

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Wed 24th October	Geelong Cup—Public Holiday (no school)
Fri 26th October	School Concert—7pm
Tue 6th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Tue 6th November	Strawberry Fair meeting
Tue 6th November	Whole School Photo
Thu 8th November	2013 Prep orientation
Tue 13th November	Environment and Curriculum meeting
Thu 15th November	2013 Prep orientation
Wed 21st November	School Council meeting
Thu 22nd November	2013 Prep orientation
Tue 18th December	Year 6 Graduation
Fri 21st December	Term 4 concludes

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Lost Property

There is quite a pile of lost property that has been left over from last term. If your child is missing a jumper, or shirt please have a look in lost property. Items that are left at the end of next week will be put into the 2nd Hand Uniform Stall.

Parents Club

Supper for concert

Thank you to the parents who have offered to make a cake/slice to enable parents club to provide a supper at interval at the concert. Your donations are very much appreciated. As we have over 300 attending it would be appreciated if more donations were received. Supper is not included in the price of the ticket as may have been assumed by the wording on some tickets.

Coffee or tea with cake or slice \$5.00.

Ice cream in a cone will be available for purchase at interval for the children.

Industrial Action

The Department is currently involved in enterprise bargaining with the Australian Education Union in relation to its logs of claims covering employees in the executive class, the principal class, the teacher class, the paraprofessional class and the education support class. As part of its industrial campaign the Union has notified the Department that on and from Monday 8 October 2012 its members will undertake bans and limitations on the following:

- * Reporting VELS student achievement data to the Department. Exempted from this ban will be the processing and uploading of achievement data for senior students via the Victorian Assessment Software System (VASS);

* Written comments or numerical data in student reports for each subject. Exempted from this ban will be reporting on VELS progression points, Satisfactory/Not Satisfactory information for VCE, VCAL and VET, and equivalent information for specialised settings.

* The implications for Wallington are that whilst the bans are in place staff will be adhering to the bans and will only reporting on the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. This means that parents will only receive the summary sheets that have the 'dots' (indicating VELS progression). However if the bans are lifted prior to the 31st October full reports will be issued. After that date staff will issue a modified report. Half day stoppage has also been called on 4th December 2012.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) 2013

The EMA is being restructured to increase the focus on direct support to parents. The changes to the EMA starting in 2013 include:

* The School Start Bonus will be discontinued.

* EMA payments to parents increased from:

\$117.50 to \$200 for parents of eligible Prep students

\$117.50 to \$150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students

\$235 to \$300 for parents of eligible Year 7 students

\$235 to \$250 for parents of all other eligible secondary school students up to the age of 16.

School-based EMA payments will be discontinued (\$117.50 per primary school student; \$235.00 per secondary school student)

Who is eligible for the EMA?

The EMA provides financial assistance to families on a low income to help with the cost of essential educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

EMA is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink/ Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

In 2012, the EMA amount is \$235 per primary student and \$470 per secondary student. At present, half of the EMA payment goes to schools and half is provided direct to parents.

Under the new arrangements, school-based payments will be discontinued and parental payments increased.

Will parents still be able to receive their EMA payment by EFT/Cheque?

Yes, the existing payment options for the EMA payment to parents will not change. Parents will still have the choice on the EMA application form whether to have their EMA paid directly into their bank account (EFT) or paid by cheque - which will be posted to the school.

Leigh McLaren

Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Last Weeks

SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

P1K King	SEBBY B For a fantastic "Holiday Journal". AUSTIN W For great reading this week.
2L Lennon	NICK S For showing great persistence with his reading and problem solving tricky words.
34V Vaught	GRACE M For helping students with their presentation and always doing a little bit extra. PIPER M For helping others and being a good friend.
56D Duckett	OLIVIA L For your enthusiasm and hard work in Numeracy when learning number facts. Well done!

PARENTS CLUB

Parents Club



Book Club

We only have two issues of the book club before Christmas. There are some great gift ideas in this months catalogue so get started on your Christmas shopping and support your school library at the same time! All orders are due back by Monday 22nd October. Gillian Newland

Term 4	
Thursday, 25 th Oct	Coffee at Van Loon's 9.15am
Friday, 26 th Oct	School Concert Help at dress rehearsal during the day
Thursday, Nov 8 th	Parents' Club meeting 9am Prep orientation
Thursday, Nov 15 th	Prep orientation – prep parents morning tea and uniform sale
Thursday, Nov 22 nd	Prep orientation Social night – venue and time TBC
Friday, Nov 30 th	Uniform sale
Wednesday, Dec 12 th	Christmas Picnic
Thursday, Dec 13 th	Parents' Club meeting 9am
Tuesday, Dec 18th	Year 6 Graduation

Library

Next week in the library are grades P-2. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.

Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray



COMMUNITY NOTICES

BELLARINE COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET



THIS Saturday 20th October, Ocean Grove Park, Cnr Presidents Ave and Draper St, 9am-1pm

Our biggest market yet with a huge variety of local Bellarine produce, sausage sizzle and buskers.

A great family day out where locals support locals!

All enquiries:

Sally Waites - 0418141208

1st / 2nd Ocean Grove Scout Group

Cubs meet

Tuesday 7.00 pm

Scouts meet Wednesday 7.00pm

Scout Hall, The Avenue, Ocean Grove

Cubs meet Tuesday 7.00 pm

Enquiries: 0422 700 951



Membership for Ocean Grove Junior Surf Life Saving Programme, Nippers 2012/2013 is open.

Come and have fun while learning surf safety skills at the beach this summer.

Register + pay online or download membership forms and send with cheque to OGSLSC. Each Nipper must have a parent join the club with current working with children check, a Life Saving Victoria requirement.

Membership = Surf Ed enrolment.

Surf Ed Dates Thursday Dec 27th + Friday Dec 28th

Wednesday Jan 2nd + Thursday Jan 3rd

Thursday Jan 10th + Friday Jan 11th

U8,9,10 will be from 5.30 pm til 7 pm

U11,12,13 will be from 6pm til 7.30pm

Age limits: U8 must be 7yo by Sept 30th and

U13 must be 12 by Sept 30th.

Parent Helpers

We can only run our Nippers' programme with Parent Helpers !! Please think about how you will help. We need Age Group Managers for Surf Ed, Water safety with Surf Bronze certificates, beach helpers, Clubbie's Cafe roster + BBQ helpers to name a few!!

Check out our website www.oceangroveslsc.asn.au and www.lifesavingvictoria.com.au

Or email nipper@oceangroveslsc.asn.au for more information

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