



WALLINGTON Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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FAIR

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DIARY DATES

Thu 12th Mar	Strawberry Fair Debrief Meeting 7 pm 
Mon 16th Mar	• Parents & Friends Meeting 9 am in the Hall
Wed 18th Mar	• Bellarine & North Geelong Divisions Tennis Championships • SCHOOL PHOTOS • School Council Meeting & AGM
Fri 27th Mar	• End of Term 1 DISMISSAL 2.30 PM

PRINCIPAL NEWS

STRAWBERRY FAIR

A reminder that the debriefing meeting for this year's Strawberry Fair will be held this **Thursday 12th March (tonight) at 7pm**. Hopefully all parents were able to read the article on our Fair in last week's Geelong Addy. This article certainly captured the day's activities positively and reflected well on our school community.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

This year Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and the challenge is celebrating its tenth anniversary. There is a new challenge website which promotes the importance of reading amongst young children, teenagers and families. Further information about the challenge here at Wallington will be provided in upcoming newsletters. For further details about the challenge please use the challenge website at Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge. Don't miss the FREE Challenge calendar in the Herald Sun on **Tuesday 17 March!**

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx>

Head Lice

We have had a couple of reports of children with head lice. I ask that all parents are vigilant about this and check the hair on a regular basis. Here is a website that I have found useful in gaining information about this issue.

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/index.htm>

Found

An iPhone has been handed in. It was found on Rhinds Road. It can be claimed from the office.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken next **Wednesday 18th March**. This will involve each class. An envelope has been sent home. These need to be returned to school prior to the photo day. The role of the office is just to collect the returned envelopes. We are unable to provide change. The photography company handles all the administration.

Cyber Bullying

In the paper recently there was an article about Kids Cyber sites and the dangers that can surround children and general use of the internet and in particular social networking sites. The Federal Government has set up a website to support parents, teachers and students in understanding cyber safety. I recommend this site to parents as a good start to teaching about cyber safety. This is an issue that we all need to address to ensure that all students can use the internet safely: www.cybersmart.gov.au

Principal News (contd)

What tips can I use to help my child in Mathematics?

Be positive about maths!

- Let your child know that everyone can learn maths.
- Let your child know that you think maths is important and fun.
- Point out the ways in which different family members use maths in their jobs.
- Be positive about your own maths abilities. Try to avoid saying "I was never good at maths" or "I never liked maths".
- Encourage your child to be persistent if a problem seems difficult.
- Praise your child when he or she makes an effort, and share in the excitement when he or she solves a problem or understands something for the first time.

Make maths part of your child's day

- Point out to your child the many ways in which maths is used in everyday activities.
- Encourage your child to tell or show you how he or she uses maths in everyday life.
- Include your child in everyday activities that involve maths – making purchases, measuring ingredients, counting out plates and utensils for dinner.
- Play games and do puzzles, with your child, that involve maths. They may focus on direction or time, logic and reasoning, sorting, or estimating.
- Do maths problems with your child for fun.
- In addition to maths tools, such as a ruler and a calculator, use handy household objects, such as a measuring cup and containers of various shapes and sizes, when doing maths with your child.

Encourage your child to give explanations

- When your child is trying to solve a problem, ask what he or she is thinking. If your child seems puzzled, ask him or her to tell you what doesn't make sense. (Talking about their ideas and how they reach solutions helps children learn to reason mathematically.)
- Suggest that your child act out a problem to solve it. Have your child show how he or she reached a conclusion by drawing pictures and moving objects as well as by using words.
- Treat errors as opportunities to help your child learn something new.

Reminder that the last day of term dismissal is at 2.30 pm.

Strawberry Fields Forever ...



Come to the front office and have a look at more photos taken at the Fair... who knows.. You could be in it!



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Last Week's

SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Prep Duckett	JACSON C For learning lots of information about the Rescue Helicopter. You showed great listening skills and asked an interesting question about how high the helicopter can fly.
Gr 1 McLaren	LUCY B For her lovely handwriting and writing on the correct lines using dotted thirds. Well done. MILLIE L For a terrific recount in writing about the Rescue Helicopter visit. Well done.
Gr 2 Vaught	ANNABELLE L For being a helpful and thoughtful student.
Gr 3 Stevens	AUSTIN W For making great choices in class this week and being actively involved in classroom discussion. Your dedication this week has not gone unnoticed. Keep up the great work Austin!
Gr 4 Farley	WILL D For being persistent and displaying an exceptionally positive attitude towards his reading. Keep up the great work Will.
Gr 5 King	DYLAN K For a fantastic recount about the Rescue Helicopter visiting the school. Well done Dylan
Gr 6 Lennon	BAYLEY H For showing a consistently diligent and conscientious approach to her learning - always striving to improve.

Sports Results: Golf and Swimming

Last Thursday the Grade 5's and 6's participated in a golf clinic run by Tony Collier (from Golf Victoria). Subsequent to this, the following students have been selected to represent the school at the upcoming Primary Schools Golf Championship at the Ocean Grove Golf Club: Joel Eastwood, Hugh Harris, Jack Ferguson, Darcy Mifsud, Max Lacy, Nate Howard, Matthew Lawrence and Kieran Spanner.

Last Friday 10 of our students competed in the Bellarine and North Geelong Division Swimming Championships at the Kardinia Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to all students who competed on the day. All students competed to the best of their ability, with many of them improving upon their personal best. A special congratulations to Charli R who came 1st in the 9/10 y.o. Boys 50m Freestyle and 3rd in the 9/10 y.o. Boys 50m Backstroke. Charli's efforts have qualified him for the Western Metropolitan Championships at the end of the month, but unfortunately he's unable to attend.



The Gr 34 students would like to thank all parents who contributed items to the 34 produce stall for the Strawberry Fair.

The chickens have started laying eggs and these are for sale now at \$6 per doz.

Wallington Primary School takes no responsibility for and does not endorse the quality or conduct of any activity advertised in the Community Notices section of the newsletter. Customers are required to make their own enquiries and judgements.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Parents and Friends Meeting/AGM

Mon 16th March – 9 am in the Hall

A reminder that the Parents & Friends AGM will be held on Monday, March 16th so please make a note in your diaries. All are welcome to come along and it would be lovely to see even more new faces. Whilst meetings are fairly informal, there are a number of positions that need to be filled so please consider whether you are able to take on a particular role or to help with any specific activities during the year.

On the Agenda

1. Filling Committee Positions for 2015 – President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary
2. Confirming activities/social events for end of Term 1 and Term 2
3. Appoint at least one Parent Representative for each year level.

The Parent Rep role:

- a "go to" person for other parents to provide feedback, ideas etc
- a point of contact for new families to the school
- assist in volunteer coordination throughout the year

If you would like any further information about the P&F please see one of the Executives – Penny (Kieran Yr 6), Amanda (Nate Yr 6, Maylee Yr 4, Rhiannon Yr 1), Diana (Max Yr 6) and Tracey (Sophia Yr 5). To add yourself to the P&F mailing list please email tracey@pondaestate.com.au

AFL Victoria School Holiday Program Ocean Grove

Location: Bellarine Aquatic and Sports Centre, Shell Road, Ocean Grove

Date: Wednesday 8th April, 2015

Time: 9am to 3pm

Registrations at

www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.au



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Westpac Rescue Helicopter visit from last week

Tate St Primary School Car Boot Sale & Market Day Saturday 21st March 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Sausage sizzle, cake stall, party plan companies.
Come and grab a bargain from the car boot stalls.
Contact the school office 52212780 for a stall.