

# WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES



Fri 28th Nov	Queenscliff Music Festival - Whole School
Sat 29th Nov	State Election Day BBQ
Mon 1st Dec	Pupil Free Day
Tue 2nd Dec	Gr 6 Health & Human Relations last session
Wed 3rd Dec	School Council Meeting
Thu 4th Dec	Helpers Morning Tea 11 am - Hall Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm 
Fri 5th Dec	Parents & Friends Christmas Dinner Venue TBC
Sat 6th Dec	Family Bike Ride & Picnic - lunch in Queenscliff
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

It has been a very busy time over the last couple of weeks with swimming, report writing, testing etc. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the swimming program - you were a real credit to the school. Thanks to Mr Vaught for his organisation of the programs and to the staff for their support and assistance.

### Helpers Morning Tea

On Thursday 4th December we are holding our **Helpers Morning Tea**. This is our special way of saying thank you to all those fantastic people who have assisted the school in some way this year. As I have said on many occasions, Wallington Primary School functions as effectively as it does through the generosity of people giving up their time to assist the school. We are very grateful for this assistance. If for some reason you do not receive your invitation please consider this your personal invitation. It is to be held at 11:00am in the Hall. To assist with catering, please RSVP to the office by 3rd December.

### Peer Review

Today the school undertook a review. Our next phase is the development of the School's Strategic Plan. This plan sets the direction of the school for the next 4 years. From the review, Literacy and Numeracy will continue to be the school's focus. We will continue to focus on number in numeracy and Literacy.

### A Near Miss

It was reported to me that there was a near miss with one of our students riding to school. Students who ride down Orchard Crescent should enter the school via the Orchard

Crescent gate.

### Queenscliff Music Festival

Tomorrow the school will be going to the Queenscliff Music Festival. As the weather is going to be favourable, the children will be having lunch at Queenscliff. This means that the children will not be leaving Queenscliff until 2:15pm approx.

**There will be no assembly this week due to the excursion**

### 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.

### Updating Records

At this time of the year we update our school records for 2015. This includes giving permission for having photos of your child published in newspapers etc, ICT appropriate use. Also in line with Department policy we must have approval for Special Religious Education in 2015. The forms will go out this week. It would be appreciated if they could be returned ASAP.

### 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

**Wallington PS Sausage Sizzle on Election Day – Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** - we still need a few more volunteers – even if you can only commit a small amount of time, any/all help is greatly appreciated. Please see Leigh if you can help. Look out for an article about our sausage sizzle in the Ocean Grove Voice.

**P&F Christmas drinks & dinner – Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** – Local venue to be booked depending on numbers - please **RSVP** to Penny, Amanda or Diana or email Tracey - [tracey@pondaestate.com.au](mailto:tracey@pondaestate.com.au) if you are able to come. All welcome.

### Family Bike Ride – Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

50 riders participated in our inaugural 'Tour de Bellarine' last year!!!  
If you'd like to join in the fun this year, **please complete the Bike Ride form that is being sent home with students today.** We will start out at 2pm at Drysdale 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 or just come for the picnic at Queenscliff.



**THE POPPY APPEAL RAISED A TOTAL OF \$44 FROM THE SALE OF POPPIES. A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE DRYSDALE RSL.**



**SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**Last Weeks  
SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

<b>PIK King</b>	<b>CHARLIE WH</b> For flexible thinking, using different strategies to solve equations during the numeracy interview. Fantastic, Charlie!
<b>PIK King</b>	<b>EMILY B</b> For doing a wonderful job at getting changed at swimming and packing her bag so well. Well done Emily.
<b>PIM McLaren</b>	<b>MINNAH E</b> For her amazing work with arrays in Maths. Great work Minnah! <b>PHOEBE T</b> For her big improvement in reading. Well done!
<b>2V Vaught</b>	<b>SAM S</b> For improved listening and concentrating on tasks. <b>HAYES W</b> For being a good leader and helpful student during the swimming program.
<b>3S Stevens</b>	<b>LUKE D</b> For making great choices in the classroom to avoid distractions. Well done! <b>ALICE M</b> For your organisation this week during the swimming program.
<b>4J Farley</b>	<b>CASSIE W</b> For fantastic self confidence in Maths. Your persistence and determination was fantastic. Keep it up Cassie.
<b>5D Duckett</b>	<b>KIERAN S</b> For showing great progress and persistence in reading. You have worked hard to get a better picture in your head as you read.



The final collections for the Toucan Appeal for 2014 have now been completed. The Board and Management would like to thank the many Schools who participated and were so generous in their efforts.

This year we had nearly 80 schools participate (an increase of nearly 15%) and as a result we increased the total collected to more than 4550KGS, any increase of more than 20% over 2013. That is a fantastic result and the needy of Geelong will appreciate what the students of Geelong and surrounding areas do for them.

*Rod Gurney  
Manager,  
Geelong Food Relief Centre*

In the lead up to Christmas, a fun local project has been organised by a group of nine churches in Geelong. The project is called the **Geelong City Nativity**, and has two main activities that might be of interest to you and your school community.

For the whole month of December, there will be a **Scavenger Hunt** within central Geelong.

Handmade Wise Men, or Wise Guys, searching for the baby Jesus, have wandered into the windows of participating shops. Once the Searchers have spotted the Wise Guy, they can enter the shop and request a star to be stuck onto their Scavenger Hunt Passports.

The area containing Wise Guys is bounded by Moorabool/Yarra/Brougham and Myers Sts, and also the Newtown end of Pakington St.

If you would like a bundle of passports, please contact us and we shall get them to you. If you wish to plan an outing, we can provide you with a "SECRET" list of participating shops.

**Free Family Photo in the Nativity Scene.**

As an alternative to paying for a photograph with Santa, why not pose for a free Christmas photograph of your family in a Nativity Scene?

Over the first 2 weekends in December, families can get dressed up as characters from the Nativity, shepherds, angels and so on. This will be available for download from a secure website. You can find the Nativity Scene at:

- Saturday 6 December Market Square, 10am-3pm
- Sunday 7 December Steam Packet Market, 10am-3pm
- Saturday 13 December Market Square, 10am-3pm



Dear Parents,

As you may or may not be aware, State government EMA payments will cease to an end in 2014 and the Federally Funded Schoolkids Bonus payment is also in jeopardy. Currently eligible parents receive the EMA and Schoolkids Bonus, this combined over the school year equates to

- \$610 for prep students; all other primary students received \$560
- \$1120 for year seven students; and all other secondary students received \$1070

Due to the Government cut backs, it is very important now, more than ever, for parents to start preparing for school costs as soon as possible

As a way of supporting parents in preparing for these upcoming and ongoing costs for primary or secondary school, we would like to inform you of the Saver Plus Program, government funded and delivered locally by Bethany

The program supports families to save up to \$500 over a 10 month period, and then matches their savings dollar for dollar (if you save \$500, the program will then also give you \$500) This would be available at the end of the program, therefore assisting in paying off 2015 costs at the end of the year or available for start up costs in 2016 (no matter what year your child will be in).

As part of the program we provide an educational component delivered through 2 x 4 hour workshops to further develop your financial skills and knowledge. These are offered throughout the day and occasionally after hours. The workshops must be attended before a participant can receive matched funds.

You may be eligible for this program if you:

- have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner) including casual, part time, full time, or seasonal employment
- have a child at school OR attend vocational education yourself.

For more information about the program or to get started please call Amanda on 5278 8122 or email [saverplus@bethany.org.au](mailto:saverplus@bethany.org.au)

Yours Sincerely,

Amanda Vernon

Saver Plus worker

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