

# WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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8th of December 2011



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DIARY DATES 	
Mon 5th December - Fri 9th December	First week of grades prep -3 swimming (break on Wednesday)
Fri 9th December	Resources Meeting
Tues 13th December	School Council Meeting
Wed 14th December	Hot Lunch!
Wed 14th December	Christmas Family Picnic
Fri 16th December	RE Service in the Hall - 9am - ALL WELCOME
Tues 20th December	Grade 6 Graduation
Wed 21st December	Adventure Park Grade 5/6
Thurs 22nd December	Last Day of Term. 1.30 Finish

## MESSAGES FROM MR. MCLAREN

The swimming program concludes this week.

### Staffing for 2012

There have been a couple of changes to the staffing arrangements for next year.

Prep/1	Bernie King
Prep/1	Yet to be appointed
2	Lisa Lennon
3/4	Emily Jones
3/4	Jason Vaught
5/6	Emily Duckett
5/6	Jennie Marino
The Arts	Lisa Hunter
Reading Recovery / Emu /Library-	Jill Murray

Mrs Henderson has gained another position at Mandama Primary School.

### Last Day Arrangements

Final assembly will begin exactly at 1:00pm as we have many awards to present.

Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm

PLEASE NOTE Parents are asked to ensure that their child/children are picked up on time on the last day. Teachers will be involved in the setting up of the school for 2012

### Term dates 2012

Term 1: 2 February to 30 March (Teachers Commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> Feb

Term 2: 16 April to 29 June

Term 3: 16 July to 21 September

Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

The Strawberry Fair committee have been meeting frequently during term 4 and we seem to be well organised for the fair which is on Sunday, 4th March just 4 weeks after we resume school. Co-ordinator positions have almost all been filled. The roster sheets have been posted on the Principal's window

The Victorian Police Pipe Band will be providing entertainment on the day together with Andy Richardson and some surprises.

We need...helpers during February for a variety of jobs - watch the noticeboard and the Strawberry fair newsletters that will be put up weekly.

The weekend prior to Strawberry Fair will be used as a working bee to spruce the school up. The Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we have decided to split the working bee in half. We need one crew to come in and do the major set up. The second crew in the afternoon will finish off and do the last minute jobs. Hopefully this will take pressure off an all day working bee.

Looking for buskers...We are looking for students to do some busking on the day of the Strawberry Fair. Students would perform for about half an hour. All acts accepted (within reason). See Mr McLaren for further details

Now is the time to arrange your baby sitters/carers for the day. We need as many people to help as possible to ensure that the Fair is a success.

It is hoped that everyone will wear a red top on the day of the fair, so now is a good time to find a red top.

Shade structures - if you have a shade structure that you could loan for use on the day, please see Glenda Dixon.

A suggestion box will be in the foyer for your ideas.

Strawberry Fair meetings will be held weekly when school resumes. Note these dates in your diary. It would-be great to see as many as possible at these meetings which will be held on Thursday, February 2,9,16,23 and March 1.

Remember this is the only fundraiser that WPS has and its success depends on involvement of all families.

### Don't Forget The Picnic next Wednesday

BYO picnic and mossie repellent beginning at 5pm and Santa will arrive at 6pm.

The parents Club would like to extend the invitation to the 2012 Grade Preps and their parents, in an opportunity for them to get to know the current families attending Wallington PS.

**Principal**

**Leigh McLaren**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Thursday 8th of December 2011

12H Henderson	MAX T For his fantastic efforts at his first swimming lessons! Well done Max!
12L Lennon	JETT W For a great Power Point presentation. Fantastic!
12J Jones	ELISSA B For incorporating questions marks and talking marks in her mini story. Well Done! REBECCA L For her fantastic efforts in swimming this week. Well done Rebecca.
34V Vaught	JESSE M For his fantastic achievements with the 'You Can Do It' program.
34M Murray	JULIAN S For working so well on his Power Point presentation in an independent and focused manner.
5D Duckett	CASSIE U For completing a wonderful reading log that reflected your passion for reading! Well done Cassie! JASMINE W For completing a wonderful reading log that reflected your passion for reading! Great Job Cassie!
6M Marino	KALIN E For helping his class mates and sharing his computer knowledge. Thanks Kal and well done!
Library Browne	FINLEY A-S For great listening and participation in Library.

