**CALENDAR EVENTS**

- **Thu 9th Feb**  Parents & Friends AGM – School Hall 9 am
- **Thurs 9th Feb**  Strawberry Fair Meeting
- **Mon 13th Feb**  School Council Election/Nominations
- **Tue 14th Feb**  Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Wed 15th Feb**  School Council Meeting
- **Tues 21st Feb**  School Council Nominations Close
- **Wed 15th Feb**  Strawberry Fair Meeting
- **Thu 16th Feb**  Welcome BBQ 5 pm onwards
- **16th-20th Feb**  Life Ed Van
- **Thur 23rd Feb**  Strawberry Fair Meeting
- **Sat 25th Feb**  Strawberry Fair Working Bee
- **Wed 1st Mar**  Strawberry Fair Meeting
- **Mon 6th Mar**  Prep start fulltime
- **Wed 15th Mar**  School Council Meeting

*Future event dates are regularly posted on the school website.*

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**PRINCIPAL NEWS**

Week 2 and the weather is beginning to hot up. With this in mind it is good to remember to remind everyone of the need to keep hydrated during the day. Students can bring sunscreen (roll on or lotion – please - no aerosols) and a hat must be worn whilst outside.

It is also timely to remind parents to ensure that they put their child’s name on hats, jumpers and also on shirts. If you have purchased second hand uniforms please make sure the name of the previous owner is crossed out and your child’s name attached.

**Life Education**

Next week, we have the Life Education Van coming from 16th – 20th February. Each grade will be timetabled a session in the van as well as participating in follow up activities based on the student booklet. The life education looks at personal safety and ensuring that we look after ourselves. Each level has activities and sessions focused at that particular level so those students gain the most from the visit. A note has gone home about this. Parents are asked to fill out the form and return it with the $9.00 as soon as you can. Payment can also be made via QKR. See information about downloading the app in today’s news.

**Strawberry Fair**

Our Annual fair is fast approaching and we have some work to do. On **Saturday 25th Feb 9am** we have a working bee around the school. Even though Waine has been doing a fantastic job, there are a few tasks that we need to do in preparation for the fair such as:

- Cleaning of paths
- Whipper snipping around trees
- Removal of goal posts

**School Council Elections**

The School Council Election occurs each year. This year we have 4 vacancies on council for parent representatives.

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**School Council Election Timetable 2017**

Notice of election and call for nominations:

- **Monday 13 February**
- **Closing date for nominations:**
  - **Tuesday 21 February**
- Date by which list of candidates and nominators will be posted:
  - **Thursday 23 February**
- Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed on or before:
  - **Monday 27 February**

*If the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies then a ballot will not be necessary.*

- **Close of ballot:**  **Tuesday 7 March**
- **Vote count:**  **Wednesday 8 March**
- **Declaration of ballot:**  **Thursday 9 March**

Special council meeting to co-opt Community members & 1st council meeting to elect office bearers.

**Wednesday 15 March 2016**

The following vacancies exist:

- 3 x parent representatives + 1 x casual vacancy - parents

Nomination forms available from the office from 13th February. For more information go to the Education department website:


Or the school website: [www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au](http://www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au)

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**CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)**

Applications for the CSEF is open now for all eligible parents. Parents who were recipients in previous years and are again eligible this year must submit a new application this year.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

**Payment amounts**

The amount payable for eligible primary students is:

$125 for Primary school students.

For further information, please visit:


Or enquire at the office.
**Veggie Seedlings**

Going home with the newsletter today is an order form for veggie seedlings – chilies, capsicums and eggplant. If you would like to order, please put your form and payment in the drawer opposite the office by **Friday 17th February**. Delivery will be during the week commencing 20th February.

**Payment option via Qkr is available - please see info below.**

**2nd Hand Uniforms**

The racks are full with lots of items in the kitchen area of the hall. Gold coin donation per item in honesty box. Donation of clean resalable items are always accepted with thanks.

**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.

To go on the mailing list to receive P&F meeting minutes please email bree@bigpond.com

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**Under 10 boys Wallington basketball team**

Looking for boys aged 7 or 8 (born 2008-2010) for an Under 10 boys basketball team for the 2017 season with Bellarine Basketball Association. For more information please contact Bree at bree@bigpond.com

**QFNC JUNIOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL SIGN-UP DAY**

The Queenscliff Football Netball club will hold TWO sign up days for juniors wanting to play in the 2017 season, including our inaugural youth girls football team. **Friday 10th and 17th February** 5:00-7:00 pm at the Monahan Centre. Merchandise will be available to purchase on these days. Contact Kari Peart 0438837533 if you have any questions.