

# WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER



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DIARY DATES 	
Thurs 16 February	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Fri 17 February	Working Bee
Mon 20 February	Drum Workshop
Wed 22 Feb	School Council Meeting
Thurs 23 February	Parent/Teacher Interviews Strawberry Fair Meeting
Saturday 25 February	Strawberry Fair Working Bee
Thurs 1st March	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Sunday 4th March	 STRAWBERRY FAIR 
Thurs 8th March	Parent Club Meeting
Mon 12th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Mon 19th March	Pupil Free Day
Fri 23rd March	School Photos
Fri 30th March	Term 1 Concludes
Mon 16th April	Term 2 Commences
Fr 29th June	Term 2 Concludes
Mon 16th July	Term 3 Commences
Fri 21st Sept	Term 3 Concludes
Mon 8th Oct	Term 4 Commences
Fri 21st Dec	Term 4 Concludes

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Notice for the Parent /Teacher Interview will go out tomorrow. The Interviews will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February between 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Notes are due back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

### School Council Elections

Nominations for school council will open Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Nomination Forms are available at the office and Nominations Close on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 4:00pm. There are 4 parent positions vacant – 3 positions for 2 years and 1 position for 1 year. See Election Notice on notice board

### Being On Time

It is great to see that the number of late arrivals has reduced significantly. Thank you to all the families in making sure students are at school and ready to start work at 9:00am

### Student Personal Insurance

The Department of Education wants schools to make parents aware that the department does not have personal insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.

Also the school does not accept any responsibility for the loss or damage of student's personal items. Students, who bring personal items to school, do so at their own risk. If a student wishes to bring something of value to show at school either have it collected after the showing or allow the teacher to store it away for the remainder of the day.

Leigh McLaren



## Strawberry Fair



### Strawberry Fair Meetings

Are on each week (16<sup>th</sup> Feb, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 30<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb) at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. We need as many people as possible to these meetings to ensure that everything is completed.

### Auction

Pam Halifax is currently looking for donations for the Auction and spinning wheel from businesses. If you have a contact or you have a business that would be willing to donate items we would welcome any donations. We are trying not to double up on donors therefore, please let Pam Halifax or the office know which business you have made contact with. A sponsorship letter for donations is available at the office.

Also, if you have any unwanted Christmas/birthday pressies at the back of your cupboard and still in packaging it would be gratefully received.

### Buskers

We are after any students who would like to do some busking on the day. It is envisaged that buskers would perform for about ½ hr at a time. Please see Mr McLaren if you would like to participate in this.

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**Working Bee:** We need to have a working bee the Saturday prior to the fair – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9:00am. We will need mowers, whipper snippers chain-saw, lead blowers etc to prepare the grounds for the fair. The more people we have the more we can get done.

### Strawberry Fair Marketing and Promotions

Flyers and bumper stickers will soon be available to display and distribute. Thanks to Linda Di-Giusto for her fantastic artwork!

Keep up to date with all things Strawberry Fair on Facebook and Twitter.



[www.facebook.com/wallingtonstrawberryfair](http://www.facebook.com/wallingtonstrawberryfair)



[www.twitter.com/strawberryfair1](http://www.twitter.com/strawberryfair1)



**Wallington PS  
Strawberry Fair**

**Sunday  
4th March  
2012  
10am-4pm**

**Food & Wine  
Face Painting  
Entertainment  
Market Stalls  
Children's Activities  
Showbags & Rides**

Wallington Primary School  
610 Wallington Rd, Wallington  
Entry by gold coin donation

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

<b>P1B Brislane</b>	Darcie Peters For being a wonderful addition to Wallington Primary School!
<b>P1K King</b>	Jacob Less For being attentive and always answering questions so well. Fantastic!
<b>2L Lennon</b>	Hugh Harris For a great start at Wallington :)
<b>34J Jones</b>	Sarah Harris For making a great start at Wallington. Well done Sarah!!
<b>56D Duckett</b>	Finn MacGillivray For showing great persistence when problem solving in numeracy. Your work looked sensational. Well Done!
<b>56M Marino</b>	Ella Carroll For quickly settling into Wallington and also for being a caring 'big buddy'
<b>Library Murray</b>	Isabella Kelly For helping others with their borrowing during her library session and listening really well!