## CHRISTMAS PICNIC

The Christmas Picnic is next Wednesday the 14th of December at 5pm! The Picnic will be held on the school oval and in the new hall.

### Remember:

- BYO: food, drinks, rugs, insect repellent and of course your smiles.
- Santa will be joining everybody at the picnic at 6pm.
- Books to the value of \$10 for your child can be left at the office to be passed onto Santa to give out on the night.

**Hope to see you all there!**



### School Raffle

Wallington Primary School would like to send a huge thank you to **Vanessa Griffin** for organizing the school raffle that was drawn last Friday! Wallington Primary would also like to thank **Kirsten MacDonald and Dianne Lacy** and her sister for donating the fabulous prizes! Due to these contributions as well as help from members of the Parent Club they raised \$100 towards the Parents Club!

### Winners of the Raffle:

- 1st Prize - Paula
- 2nd Prize - Leigh McLaren
- 3rd Prize - Katrina Kelly



## Library

This week in the library is grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.

### ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED TOMORROW!

**The 9th of December.** Thank you everyone!  
**Chris Browne - Librarian**



## RE Christmas Service

An RE Christmas service will be held in the Hall on the 16th of December starting at 9am. All parents welcome.



**Hello Parents/Guardians,**  
The Art Room is looking for tiles, particularly white and terracotta to be used for **mosaics** in the last few weeks. If you happen to have any spare hanging around the house or garage, please would you bring them into the Art room for Mrs. Hunter over the next few days. Thank you!



## Want ideas for these holidays?

Melbourne Playgrounds is a free on-line guide to thousands of Melbourne activities for the entire family! Activities cover playgrounds (more than 2800 reviewed with photos), Play Centres, Aquatic Centres, Skate Parks, BMX tracks, miniature train rides, sport and recreation, nature activities, museum & science, educational pursuits, indoor activities, hobbies and cultural activities such as music and dance. Melbourne Playgrounds is unique in that it provides reviews, ratings and photos of activities.

There is also an extensive list of family activities outside Melbourne covering all of Victoria which is useful when planning a day trip or longer holidays within the State.

The website is: <http://www.MelbournePlaygrounds.com.au>

There is also a Facebook page which complements the website, <http://www.facebook.com/MelbournePlaygrounds>, which is running a photo quiz, "How well do you know Melbourne for Kids?" leading up to and during the School Holidays.



### Coffee anyone?

Parents Club are holding a coffee catch up date at Elkhorn Café, 420 Wallington Road, Thursday December 22nd at 9am. **All Welcome!** Hope to see you there!  
Parent Club

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### School Holiday Programs

There are numerous School Holiday Programs happening all over Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula operated by the City of Greater Geelong to provide working families with appropriate care for their children during the school holidays. The aim of the program is to offer Primary School children a safe and fun environment, where they can enjoy their holidays.

For more information contact: 5272 4443 or  
There are information booklets and enrolment forms on the table outside of Mr. McLarens Office.

### Country and Metro Victorian Cricket Camps 2012

18 camps coming to an area near you! If you are interested in this camp Penny Bailey (Seamus and Kieran Spanner's Mother) is organizing a group booking. The group booking is \$99 saving you \$40 from the original price.

**If you are interested please contact Penny on 0407 891 599**

Exclusive coaching panel including: Keith Stackpole, Nathan Bracken, Terry Alderman, Jo Angel, Matthew Elliott and Damien Fleming.

For more information collect a brochure from out the front of the office or free call: 1800 35 14 15 or  
[www.cricketcoaching.com.au](http://www.cricketcoaching.com.au)



## Meagan Burch Music Tuition

### 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.**



## FOR SALE:

2 x Guitar Hero guitars with 2 games - \$50  
Contact Julie on 5253 3097 or see her at school