**Principal News**

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

One of the initiatives that the P & F have put into place is to have year level reps. The role of these reps will be to help coordinate events and welcome new families into the school. Parent Representatives for Year levels are:

- Prep – Jane Healy
- Year 1 – Olga Barrett
- Year 2 – Renee Renshaw
- Year 3 – Kirsten Willey/Jo Harris
- Year 4 – Amanda Howard/Michelle Hughes
- Year 5 – Kath Rahdon
- Year 6 – Diana Lacy

**Working With Children Check**

Working with Children Check (WWC) - reminder to Parents that a WWC is required when volunteering at school. Information and application can be found online at [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/)

Parents who hold a WWC must ensure that they are current and not expired. Below are extracted information from the Dept of Justice website and how to apply for a WWC.

Commencing volunteering

A volunteer can commence work in a school when they provide a receipt as proof they have applied for a WWC Check with the Department of Justice. [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/)

The WWC Check is a minimum checking standard set by the [Working with Children Act 2005](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/) for those who work with children, either on a paid or voluntary basis.

To be a volunteer at a school a Working with Children Card provided by the Department of Justice is required. This card is:

- valid for 5 years
- transferable between volunteer organisations
- free of charge for volunteers, but cannot be used for paid employment.

**Note:** WWC Checks for paid employment can be used to show suitability for volunteer work.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos were taken yesterday on 18th March. If parents have any concerns or questions relating to their order, please contact MSP photography directly on Tel: 52226747.

**Bookclub orders close on Friday, 20th March.**
**SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

| Prep Duckett | BRIELLA C  
For adding clear labels to her wonderful drawing of ‘Spike’ the lizard. |
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| Gr 1 McLaren | RHIANNON H  
For doing a wonderful job of learning her spelling words. Well done.  
AIDEN S  
For excellent spelling and being able to spell some ‘tricky’ words like helicopter and strawberry. Well done. |
| Gr 2 Vaught | PHEOBE T  
For writing exciting sentences. |
| Gr 3 Stevens | LUCY R  
For being such a friendly and welcoming student. Keep up the great work Lucy.  
ELLIE W  
For being such a friendly and welcoming student. Keep up the great work Ellie. |
| Gr 4 Farley | JESSICA C  
For making great connections between introductions and conclusion.  
Well done Joe for being persistent!  
MAYLEE H  
For a brilliantly structured persuasive introduction. Keep up the outstanding work Maylee. |
| Gr 5 King | JACK F  
For beginning to show improvement in his presentation of work especially with his handwriting. |
| Gr 6 Lennon | JOE D  
For his fantastic work in the identification and discussion of “key words” and the “main idea” within texts. Great summarising efforts too Joe. Well done! |

**Encompass 2015**

**PUMPKIN FAIR** Sat 28th March 2015

10 am to 3 pm The Paddock
21-29 O’Halloran Road, Leopold (off Melaluka Road)

**Bellarine Bears Baseball Club - Juniors 2015**

10 week Tee ball program 5 – 10 y.o.
Sun 19 Apr – 21 Jun
at Wallington Recreation Reserve - 9 am start

Tee ball teams will be mixed and matched to suit all levels of skills & abilities. First timers, boys and girls most welcome

Contact – Dave Crothy 0418 520 259

Pre-season training sessions Sun 22 March for Tee ballers & juniors

**Juniors baseball **Under 13 and under 15 teams**

Junior comp season dates - 25 Apr – 8 Aug 2015

Under 13 – Sat mornings from 9am
All games at Stead Park, Corio
Training for under 13s Thurs 4.30pm at Wallington starting 26/3

Under 15 – Home and away competition in the Geelong region
Training for under 15s Thurs 4.30pm at Wallington starting 26/3

**Bellarine Bears Baseball Club**

Est 1976
Home ground Wallington Rec Reserve 481-487 Wallington Rd
www.bellarinebears.org.au

The Bears are a family orientated club with an active social calendar of events throughout the season.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

**Annual General Meeting**

Thanks to all who attended the AGM on Monday – a big thank you to the outgoing committee, headed by Penny Bailey, for all of the work that you have done to provide social events and activities for the students and the school community at Wallington.

Congratulations to the incoming committee – and thank you for putting your hands up to continue the work of the P&F in 2015:

- Amanda Howard (President), Kerstin Willey (Vice President), Nick Danne (Treasurer) and Bree Schammer (Secretary).

Thank you also to the parents who nominated to be parent representatives for each of the Year levels. The Parent Rep role is a new thing that we are trialing this year – the rep will be a “go to” person for other parents to provide feedback/ideas, a point of contact for new families to the school, and will assist in volunteer coordination for P&F activities. We are hoping that each individual year level will take on volunteering duties for a particular event or activity during the year.

The parent reps are: Jane Healy (Prep), Olga Barrett (Year 1), Renee Renshaw (Year 2), Jo Harris/Kerstin Willey (Year 3), Amanda Howard/Michelle Hughes (Year 4), Kath Rahdon (Year 5) and Diana Lacy (Year 6).

Lots of plans for 2015 were discussed at the meeting. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive meeting minutes, please email BREESSCHAMMER@bigpond.com

**Welcome BBQ**

The first P&F activity for the year is the Welcome BBQ to be held next Wednesday 25th March from 5.30 onwards. The BBQ is for all families, new and old – post-Strawberry Fair it will be a great opportunity to reconnect with everyone.

Year 1 parents are asked to volunteer to help organize the BBQ (set up/cooking/pack up) - please let Olga know that you are available to help out on the night.

Sausages/hamburgers/soft drinks will be supplied from Strawberry Fair stock. Families are asked to bring along any other snacks/refreshments they would like and to find a spot to sit on the oval outside the school hall from 5.30 onwards.

**The next P&F meeting will be on Tuesday April 21st.**

**Bellarine Community Farmers’ Market**

THIS Saturday, Ocean Grove park, 9am-1pm

The best of fresh, local and regional produce, come and meet the makers, growers & producers for a great family day out - with food-to-go, buskers, Kids Corner, playground and dogs on leads welcome, there’s something for everyone.

“WALKING WITH DINOSAURS” is heading back to Melbourne! Don’t miss out on seeing this amazing show! Wallington Primary School has received an incredible school special discount price of $39.90 for the entire school community!!

THIS IS THE PERFECT FAMILY SHOW!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW AT www.smarttix.com.au