**Library**  
Next week in the library is grades 3 –6. Please remember your book returns and your library bag. From next week the library will be open for quiet reading and borrowing on a Wednesday at lunch time and at morning recess on Friday, when Mrs Henry is in. We are looking for anyone who would be able to cover some library books for us. We can give you the books and contact for covering at home. This would be greatly appreciated! We are also looking for volunteers who may be able to work in the library on a Friday after 12.30, re-shelving books. If you are able to help in either of these areas, could you please let us know. It would be greatly appreciated! Thank you taking the time to read this request.  
*Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray*



**Congratulations Caitlin in 34J**  
Who was invited to play tennis in the Davis Cup Hot shots demo over the weekend, it was a great honour. She also had her photo with Bernard Tomic. Caitlin plays tennis at Clifton Springs Tennis Club.

**Free**  
There is a large number of Water, Solo, Fanta & Sprite which have past their 'Best Before Date'. If anyone is interested please help yourself they are in the Hall kitchen

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2012**  
**Forms due by Wed 29th Feb**  
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:  
1) be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and  
2) be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.  
Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.  
The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2012) which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (16 July 2012). The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 29 February 2012 for the first installment and 3 August 2012 for the second installment. The EMA provides an annual amount of \$235 for primary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

**Contact:** School Office for application form and further information.



**Reminder:- Active After School Community is FREE**  
Tuesday will be basketball and on Thursday Hockey. The program runs from 3:30 to 4:30 for 7 weeks. All students – Prep – Year 6 are welcome. Students can enrol for both or either.



**PARENT CLUB**

**Parents Club Meetings**  
Thanks to all who attended the first Parents' Club meeting of the year last Thursday and congratulations/thanks to the following parents for taking on their respective roles in 2012 - Glenda Dixon (President), Penny Bailey (Vice President), Jo Leyden (Treasurer), Tracey Frigo (Secretary), Kerstin Willey (Fresh Fruit Friday Coordinator) and Lisa Mitchell (Second Hand Uniform Shop). We have an exciting year ahead with lots planned – old favourites like the students' disco, sausage sizzle fundraiser, Art Show, Mothers/Fathers day stalls - and discussions underway for some new social activities that should be a lot of fun. Wallington PS Parents Club will continue to meet at the school hall at 9.10am every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month so our next meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup>. This year, we will schedule some of these meetings for the evening so that parents who are unable to attend morning meetings can come along. Another way to join us and 'keep in the loop' is to add your name to the Parents Club email list - email Tracey Frigo ([tracey@pondaestate.com.au](mailto:tracey@pondaestate.com.au)) to find out more/add your name to our email list.

**NEWCOMB SECONDARY COLLEGE**  
**DEB DRESS SALE**  
**SELL**  
Bring dress to school on: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 4pm – 7pm  
MUST be dry cleaned  
Include photo of dress if possible  
Registration fee: \$5 per dress  
**BUY**  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
9am – 1pm  
Eftpos & Cash Only  
Enquires Ph: 52481400

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Intro to Sport Programs Term 1**  
  
[www.lifebeinitgeelong.com](http://www.lifebeinitgeelong.com)  
**Email:** [info@lifebeinitgeelong.com](mailto:info@lifebeinitgeelong.com)  
**Ph:** 5223 1992

**Surfside Waves Soccer Club**  
is recruiting old and new players for the 2012 season. Registration will take place during Feb/March. For information contact Gill Black on 5255 3566 or Caryl Waugh on

**Debbie Lee School of Dancing— Drysdale**  
Brochures on table outside Principals office

**Kids Rotary Fun Run with Thomas on the Bellarine Rail Trail**  
Sunday 11 March. Please see brochures on table outside Principals office

**Music Lessons**  
Piano / keyboard. Guitar (acoustic, electric, bass) Singing  
**During &/or After School Hours at School**  
· Experienced, qualified, trained and Registered teachers, specifically chosen for primary aged students  
· A modern & traditional curriculum designed by primary school & music teachers specifically for primary school-age children, to either learn to play for fun or as a pathway to VCE music  
· Classes available for Prep—adult, beginners to advanced.  
· A trusted provider of music lessons to Geelong, Surfcoast & Peninsula schools for over 25 years.  
To Pre-enrol or to obtain an information package please contact:  
**mbmt@bigpond.com Fax: 52 645 109.**

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