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NEWSLETTER
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PRINCIPAL NEWS

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

Diary Dates

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 November. 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 November.

Strawberry Fair 2015

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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

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**


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**WALLINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Principal News (contd)

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

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**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!

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