**WALLINGTON Primary School**

**NEWSLETTER**

Principal: Leigh McLaren  
School Council President: James Watson

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**PRINCIPAL NEWS**

**School Council Elections**

Nominations for School Council have closed. The number of nomination did not exceed the number of vacancies. This means that there is no need for an election.

**Punctuality**

School commences at 9:00am and it is expected that all students are at school, ready for class by at least 8:55am. It can be very disruptive for the teachers with students who come in late as many of the instructions for the first lesson have been given. Being on time is an important lesson for our students to learn. As parents are aware, being late for work is not appropriate. By developing the idea of being on time reinforces with our students that it is important.

For those students who are late (for whatever reason) they must be signed in by a parent/carer and a student late pass handed into the teacher. This is a part of the school’s Emergency Management Plan.

**Measles**

Following the Victorian Chief Health Officer confirming an outbreak of measles in Burnswick and East Brunswick, including cases at a primary School, it is timely for all early childhood services to be alert to the symptons and signs of measles. Measles usually begins with a fever, sore throat, red eyes and a cough. A rash typically develops around three to seven days after the first symptoms, generally starting on the face and then spreading to the rest of the body. More information is available at: [https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/measles](https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/measles)

We will also be following up on the immunisation status of all children. If you have not yet submitted your child’s immunisation certificate or an exemption declaration, please do so now.

**Hovercraft on the Oval**

On Monday we had a real treat. The students were given a demonstration of a hovercraft. Owen (Jodie McGilivray’s father) spoke to the students about the craft and how it worked. He then gave a demonstration of its ability by driving (flying) around the oval.

It was great to have such an opportunity to see it in action. Thank you to the McGilivray family for organising this for us. It was appreciated by everyone.

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**SUNDAY 6TH MARCH**

**STRAWBERRY FAIR NEWS**

Not long now folks!!! it’s getting exciting as we pick up speed and head towards one of the biggest days in the school calendar.

**Promotions**

Thanks to everyone for your help with distributing and putting up the fair posters and flyers and for liking our Facebook posts. There are more to be distributed - please pick up some more from the office - it’s never to late to put them up!

**Auction Items**

The team is still accepting donations of new items, re-gifted new goods up until Wednesday 2nd March. Please take any items for the Auction Team to the Office or contact Kath Rahdon on 0417 894 518

**Strawberry Fair Aprons**

As part of a volunteer fair ‘uniform’ - all volunteers at the Fair will be given the opportunity to buy the new high quality Red Strawberry Fair Apron for only $10 - great momento of this special time of year and can be used for years into the future. These will be available at the volunteer sign-in desk on the Sunday morning, please don’t forget to bring the $10 cash. Aprons can also be borrowed on the day but must be returned when signing out to avoid a $10 fee.

**Wristbands**

Don’t forget to purchase a wristband for your kids so they can enjoy unlimited rides (excluding ponies & the train ride) throughout the fair day. $20 before the fair (no later than 3rd March) or $25 on the day. Wrist Bands can be picked up from the Ticket booth on the day of the fair.

**Cake Stand**

You will receive today via your kids a package regarding how you can help with the Cake Stand. We would appreciate your support and hope you can choose a family favourite (slice, cake or biscuit) recipe that you can whip up with love and provide to the cake stand for sale at the fair. All goods to be delivered on the Saturday or early Sunday morning. Any questions please contact Darlene Gerusal on 0400 505 494.

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**End of Term**

Thursday 24th March is the last day of term 1 (Friday 25th March is Good Friday). There will be no assembly and students will be dismissed at 2:30pm.

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**Leigh McLaren**
**The Drums to wake the lions up**

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Learning the horse stance and other moves

**Chinese Lion Dance**

**Happy Lunar New Year!**

**Gr 4 Persuasive Writing**

“Why you should go and see a Lion Dance”

Dear Granny,

I really think you should go and see a lion dance! The puppets are amazing; they can do lots of things like wag their tail, blink their ears and move their mouth! To make them look real! The puppeteers can do awesome acrobatic stunts like stand on their back legs, standing on someone’s shoulders and all sorts of other amazing tricks!

The music is fantastic! They use things like cymbals, drums and gongs. It is really intense and powerful music! By the way did I tell you about how it is never dull or boring and its entertaining from the start!!! Oh and the team work they do is astounding! They trust each other so much!

Booh it now Granny you won’t regret it!

Dear Mum and Dad, I think you should both go and see the amazing Lion dance I saw at school today!

The people who do it are amazing gymnasts and can jump up on each others shoulders.

They are also very good at playing drums, cymbals and gongs which is what they do for the music!

One man told us a really funny and entertaining story about the monster coming to Wallington.

All of the performance was really entertaining and there were no boring bits!

The men had to trust each other and use really good teamwork.

So mum and dad you should book your tickets for there next show.

And if you do I’m coming too!

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**Attention Kids, Mums and Dads!**

2016 Season is coming!

Little kickers program (4/5 year old) starts 4.15- 5pm Village Park on Thursday 10th March. Girls and boys welcome to learn fun soccer skills and games. Aimed at Prep-Kinder aged children.

U7s/ u9s/ u11s girls and boys (mini Roos) training 4.30-5.30 pm at Village park on Thursday 10th March.

Mini Roos Training each week and fun competitive matches each Sunday starting from April 17th.

U12s and u13s training also starts 10th March (or possibly earlier date to be advised). First match on Sunday 10th April.

All club registrations will be online this year but the system is not yet available.

Further information about registration and fees will be available as soon as the online system is open.

Any players new to the club can email bhscjuniors@gmail.com with general inquiries or for extra information contact James on 0435400485 or speak to Simon Wrench (Sienna 5K & Charlie 3F) at school.

BHSC is also after senior players for the 2016 season. The club enters teams in both the men and women’s competitions and for the first time, the Hammerheads will be creating a men’s Masters (35 and over) squad to play in a newly created league.

For further information please contact Simon Wrench on 0422 090702 or Jon Phillips on 0488 776105.

We look forward to welcoming you to the club!