

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Thu 6th-20 Nov	Prep Orientation (3 sessions)
Mon 17th-27th Nov	Swimming P-3
Tue 18th Nov-2nd Dec	Gr 6 Health & Human Relations (3 sessions)
Thu 20th Nov	Gr 6 Police Blue Light Disco Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm 
Mon 24th Nov	Parents & Friends Meeting - Hall Active After School Program LAST DAY
Tue 25th Nov	Geelong School Cycling & Duathlon Championships
Fri 28th Nov	Queenscliff Music Festival - Whole School
Sat 29th Nov	State Election Day BBQ
Mon 1st Dec	Pupil Free Day
Fri 5th Dec	Parents & Friends Christmas Dinner
Sat 6th Dec	Family Bike Ride & Picnic
Tue 9th Dec	Yr 7 Transition
Thu 11th Dec	Christmas Picnic (Santa in attendance)
Tue 16th Dec	Gr 6 Graduation
Wed 17th Dec	Gr 5/6 Adventure Park/Party Day
Fri 19th Dec	Last day of Term 1.30 pm dismissal

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Class Structure for 2015

I am pleased to announce the class structure for 2015. This structure takes into account the needs of the children on a social and academic level. The staff have considered the structure very carefully. The structure reflects the needs of the school for next year only. We base the structure also on the current number that we have enrolled at the school, and may need to change if the number of students changes. Each year the structure will change depending on the needs of the students and the school.

- ◇ 1x Prep Grade - Emily Duckett
- ◇ 1x Grade 1 – not appointed yet
- ◇ 1x Grade 2 – Jason Vaught
- ◇ 1x Grade 3 – Jack Stevens
- ◇ 1x Grade 4 – Emily Jones
- ◇ 1x Grade 5 – Bernie King
- ◇ 1 x Grade 6 – Lisa Lennon
- ◇ Jill Murray – Reading Recovery/Extending Mathematical Understanding - EMU
- ◇ Judie McMillan – The Arts/ Asian Studies

School Council

At last night's meeting of the school council a sub committee was formed to prioritise the allocation of funds for 2015 Strawberry Fair. The submissions are listed below (in no particular order).



Item	Description
Hall - storage:	Improved Storage Cupboards & Shelving particularly for the storage room at the back of the hall beside the art room.
Hall Kitchen:	'Curtains' to use as doors or doors for hiding the shelving in the hall kitchen to clean up the kitchen.
Investigations Room:	Refresh the investigations room (ie. clean or replace carpet (second hand), brighter lighting, organised storage space such as boxes, crates & adequate storage), display creations on the walls. If the space is inviting enough and creative design thought through, could also be used as a music / drama room practice room.
Electronic Sign Board:	a visual display showing both adults and students their value and place in the school community and showing a commitment to their education and learning environment.
Playground Obstacle Course:	Mini ropes & obstacle course for the playground between appropriate aged trees or using timber poles, possibly second hand material to construct –Could be done in stages.
Children's Play Garden	An area where children can play. Would include stepping stones, seating.
Bag Lockers for Portables	Bag lockers for the portables to bring it in line with the rest of the school. Make the storage of bags a bit safer from the elements
Table Furniture for the classrooms	To replace the existing furniture.
High Jump Mat and High Jump storage/trolley	To supplement the one that we already have
Artist in Residence	Jon Madin – to build on what he did this year.
Laptops	We should get rid of all desktops and have a laptop ratio. 1:4 to in early years. 1:3 in middle years as this forms part of our program.
1 more teacher table	To have 2 per room. Teachers would also like it being a whiteboard top.
Technical Support	Get someone in more frequently? 2 hours per day for a few days per week. Employ someone 0.4 to cater for our needs.
Outdoor furniture (seats etc.)	Seats, picnic tables.
Carpet for the art room	

They also discussed B Block and the Department's recent decision not to demolish the building but to refurbish. They talked about developing the building into a flexible learning space for classes to use. The school council is an active part of the school in defining the direction of the school and the policies by which we operate.

The council also approved the Emergency Management Plan. This will be available on the website shortly. As a "Code Red" school it is prudent that everyone is clear on what would happen in the event of an emergency.

Principal's Report (contd)...

Peer Review

Next week the school will be undergoing a review. This happens every 4 years. The purpose of the review is to look at school practice and school results and determine the focus of the school for the next 4 years. So far our goals will focus on Literacy and Numeracy with writing being a focus for literacy. Other areas identified is raising the parent satisfaction levels and increasing the student participation in their learning.

