The school nurse will contact families with feedback if any concerns are identified. Only a small sample of questionnaire’s were returned, therefore we encourage parents to please return their envelope with completed information by next Friday (July 29) if you would like your child assessed. If you have misplaced your envelope and require another one, please see Cho Lay Thomas in the office.

Enrolment 2017
It is the time of year when parents with children who are starting school in 2017 are making their decision as to which school their child should attend. We are currently taking enrolments for 2017 preps at Wallington, and our school encourages prospective families to tour our facilities, speak with our staff and discuss programs with school members.

Strawberry Fair 2017
Our next meeting for the 2017 Strawberry Fair will take place next Wednesday, July 27 at 7.00pm in the staff room. All parents welcome.

The home/school connection
PLAYING GAMES
A great deal of research suggests that playing board games as a family ritual strengthens the mathematical skills of children. Research found that younger students playing a board game such as ‘Snakes and Ladders’ twice a week for 15 to 20 minutes greatly increased their number sense. Furthermore, it was found that preschool children could retain number sense learnt from games for up to nine weeks after playing. Spending even a small amount of time on board games sparks an early interest in mathematics. This is essential for preschoolers. Spending even a small amount of time on board games sparks an early interest in mathematics. This is essential for preschoolers. Playing cards, using dice and even making a chalk grid on the ground with numbers is just as useful. Research indicates that having numbers in the game is the essential ingredient. Boards with only colours will have no effect. It doesn’t have to be board games either. Playing cards, using dice and even making a chalk grid on the ground with numbers is just as useful. Research indicates that having numbers in the game is the essential ingredient. Boards with only colours will have no effect. Turning off the electronics and engaging children in a simple game just a few times a week can greatly improve their effort in math.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
FUSE DANCE LUNCHTIME CLASSES!
Amy from Fuse Dance is excited to be running contemporary fun dance classes for all ages on Friday lunchtimes. Next Friday (29th July) she will run a FREE trial class at lunchtime in the hall. All students welcome to come along and have a dance. Forms to sign up for the rest of term 3 will be available there.

Bellarine Historical Society has published: ‘Wallington at War 1914-1918’. There is a section about the original Wallington State School featured in the book as well as the history of Wallington. There is a copy available at the office for browsing.

Copies are also available for sale at $12. The Bellarine Historical Society is kindly donating all proceeds to Wallington.
2016 State Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to Teagan, who last Wednesday represented the school in the State Cross Country Championships in the 9/10 y.o. Girls Event in Bundoora, Melbourne. With a field of over 90 competitors, Teagan not only performed a personal best on the day but also finished a terrific 38th. Outstanding effort Teagan, well done!

2nd Hand Uniforms

2nd Hand uniforms are permanently set up in the kitchen area of the hall. Parents are welcome to browse the racks and leave a gold coin donation per item. Donations of clean resalable items always accepted with thanks. If you are purchasing 2nd hand items, please re-label the uniform so that it can be returned to your child if it has been misplaced.

Next Meeting – Parents Social Dinner

On Friday 19th August from 6pm, we are having a brief P&F meeting followed by a parents social fiesta at the Mex in Ocean Grove (see flyer below). Please RSVP to Bree for table booking breeeschammer@bigpond.com

Stay up to date

With lots of Parents and Friends news and upcoming events by joining our Facebook page. Search for “Wallington PS Parents and Friends” and request to join.

The Geelong Food Relief Centre is running the annual food appeal again. All non perishable food items as well as personal hygiene items will be greatly appreciated (see list below).

- Cereal
- Milo
- Cake mix
- Vegemite
- Honey
- Sugar
- Tea/Coffee
- Toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene goods
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Shaving Cream

The donation box will be outside the office next week.

Look for the Toucan sign!

GEELONG FOOD RELIEF 2016

Toucan Appeal

Give a can, or anything else you can – right here....