

# WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES 	
Mon 24th - Fri 28th October	Bandanna Week
Wed 26th October	School Council Meeting
Thurs 27th October	Year 6 Photo
Sat 29th October	Car Boot Sale for Relay for Life!
Wed 2nd November	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Fri 4th November	Working Bee 3:30 - Onwards
Wed 9th November	Hot Lunch!
Thurs 10th November	Prep Orientation, 2:30 - 3:30pm
Fri 11th November	Parents Social Night "In Style"
Sat 12th - Sun 13th November	Relay For Life - Collendina Reserve
Wed 16th November	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Thurs 17th November	Prep Orientation, 9.30 - 11am
Thurs 17th November	Second Hand Uniform Sale
Wed 23rd November	Blue Light Disco for Year 6
Thurs 24th November	Prep Orientation, 12.30 - 3pm
Mon 28th - Fri 9th November	Prep - 3 Swimming (no swimming on Wednesday of both weeks)
Wed 30th November	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Wed 14th December	Hot Lunch!
Wed 14th December	Family Picnic
Tues 20th December	Grade 6 Graduation
Wed 21st December	Adventure Park Grade 5/6
Thurs 22nd December	Last Day of Term. 2.30 Finish

## MESSAGES FROM MR. MCLAREN

The warmer weather seems to be upon us again. It is a timely reminder that the children often take off jumpers etc and forget to collect them at the end of recess or lunch. If all articles are labelled, including hats. It will help with the return of lost property.

### Absenteeism

I ask that if your child is absent from school that there must be a note sent; or an entry into a diary; or at least a phone call, explaining the absence. This is a legal requirement by the Department of Education and Childhood Development.

### Active After Schools Program

The active After Schools Program will commence again next week. Tee Ball/ softball will be on Tuesday nights and Cricket is on Wednesday night. Liam Millard is the coach for the cricket. We are yet to be advised of the coach!  
Each of the sessions will begin at 3:40 - 4:40 for seven weeks  
Enrolment forms are available from the office

Work around the school continues > the main building is currently getting gutter guards installed. This will certainly cut down our maintenance with keeping the gutters clear.

### Enhancing Reading Comprehension at home

#### General things to consider:

Review/make sure your child has knowledge of the following vocabulary:

Author	Illustrator	Beginning/Middle/End	Character
Predict	Inferences	Schema/ Connections	Problem/Solution
Theme	Summarize	Visualizations	Character Traits
Settings	Conclusion		

### Prior to opening a brand new book:

- talk about the title, author and illustrations on the cover
- questions such as: Who is the **author** of this book? Who is the **illustrator**? What **predictions** can you make about this story from the cover? Read the back passage, table of contents, chapter titles and discuss what **inferences** they can make from what they're read.

### As you are reading the book:

- At appropriate points in the book stop and ask your child to **visualize** what they think might happen next. "Can you put a picture in your head of what you think might happen?" or "can you make a prediction (guess) of what might happen next?" or when you as a parent are reading, your child could take the time to draw a picture of their visualization from the story on paper
- Take opportunities to study a picture or think about information given in the text and ask "what **inferences** (guesses) can you make from this picture/these words/this information?"
- build in "stop and think" points to check understanding as you read (use post-it notes to mark the spots where the child should do this if they are reading a chapter book...you may require them to come discuss the book with you when they get to these points).
- discuss **character traits** (personality of character). Teachers often ask questions such as "What character traits made Rainbow Fish such a good friend?" or "Compare Paul Bunyan and Johnny Appleseed's character traits". A response such as "when Rainbow decided to share his scales we learned that he is a good friend because friends share" is ideal. Or, "we know both Johnny Appleseed and Paul Bunyan were strong characters because they both walked hundreds of miles". Or, simply saying "tell me about THE BFG's character traits" is also great practice!
- Talk about **schema**, which means your prior knowledge. "How does your schema help you understand how the character is feeling?" or "How does your schema help you predict what might happen next?" An appropriate response might be "well, when my friend didn't want to play with me at recess yesterday, I felt really sad just like \_\_\_ did", or "when I went on my first airplane ride, I felt really scared, that's why I think \_\_\_ may be scared".
- Talk about **connections**. Teachers often talk about **text-to-text connections**, **text-to-self connections** and **text-to-world connections**.
  - Text-to-text connection questions could sound like this: "does this remind you of another book you've read?" or as you're reading Margaret Wild books you could comment "these illustrations in *Woolvs in the Sitee* remind me of the illustrations in her other book *Jenny Angel*."
  - Text-to-self connection questions could sound like this "Can you ever remember a time when you were too sick to go to school like (character's name)?" or "Can you remember a time that we were at a place like the Sleeping Bear Dunes?" (if reading the Legend of the Sleeping Bear Dunes), etc.

### At the end of picture books or chapters:

Ask your child to **summarize** (tell the most important parts) the chapter or story.

"Could you summarize what happened in this chapter?" (don't be afraid to help them....this is a tough task)

"So, what happened at the **conclusion** (end) of the story?"

What were your favorite parts of the book/the most exciting part of the book?

What is the **theme** of this book? Which means, "what could you learn from this book?" or "what is the author's message?" or "what does the author want you to learn?"

We hope you find these tips useful.

### School Council

The next school Council will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 3:45 in the staffroom

### Debating

The Schools Debating team will have a Debate at Leopold Primary School against Torquay we wish them all the best

### School Basketball team

The Grades 5/6 basketball team played last Monday. Unfortunately they did not make the final, but they enjoyed themselves and improved with each game. Well done.