Carparking

The drop off zone **only operates** in the mornings. This zone allows for student to exit the car within the drop off area. No parking is allowed. This ensures the free flow of traffic through the area.

In the afternoon students are not allowed in the carpark area without a parent/carer present. Please do not pull up in the drop off zone and have your child come out to you. We do this for safety. The children are reminded that the carpark is out of bounds and should not be there without the direct supervision of an adult.

Last Day of term 4

The students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Friday 19th December. We will finish with the assembly on the oval if the weather is favourable.

Pupil Free Day

On Monday 1st December we are having our final pupil free day for the year. **Students are not required at school on that day.**

Parents & Friends

Our next meeting is on Monday, November 24th after school drop-off – please join us for a cuppa and a chat in the school hall. Some of the upcoming activities that we will be discussing include:

- **Wallington PS Sausage Sizzle on Election Day – Saturday, November 29th** - we still need a few more volunteers – even if you can only commit a small amount of time, any/all help is greatly appreciated. There is a list up on Leigh's office window. Look out for an article about our sausage sizzle in the Ocean Grove Voice.
- **P&F Christmas drinks & dinner – Friday, December 5th** - a night out for all to catch up with each other and take a breath before the festive seasons really gets busy. Venue to be confirmed – suggestions welcome.
- **Family Bike Ride – Saturday, December 6th** - due to popular demand, the Bike Ride is back – mark the date in your diaries!! This year, it will be a straight up bike ride (without the trivia questions) along the Bellarine Rail Trail, with a drinks stop at the old Suma Park Railway station and finishing up in Queenscliff for picnic/fish & chips in the park and a few games for the kids. Families are welcome to join in anywhere along the way – start, middle or just the picnic at the end.

Watch this space for details!!

SCHOLARSHIPS 2016
Academic, Music and Boarding Scholarships for entry into Years 6 to 11 in 2016.



Applications close:
Friday 6 February 2015
Scholarship test and tours:
Saturday 14 February 2015

Character is higher than intellect.
A great soul will be strong to live as well as think.
Ralph Waldo Emerson



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SHAPING THE FUTURE



Last Weeks SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



PIK King	LACHLAN R For continuing to show great improvement in all areas of literacy. Great work Lachie.
PIM Murray (McLaren)	LOTTIE H For always showing attentive listening. JAKE M For a terrific Rumpelstiltskin acrostic poem, using lots of interesting words.
2V Vaught	STELLA W For wonderful manners and sharing with others. SEBBY B For working on resilience.
3S Stevens	EVE M For your detailed explanation of angles this week. Great work Eve! MOLLY H For working hard this term to create a picture in your head as you read. Great work Molly!
4J Jones	Meridien V For her persistence and efforts during project work. You have a great eye for detail. Well done! JACK F For fantastic persistence and efforts during project work. Well done!
5D Duckett	BRIANNA L For a hard worker who is focused on tasks and always ready to learn.
6L Lennon	DANIELLE E For great improvement with her spelling strategies. JACK D For his great work in Numeracy, using structure and thinking algebraically. BIANCA L For fantastic personal improvement in her reading Comprehension and spelling strategies. Well done Bianca!

Starfish Nippers At Ocean Grove SLSC



Starfish nippers has been supportive of people with special needs for many years. The Starfish Nipper Program was started by volunteer lifesaver, Janet Jones at the Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club. Moreover the Starfish Nipper Program aim is to provide a water safety and awareness program for children from the age of 6 and above. The program is designed to be inclusive to all abilities and needs in our community. The instances of The Starfish Nippers Program running around Australia generally consist of 5-15 people depending on a number of factors (safety is the key factor).caters for children and young adults aged between 6 and 25 years with special needs.

Ocean Grove Surf Life Saving Club is proud to be offer this program for the first time this summer. The program is open to children between 7-13 years who are unable to access the regular surf ed program due to their additional support needs.

Activities for our Star Fish Nippers include: beach games, beach running, beach flags, water familiarisation and surf safety.

Sessions will run between 10am-11:30am on the following dates:

Saturday December 6th Sunday December 14th
Saturday December 20th Sunday December 21st

Maximum number of participants will 8 to maintain a high standard of water safety and quality instruction and to ensure we have one trainer per participant.

Costs:

\$100 1 child, \$180 2 children

For families with other children taking part in the Surf Ed program, Family membership categories apply.

For more information please contact Sue Howell

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