th so please make a note in your diaries. If you would like to be kept up to date with minutes from the meeting, please email tracey@pondaestate.com.au

WPS Parents and Friends

Wallington Strawberry Fair - Promotions
In addition to upcoming stories and ads in our local newspapers we’ve been having lots of success promoting the Fair on Facebook this year. Wallington Strawberry Fair Facebook posts reached over 3,200 people in the last 7 days, 6000 in the last fortnight - and this is all through everyone liking, commenting and sharing our posts so a big thank you to everyone that is helping out online – let’s keep it going.

You can also spread the news about the Fair through Facebook:

There are still lots of posters and flyers up at the office.
Please take a couple of posters - one for your car, one for your workplace and some flyers to drop off to your neighbours. If you are able to help with extra poster/flyer deliveries, please mark on the list at the office where you will be delivering so that we can make sure we have all bases covered! Thanks to the grade six students for also distributing the flyers.

Flash Mob
a big thank-you to Amy from Fuse Dance Co who has choreographed the dance and been teaching it to the kids at school. There is a Flashmob video for families to practice at home before the Fair at: https://vimeo.com/119728758

Tracey Frigo, Parents & Friends

AUCTION
A big thank you to the contributors and collectors of this year’s Strawberry Fair auctions. It would be greatly appreciated if any further donations be delivered to the office by next Tuesday (24th Feb). Thanks so much,

Jodi & the Auction team

Leigh McLaren
Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Last Week's
SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Prep Duckett

LAHNI M
For being a kind and friendly person who shares with her class mates.

Gr 1 McLaren

EDAN B
For his amazing ball handling skills - throwing and catching. Fabulous skills Edan.
WILL E
For showing persistence in learning to tie up his shoe laces as well as learning the shoe lace songs. Amazing work Will.

Gr 2 Vaught

AYLA M
For making a terrific start at Wallington PS and with your nightly reading too.

Gr 3 Stevens

WILL S
For using your class time effectively and making fantastic learning choices this week. Keep up the great work Will.
SEBBY B
For your fantastic reading comments in your reading log. It's great to see you engage and be interested in the books you're reading. Keep up the great work, Sebby!

Gr 4 Farley

ZAC M
For being persistent while publishing his acrostic poem.

Gr 5 King

DARCY S
For showing a great focus and application all week during class time.
CASSIE W
For showing great focus and application all week during class time. Well done.

Gr 6 Lennon

LUKA K
For showing great leadership and initiative - a fantastic “team player”. Well done Luka!

Meagan Burch Music Tuition
Music Lessons AT school –
Piano, keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Drum or Singing Lessons
Private & Group of 2 Lessons
During &/or After School Hours at School
Come & try music lessons without committing to the full term.
To enrol in, or to obtain more information please contact
Meagan: mbmt@bigpond.com
Providing Music Lessons in local schools since 1985

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Saint Ignatius College Geelong
2015 OPEN DAY
Sunday March 22nd
11am-2pm
Information sessions at
11am and 12.15pm
St. Ignatius. Inspiring me to be a leader.
Year 7 – 2016 Enrolment Applications close
Friday 22nd May 2015
Online applications for Year 7 Academic Scholarships are now open
Applications close on Friday 10th April, 2015
Visit www.ignatius.vic.edu.au
Download an Enrolment Application,
submit an online Academic Scholarship Application
A Jesuit Partner School
27 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale 3222
Phone: 5251 1136
Registrar: Gail Myers
Email: registrar@ignatius.vic.edu.au

annual Family fun day

WHERE: King Lloyd Reserve, Windsor Road, Newtown, 3220
WHEN: Sunday 22nd February, 2015 10.00am - 3.00pm
WHAT: WW will supply a sausage sizzle/BBQ, salads & drinks.
Please bring any special food or drink requirements. There will be: Professor Brain, face painting, jumping castle, music, craft activities and more……
WHY: Children are naturally good at dipping in and out of their grief. They can be intensely sad one minute, then suddenly switch to playing happily the next. This is sometimes described as puddle jumping. Family Fun Day is a time to jump out of the puddle of grief.
RSVP: Friday 13th February, 2015. Jill Crookes, Ph. 0412 186 542
jill@wombatswish.org.au

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