

# WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES

Wed 13-15th Aug	Gr 5/6 Maldon Camp
Wed 20th Aug	School Council Meeting
Thu 21st Aug	Strawberry Fair Meeting 
Fri 22nd Aug	Athletics Sports Gr 3-6
Mon 25th Aug	Literacy & Numeracy Week Starts
Fri 29th Aug	Book Parade
Wed 3rd - 5th Sep	Gr 3/4 Camp
Thu 11th Sep	Pupil Free Day
Thu 18th Sep	Children's Fair

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

The term is marching on and the wet weather is still with us. It is time to remind people that the lost property is located in the passage way at the back of the sick bay. There are quite a pile of jumpers there. If you are missing a jumper this might be the place to start looking.

### No Assembly this week

Due to the Grade 5/6 being on camp there will be no assembly this week.

### Strawberry Fair Meeting

Next Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> August) is the Strawberry Fair Meeting. These meetings are to organise the fair for next year. We are looking for people to come to these meetings. We need the help of the parents. It cannot be left to the few to do all the organisation. We try to have the fair basically organised by the end of the school year so when we come back all that needs doing is looking at the finer details.

The Strawberry Fair is the school's major fundraising event and we rely on that money raised to purchase resources and programs for the school.

### Homework tips for parents

By **Alex Brooks**

Understand the benefits of homework. If you're not convinced that homework matters, it will be even harder to convince your kids. While there are many arguments against kids having to undertake large volumes of homework, there are also good reasons behind a moderate amount of homework:



**Homework reinforces learning taught during the day** Some learning won't stick as well unless kids give it more practice and the classroom environment isn't necessarily going to provide adequate time for more practice. This is of special importance for math and critical thinking skills.

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**Homework instills self-discipline** Homework teaches time management, organisational skills, concentration skills, and self-responsibility. Self-discipline is a key life skill that can only be learned in the doing.

**Homework will rarely be appealing** Most kids don't like doing homework. Be a facilitator rather than a force to be reckoned with. You can cajole, plead, yell, threaten or bribe kids to do homework, but it's unlikely this will make your kids more likely to want to do their homework. And who is spending their time standing over them instead of getting all your other tasks done? That's right – you. Instead, aim to facilitate the homework process as much as possible.

### Provide a comfortable, well-lit place for your child to do homework

Ensure that your child has everything needed to do homework, from pens and paper, to a laptop and books, and be sure to get special project materials in advance, to avoid the excuse of "I don't have what I need". Take a moment to sit down with them when they start homework to see what else they might need. Encourage your child to keep you informed about homework progress and any interesting facts that arise out of it.

<http://www.kidspot.com.au/schoolzone/Homework-Homework-tips-for-parents+4151+294+article.htm>



### Last Weeks

### SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



PIK King	<b>WILL E</b> For trying really hard to use his inside voice in the classroom and for showing a good understanding of his ordinal numbers and days of the week.
PIM Murray	<b>EMILY R</b> For working well in Guided Reading and having a go at working out longer compound words. Well done Emily!
2V Vaught	<b>SAMUEL S</b> For being organised and independent in reading activities.
3S Stevens	<b>SKYE P-L</b> For being a terrific classroom helper.
3S Stevens	<b>POPPY H</b> For your persistence in your writing this year. Your opening to the descriptive narrative this week was fantastic. Keep up the great work Poppy!

### Want to receive the Newsletter via email?

If the Newsletter is getting lost in the bottom of school bags every week it is very easy to have the Newsletter sent to you via email every week.

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<http://www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au>

Click on the News Tab - Newsletters - then follow the prompts.



Leigh McLaren  
Principal

## Ocean Grove Tennis Club Junior Division SUMMER TENNIS

Ocean Grove Tennis Club is an established club able to cater to a wide age and ability range. We have dedicated Committee Members and Parents to support the players and their families throughout the season.

The Summer Competition includes girls, boys and mixed teams competing on Saturday Mornings at both home and away games across the Geelong Region.

Teams comprise 4 - 6 players, with a minimum of 4 required to play each week. Each player competes in one set of singles and one set of doubles.

A fun, social and active way to start your Saturday!

### NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

The Summer Season commences on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup>

**Registrations Close on Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup>**

For further information or to register:

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0425 723 065  
[oceangrovejtc@gmail.com](mailto:oceangrovejtc@gmail.com)

Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Primary School  
~ Presents ~

### DRIVE IN MOVIE

Fri 19 Sept 2014

Gate Opens from 5 pm,

Movie starts at 7 pm

Kingston Park Reserve,  
Adco Grove, Ocean Grove

Tickets on Sale online - \$40 per car  
[www.oceangrovedrivein.com.au](http://www.oceangrovedrivein.com.au)

### BARWON HEADS PRIMARY SCHOOL Fundraiser

**Reduced Green Fees**  
**Sunday 7 September 2014**  
**Barwon Heads Golf Club**  
**12.30 pm - 7 pm**  
**Contact the Pro Shop**  
**Tel: 52556255 or**  
**[www.bhgc.com.au](http://www.bhgc.com.au)**

The Geelong Food Relief Centre has been providing free food to those in need for 23 years. Working together with welfare agencies, last year we saw 9,078 families referred to the Centre for support.



Your school is one of the 80 or so schools in Geelong and the surrounding region, who, every year help us make this possible. Each individual donation makes its way on to a family's table. This could be a family in your street.

This year we are asking you to donate items we are always in need of. These items form some of the basic food item most families choose.

We thank you, and your child's school for your support and assure you it will really make a difference to someone in our community.

So, yes it's called the Toucan Appeal, but this year we want you to *think outside the can!*

We love to get ...

Rice	Milo
Cereal	Vegemite
Canned fish	Peanut Butter
Powdered Milk	Pasta Sauce
UHT Milk	Flour
Honey	Sugar

*Please drop all donations in the box provided at the front office.*

Thank you  
Rod Gurney Manager  
Geelong Food Relief Centre



### Community Fete



**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**  
**9am-1pm**  
**at the LINC - Leopold Primary School**

**Jumping Castle    Face Painting    Cake Stall**  
**Show bags    Sausage sizzle    Plaster painting**  
**Raffles    Pony rides and more.**

**Some of our wonderful market stalls include**

**Kids Clothing & accessories    Condiments & Oils**  
**Giftware    Dog accessories & treats    Home wares**  
**Candles    Handmade Soaps    Linen    Arts & Crafts**  
**and so much more also pre loved 2<sup>nd</sup> hand stalls.**

[Leopold Kindergarten Community Fete 2014](#)

### Geelong West Toy Library Annual Toy Sale

## Sellers Needed

Too much clutter? Have your children outgrown their toys? Set a price, label your toys and we'll sell them for you!

The Geelong West Toy Library Annual Toy Sale sells quality pre-loved toys including games, costumes, puzzles, baby toys, construction, DVDs, Lego, books, bikes....and more to the community.

The Toy Sale is a fundraiser for the Geelong West Toy Library, an all-volunteer run community group. Sellers pay a small registration fee and the Toy Library takes a 20% commission on all toys sold at the sale.

**To request a  
Seller Information and Registration Kit  
contact**

[geelongwesttoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:geelongwesttoylibrary@gmail.com) or

**0404 712 107**