

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Thu 30th Oct	First Aid in Schools Gr 2-6
Sun 2nd Nov	Parents & Friends BBQ Mitre 10
Thu 6th Nov	Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm 
Thu 6th-20 Nov	Prep Orientation (3 sessions)
Fri 7th Nov	Gr 6 Grad Photos & Whole School Photo Retake
Tue 11th Nov	Water Safety Incursion
Mon 17th-27th Nov	Swimming P-3
Tue 18th Nov	Vic Schools Golf
Wed 19th Nov	School Council Meeting
Thu 20th Nov	Gr 5/6 Police Blue Light Disco
Tue 25th Nov	Geelong School Cycling & Duathlon Championships
Fri 28th Nov	Queenscliff Music Festival - Whole School
Sat 29th Nov	Parents & Friends—State Election Day BBQ

PRINCIPAL NEWS

School Council Meeting

The next meeting of the School Council will be held 19th November at 3:45pm.

2015

Planning is well underway for 2015.

Mrs Emily Duckett will be taking Preps next year and will be running the Prep orientation programme. If any family won't be with us next year can you please let us know as soon as possible so the grade structure can be finalised.

School Concert

On Tuesday we had the honour of seeing one of the best concerts I have seen for quite a while. Jon Madin led the students on a musical rollercoaster as they performed for the parents. The whacky instruments and the enthusiasm of the students ensured that the afternoon was a resounding success. It was great to see the whole school get involved in the fun (including parents and teachers).

Lyndal Jones and Dr Hugh Collins from the CASS Foundation were present to enjoy the concert. The CASS foundation were generous with the funding of this great program. Thanks to Judie MacMillan for all her work in organising the program. Also thanks to the teachers who worked with their grades to ensure a great day.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is Tuesday 11th November. The School Leaders will be representing the school at the Drysdale RSL Service. Poppies and wrist bands are available, for sale \$2-\$5, at the office.



Melbourne Cup Day

The school will be operating as usual on this day. It is not a holiday.

Prep Orientation

Next Thursday we have the first of our Prep 2015 Orientation Days. Our next year's preps will be here at 2:30 –3:30pm. Please be aware that there will be additional cars in the carpark and new parents who may be unfamiliar with our carpark etiquette.

Assembly – 7th November

For this assembly we have a special guest who will be presenting Bianca L with an award for her horse riding.

Lateness and Absences

Parents are reminded that all students who are late to school must be signed in by a parent. Once signed in, the student takes a late pass to give to the teacher. This procedure is in place to ensure the safety of students and allows us to keep track of students in the case of an emergency.

Also it is great to see parents reporting absences via the school app. We ask that a reason for the absence is included so that we may code the absence correctly.

Strawberry Fair Meeting

The next meeting of the Strawberry Fair will be held on **Thursday night - 6 November at 7:00pm**. We need as many people as possible to attend so that we move forward with our planning.

The School Council are asking parents to have a say in what the money raised from the fair should be spent on. The School Council will look at the suggestions and then determine what the funds will be spent on. A suggestion box is on the table in the foyer of the school. Please place your suggestions in by Friday 31st October. Go to the following link for a copy of the Strawberry Fair Policy: <http://www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au/page/83/Policies>

Below is a copy of the form to fill out with your ideas. The closing date is 31st October.

Strawberry Fair 2015

Name	
Project/Item	
Approximate Cost (Ball Park Figure)	
Who will benefit	

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Did you know that the Wallington Strawberry Fair is on Instagram? Follow & share!!



Whooping Cough

We have had a reported case of whooping cough. Please see below the information regarding the management of this condition.

Pertussis* (Whooping cough)

Exclude the child for 21 days after the onset of cough or until they have completed 5 days of a course of antibiotic treatment. Contacts aged less than 7 years in the same room as the case who have not received three effective doses of pertussis vaccine should be excluded for 14 days after the last exposure to the infectious case, or until they have taken 5 days of a course of effective antibiotic treatment.

What is resilience?

Resilience is a way to describe the quality of something that goes back to its original form after it has been bent or stretched. It is also a popular term used to describe a psychological quality in people. Resilience has been described as "the capacity to cope with change and challenge and bounce back during difficult times^[1]." You may have heard the term 'bouncing back' used in this sense. Resilience comes in many different forms, and some young people have described it as:

- Dealing with hardships and still holding your head up
- Giving things a go or trying your best
- Being strong on the inside
- Being able to cope with what life throws at you and shrug it Off
- Standing up for yourself^[2]

As you can see, the idea of resilience focuses on how we deal with stressful situations and adversity - the more resilient we are, the better we manage adversity.

References

1. Mind Matters Booklet 2005 Enhancing Resilience 2: Stress and Coping http://www.mindmatters.edu.au/verve/_resources/EnhanceResilience_2.pdf

Riding the Waves: A Guide to building resilience in 10 to 14-year-olds 2006, Australian Drug Foundation.

LOST PROPERTY

HELP! our lost property box is overflowing! If your Child has lost an item of clothing etc please come and have a look!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT

Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills. **Hosting - An Experience for Life**

Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home.

Visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student or call 1300 135 331 for more information.

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Last Weeks

SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



PIK King	EMILIA C For trying her best and answering questions and being a good listener.
PIM Murray (McLaren)	AIDAN B For wonderful work in numeracy being able to add two numerals to 20.
2V Vaught	ANASTASIA S For settling in well and knowing her goals.
3S Stevens	POPPY H For great organisation in this weeks poem project.
4J Jones	ASHLUN P For great project work.
5D Duckett	TOM B For your fantastic performance during readers' theatre. BECCY S For your fantastic fluency and phrasing during readers' theatre.

Enrich your home with a WEP exchange student arriving in January 2015!

World Education Program (WEP) is looking for caring families who wish to experience another culture in their own home by becoming a volunteer host family. Browse through student profiles, and select a student who you think will fit best into your family and lifestyle!

For further information, please contact Sylvia Kelly (WEP In-bound Manager) on 1300 884 733, by email on info@wep.org.au or by visiting our website www.wep.org.au.



Do you still want to play footy through Spring and into Summer?

We're running a Junior AFL 9's competition where kids will learn, practice, develop skills and enjoy some activity with their friends. AFL 9's is a non contact game of football that focuses on skills, fitness and fun. The event is best suited to boys and girls aged 8-12 years.

The competition will run for 6 weeks, from the 17th of November until the 22nd of December on Monday afternoons from 4.30 to 5.30pm. The costs is just \$30 per student and needs to be paid prior to the event at the official website www.juniorafl9s.com.au

The event will be held at the Nicol Oval, 75 Piggons Rd, Waurn Ponds (Deakin Uni)

What do you need to bring? All you need is to be dressed in appropriate attire for some fun and exercise, a drink bottle and football boots are optional.

Should you have any questions please contact James on 5227 2711 or james.munro@ymca.org.au

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT AFL9s.COM.AU

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