**Leigh McLaren**  
**Principal**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Thursday 20th October 2011

<b>PK King</b>	MAYA A-S For asking 'interesting' questions during News this week.
<b>12H Henderson</b>	MATHEW L For a fantastic start to Term 4! Well done on your 'Holiday Recount' Matthew!
<b>12L Lennon</b>	ASHLEIGH R Trying her best in all subject area and being a great friend and helper to others.
<b>12J Jones</b>	JOSH B For always working hard and helping others. Well done Josh!
<b>34M Murray</b>	JOSHUA S For showing a great improvement in his independent work habits.
<b>5D Duckett</b>	CHANTEL D For her excellent understanding of time and reading an analogue clock with great accuracy. Well Done! LUCA V For fantastic concentration during class and showing persistence when publishing his narrative. Well done!
<b>Library Browne</b>	PIPER M For being an amazing library helper and for having great application to library tasks.

## LIBRARY

This week in the library is grades Prep's, 1's and 2's. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.



### Working Bee

3.30 Friday November 4th

A school Working Bee will be held Friday 4th at 3.30pm. We will be provide a BBQ for the kids and of course grown ups at about 5.30. This is our final Working Bee for 2011 and is important as we approach fire season.

Jobs will include:

- \* Cleaning drains and add sand to stop stagnate water
- \* Trim hedges in garden area north fence
- \* General clean up, sweeping netball courts etc..
- \* General preparation to limit fire hazards (sticks..)
- \* Clean walls of spider webs including sport shed
- \* Rake Mulch
- \* Clean out Garden Shed
- \* Trim trees at school entry
- \* Weed outside art room
- \* Clean gutters on sheds

Environment Committee

All helpers please sign in at school entry.



### Wallington Primary's Ladies Social Night

Come along and celebrate the spring racing carnival on Friday, 11th November at 7.30 pm in the hall with a Ladies Night. Dress up in your frilly frock, hat or fascinator and enjoy a night out with the girls.

Tickets will be sold (to help with catering) at \$10.00 which includes supper, spot prizes and giveaways. There will be a raffle too. BYO drinks. Tickets on sale at Friday assembly from Vanessa Griffin, President Parents' Club.

### Bellarine Relay For Life

The inaugural Bellarine Relay For Life is only weeks away. It is to be held on the 12th and 13th of November at the Collendina Reserve. There is still time to register with a local team or even form your own team! Donations can be made via the website [www.relayforlife.or.au](http://www.relayforlife.or.au) also, any queries phone Sally Peterson 5254 1180

### Athletics Champions—Fionn Holten

Last Friday Fionn participated in the 10yr old Boys Hurdles at the Barwon South Western Regions Athletics Championships. Fionn won the final and has now qualified for the state finals at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park on November 7th. We congratulate Fionn on his fabulous achievement and the best at the state level. Well done Fionn!



### Congratulations

To Tracey Frigo and Peter Congdon for winning a show award for their wine from their own estate, Ponder.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to \$500 to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons. Saver Plus is delivered by Bethany Community Support in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work
- have a child at school, or attend accredited vocational training yourself



To find out more contact **Amanda Vernon, Saver Plus Worker at Bethany Community Support on 5278 8122 or [avernon@bethany.org.au](mailto:avernon@bethany.org.au)**



**Fresh Food Fair, Sunday October 30th** at Surfside Primary School, Ocean Grove. 10am - 3 pm. Gold Coin Entry.

Showcasing our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program with stalls including fresh meat and seafood, wine, cheese, vegetables and homemade wares from our kitchen.

Loads of activities and rides, entertainment and delicious food.

Unlimited Rides Wristbands can be purchased either on the day or pre-purchased at discount price from the school.

Enquiries: 5256 1411

### For sale

All Wallington school uniforms with logo

- 1 x sunhat
  - 1 x boys long sleeve shirt blue size 6
  - 1 x boys long sleeve shirt maroon size 6
  - 2 x long sleeve maroon & blue windcheaters size 8
  - 1 x boys short sleeve shirt maroon size 6
  - 1 x long pants navy blue size 6
  - 1 x long pants navy blue size 6
  - 1 x boys short sleeve shirt blue size 6
- In excellent condition hardly worn, \$ 60.00  
phone 0419388646



Almost 70 different events and activities are scheduled as part of this year's Children's Week program. For a full list of events and details, or to download a copy of this years' program go to:



### FREE family fun day! At the Potato Shed

11am - 3pm Sunday 23rd October 2011.

Ph. 5251 1998



- Ballet
- Train Rides
- Badge Making
- Demonstrations
- Painting
- Face Painting
- Karate
- Story Telling
- Sand Art Card
- Jumping Castles
- Outdoor Stage with
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Acting
- Animal Farms
- High Tea for Kids
- live performers
- Outdoor Games

### Wallington Cricket Club Milo Cricket:

The MILO in2CRICKET program is dedicated to helping kids learn how to play cricket. The activities are designed to be inclusive, action packed and fun! Wallington CC will be running this program again during the 2011/12 cricket season. It is proposed that the group will have later start this year; with 5 sessions running before Christmas and 6 sessions after. The sessions will be run on each Friday between 4:00 - 4:45pm

**Important Dates:**

Registration (Wallington CC @ 4pm): 31st October 2011  
Commencement: 11th November 2011  
Last Session before Christmas: 9th December 2011  
Recommencement of Program: 19th January 2011

**Cost:** \$65 (includes Milo cricket kit: backpack wooden bat, ball, green shirt, green hat, backpack and certificate)

For any further queries please ring **Kyne 0438 306 179**