

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES 	
Thurs 9th February	Parent Club AGM Meeting - 9.15am Strawberry Fair Meeting
Thurs 16 February	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Fri 17 February	Working Bee
Thurs 23 February	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Saturday 25 February	Strawberry Fair Working Bee
Thurs 1st March	Strawberry Fair 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

Student Leaders

Congratulations to our Term One Student Leaders

Larissa Dixon Cassie Usher Joe Frigo
Emily Benson Lleyton Woolley

This is a position of responsibility in the school and the students take on this with enthusiasm and dedication. Our Student Leaders will be taking their first assembly on Friday.

Student Code of Conduct

In conjunction with the students we are currently developing a student code of conduct that will provide a consistent approach to student conduct across the whole school. Once this has been completed a copy will be sent home to parents for consideration.

Active After School Community

AASC starts next week. Liam Millard is running the program. On Tuesday will be basketball and on Thursday will be Hockey. The program runs from 3:30 to 4:30 for 7 weeks. The program is open to all students – Prep – grade 6. Students can enrol for both or either one of the days. Enrolment forms are available from the office.

Class Preparation

Last week I put in the newsletter about allowing teachers to prepare for the day. I would like to thank everyone for their support with this, it is very much appreciated.

Leigh McLaren



Strawberry Fair



The Strawberry Fair is fast approaching. However, there is still some work to do before the day.

Auction

I am currently looking for people to help organise the Auction. I am after a band of three or four people to make contact with various business houses and retailers to source items for the Auction on the day of the Strawberry Fair.

Gourmet Foods

We are also looking for someone to co ordinate the gourmet food on the weekend of the Fair. This only involves organising personnel to help with the preparation of food on the Saturday and the running of the Gourmet Food stall on the Sunday. The ordering of food etc has been organised.

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.

Strawberry Fair Meetings are on each week (9th Feb, 16th Feb, 23rd Feb, 30th Feb, 2nd Feb) at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. We need as many people as possible to these meetings to ensure that everything gets done.

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

Strawberry Fair Marketing and Promotions

We'll soon be looking for people to help distribute flyers!

In the meantime, you can help promote the Fair by finding 'Wallington Strawberry Fair' on Facebook and Twitter.

Follow or 'like' the Fair, feel free to post comments and share with your family and friends!!



www.facebook.com/wallingtonstrawberryfair



www.twitter.com/strawberryfair1

PARENT PAYMENT CHARGES NOW DUE

Essential Educational Items:-

Wallington Primary makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. The school buys these items in bulk so they can be provided to parents at a significant discount. School Council has established a financial budget for 2012 to provide resources and materials for the schools educational programs. Part of this budget is the Essential Educational Items, School Council has approved \$160 per student being for:- Classroom Requisites, Printing, Consumables, Diaries and paper etc.

Library Fund:-

Is a voluntary contribution solely for the purchase of library books, which every student in the school is timetabled to every second week and they also borrow books on a weekly basis.

School Council has set Library Trust at \$30 per student with a maximum of \$60 per family. This is tax deductible

Building/Environment Fund:-

Is a voluntary contribution for the upkeep of the grounds and buildings.

School Council has set Building/Environment Fund at \$20 per student with a maximum of \$40 per family

**Total Parent Payment Charges being \$210
to be paid no later than 24TH FEB 2012**

SCHOOL NEWS

Scholastic Book Club

Welcome back to the Book Club for 2012. We had a great year in 2011 and hopefully this year we will be able to get even more great books for our school library. The February edition is **due back by next Monday 13 Feb**. All orders must be placed in the drawer labelled 'Book Club' in the hallway near the office. If you have any queries at all please call me on 5255 5008. Thank you for your ongoing support Gillian Newland



Change of personal information?

If there has been a change in your personal information such as change of address, phone number or emergency contact could you please come into the office and let us know. There is nothing worse than a sick or injured student and we can't contact anyone.



Library

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

Environment Working Bee

This year we will be holding one working bee each term. To help share the work load of maintaining our beautiful school grounds, we have rostered every family on to one working bee in 2012. This list can be found on the 34V window. The 1st will be **Friday 17th Feb at 3.30pm**. If you are unable to attend your given date can you please swap with another family or arrange to do a job on a night prior to the working bee date. You are welcome to attend more than one working bee. There are also several ongoing jobs that people may like to volunteer for, including regular mowing of the oval, or fence lines and the maintaining of garden beds instead of attending working bees.

Please make sure you sign in before taking part in any duties. The sign in roster can be found inside the school entry.

For further information please speak to Mr Jason Vaught or Mr Leigh McLaren
Thank You

From the Environment Committee



Prep for Parents

Did your child start Prep this year? Would you like tips on how to support your child in their first year at school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's new weekly Prep for Parents email.

You will be sent an email every Wednesday during school term that will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom and things you can do at home to assist and encourage your child.

To subscribe to Prep for Parents, see:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/prepare/prepparents/default.htm>

Newsletters Via Email

It is easier and better than ever to get **the school newsletter online**.

Did you know....

1 ream of paper = 6% of a tree and 5.4kg of CO2 in the atmosphere.

3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water

Think Before You Print

Its time we considered our environment before printing off the newsletter. Receiving your newsletters by email these days is a modern reality to save time and resources. As we are a Waste Wise school this will be your contribution to assisting our environment. This is also an excellent way to insure you actually receive the newsletter weekly and it is not at the bottom of your child's bag.



It's simple all you have to do is open the web site
<http://www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au/>
and follow the prompts to subscribe

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 instalment and 3 August 2012 for the second instalment.

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.

Religious Instruction

Is conducted once a week. If you don't wish your child to participate please put in writing and hand to your classroom teacher. The charge for the students books for 2012 is \$7.00

Reminder to Prep Parents

Parents who have not submitted their child's Immunisation Certificate or Birth Certificate could you please do so as soon as possible as this is a Departmental requirement.



PARENT CLUB

Parents Club meetings for 2012 will be held on the 2nd Thurs of the month in the Hall commencing 9.10am. We value everyone's ideas and contribution and welcome all parents to attend. The next meeting will be 8th March.

The Parents Club will be holding a 2nd hand uniform sale in Friday 10 Feb just prior to assembly until 3.45pm.

2nd Hand Uniforms sale will be held monthly on the last Friday of the month. Uniforms will not be sold on consignment—donated items only. Enquiries to Lisa Mitchell

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 5255 4066

Holy Trinity Parish

Children wishing to be prepared for the sacraments in the Catholic Church Grade 3 upwards are advised that enrolment day is Tuesday 14 Feb 4– 5pm at Star of the Sea Church—John Dory Dr, Ocean Grove.

Enquiries: Lyne Horner 5255 2961

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.