**PRINCIPAL NEWS**

**Pupil Free Day**
Our next pupil free day will be Friday 7th August. Teachers will be developing documents to assist with assessment of spelling.

**School Disco**
The Disco will be on Friday 14th August 5:30 – 8:00pm. A note has been sent home today about this. Permissions are due back by Monday, 10th August.

**Ms Mac**
Ms Mac will be away for the next two weeks on long service leave. We wish her well and hope she enjoys her time away.

**Cubby House**
A new cubby house has been installed at Wallington Primary School. This is part of the Sensory Garden that we are developing. Thanks to Mrs Farley for organising this for our school. The Strawberry Fair assisted in the payment for the purchase and installation.

**Grade 5 – 6 Camp**
Last week, I had the pleasure of attending the Grade 5/6 Camp in Melbourne. It was a real experience for the students and they have come home with many stories. The behaviour of the students on camp was excellent and it is a credit to them and a big thanks to Mr Peter Smith who came along with us to assist. We all appreciate the time and assistance that Peter provided. Also thanks to Mrs King, Miss Rogers, and Mrs Sally Peter for the work they did preparing our students for camp and the work they are doing after camp.

**STRAWBERRY FAIR**
**Strawberry Fair Meeting**
The first meeting of the Strawberry Fair 2015 is proposed for 13th Aug at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. This is a most important meeting as we need to look at the structure of the fair and sort out who is going to do what jobs.

**The Supervisory Roles:**
- Entertainment
- Stalls
- Catering
- Site management
- Sponsorship
- Manager
- Publicity
- Signage
- Rostering

It is critical that these jobs are filled early so that planning and preparation can go ahead. We have approximately 100 families. The more people we can get to help with the organisation the better. If this is your first Strawberry Fair come along and see how you can get involved.

**LOST PROPERTY**
If you can’t locate some of your child’s school clothing, mainly coats, jackets and jumpers, then I would encourage you to visit our lost property containers at school that are currently overflowing.

**Tips to Help our Children**
There are lots of ways that parents can assist their child in their learning. Below are examples taken from the following booklet from the Department of Education and Training: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/parents/primary/201years3to6mathstips.pdf

**TRAVEL timetables**
- Can you identify your starting point on the timetable?
- What is the earliest and latest time to travel on this route? What is the difference?
- How long does it take to travel the entire route?
- How many stops are there on this route?
- What is the difference in the time travelled when not making all stops?
- What is the cost? Is it good value compared to other travel options?

**Puzzle Answer from last week:**
There are 20 different ways to get from home to the store. For a complete answer go to: http://figurethis.nctm.org/challenges/c06/answer.htm

**This week’s Puzzle**
**Figure This!**
Suppose you found an old roll of 15c stamps. Can you use a combination of 33c stamps and 15c stamps to mail a package for exactly $1.77?
SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Book Week
Book Week will be celebrated from the 22nd – 28th August. The theme this year is ‘Books Light Up Our World’. Thursday 27th August we will have our Book Parade at 9.15 a.m. on the basketball court (weather permitting). Children are asked to dress up as a book character from anywhere around the world. A day of book activities relating to the shortlisted books are planned. There will be parent activities in the last hour, including parents sharing favourite books.

Families are invited to donate pre-loved books to the Book Buddies Program during this week – to help light up the world of children in Cambodia.

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PRE LOVED CLOTHES SALE
Saturday, 1st August, 1-4 pm
The Wave, cnr Lake Ave & Wallington Road
Ocean Grove
Afternoon Tea provided
Mens, children’s & women’s clothing of all sizes
(including plus sizes)
All funds raised will go directly to support the work of Mphatso Children’s Foundation in Malawi, Africa
Donations of good quality, clean clothing welcome.
Contact Andrea on 0431478550 or Faye on 0411018549

Meagan Burch Music Tuition
MUSIC LESSON TRIAL WEEK
PIANO /KEYBOARD, GUITAR (acoustic, electric, bass), VOCAL/SINGING, DRUMS, UKULELE
For the next few weeks we are conducting music trials so that your children may trial music. Cost: $24 per trial.

To enrol, or to receive more information please contact Meagan:
mbmt@bigpond.com
Providing Music Lessons in local schools since 1985.

P - 2 100 days Celebrations
100 Day was a huge success. There was lots of fun learning all about the number 100. Thank you to all the parents who helped over the day.

Please note: If you have not collected your containers they are in the hall kitchen on the bench. Please check that the plates that you collected at the end of the day were yours as there has been a mix up with the white round plates. If your child accidently brought home the wrong white plates please return them to their teacher.

Thank you.

Helen McLaren

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A preview of some photos from Grade 56 Urban Camp - stay tuned for next week’s newsletter to see what Mr McLaren got up to at the camp ...

56 URBAN CAMP 2015

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