



### DIARY DATES

Thu 30th Apr - 1st May	P-2 Bunyip Camp Book Fair Sales
Tue 5th & Wed 6th May	Mothers Day Stall 10 - 11 am <b>Please note change of date</b>
Thu 7th May	District Cross Country
Fri 8th May	Mothers Day Stall 3.30 pm
Tue 12th-Thu 14th May	NAPLAN Yr 3 & Yr 5
Wed 13th May	Bravehearts P-2 Parents & Friends Meeting 9.15 am Elkhorn
Wed 20th May	School Council Education Week Open Day 9.30 - 11 am
Fri 29th May	Blu Guru Incursion Whole School Parents & Friends Social @ Flying Brick Cider

### PRINCIPAL NEWS

#### NAPLAN

In a couple of weeks the students in grades 3 and 5 will be undertaking the NAPLAN. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

#### Why students are required to participate in the NAPLAN test?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

#### What is tested and how

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the *National Statements of Learning for English* and mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.

#### Principal News (contd)

#### How do we prepare our Students?

To support students with the NAPLAN they are made familiar with the format and timing. Each year the tests differ, however it is the format and the timing that remains constant.

#### Geelong College Challenge ` Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015

The Geelong College Challenge is a school based event that brings a group of four students together to work collaboratively on a variety of challenging problem solving tasks across a range of curriculum disciplines. The group-based problems give the students a chance to be active listeners, proactive in contributing their own thoughts and ideas, and provide constructive feedback for other group members. They will be challenged to be open to the ideas of others; be willing to try something outside of their comfort zone and to refine and strategise their thinking. This type of group work encourages students to stand up for their own opinions, listen with empathy, be organised, to manage time effectively, to improve their communication skills and to lead.... and to have some fun too!

Our representatives are

Jett W, Anouk M, Brianna L, Kieran S

#### District Cross Country

Next Thursday we have students participating in the Peninsula District Cross Country Run at Barwon Heads Village Park. We wish all our competitors well in this event.



#### Tips for Parents to help with comprehension

- Hold a conversation and discuss what your child has read. Ask your child probing questions about the book and connect the events to his or her own life. For example, say "I wonder why that girl did that?" or "How do you think he felt? Why?" and "So, what lesson can we learn here?"
- Help your child make connections between what he or she reads and similar experiences he has felt, saw in a movie, or read in another book.
- Help your child monitor his or her understanding. Teach her to continually ask herself whether she understands what she's reading.
- Help your child go back to the text to support his or her answers.
- Discuss the meanings of unknown words, both those he reads and those he hears. Read material in short sections, making sure your child understands each step of the way.



Leigh McLaren  
Principal

### Preps 2016

**Enrolments are now being taken for Prep 2016. Enrolments forms are available from the office.**

## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS



### Last Week's SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



<b>Prep Duckett</b>	<b>Trinity H K</b> For a great start to school at Wallington Primary.
<b>1M McLaren</b>	<b>Tilly K</b> For a very informative recount about the Life Ed van using lots of time connectives such as yesterday, before and after. Well done! <b>Zak S</b> For his excellent work using talking marks, commas, and question marks. Keep up the great work Zak!
<b>2V Vaught</b>	<b>Lottie H</b> For fantastic writing and sharing of ideas in group work activities. <b>Asta K</b> For fantastic leadership, writing and sharing of ideas in group work activities.
<b>3S Stevens</b>	<b>Cooper B-R</b> For your positive attitude towards all maths lessons this term. Keep up the great work Cooper. <b>Hayes W</b> For a great first two weeks in Term 2. Your positive attitude towards your learning is a great quality to have. Keep up the great work Hayes.
<b>4J Farley</b>	<b>Molly H</b> For being a responsible and diligent animal monitor. Thank you for your help Molly!
<b>5K King</b>	<b>Oasha S</b> For demonstrating a good understanding of 'renaming' when working with vertical addition and subtraction equations. Great work. <b>Meridien V</b> For her enthusiastic approach to all class tasks especially during oral discussions showing a willingness to share her ideas and thoughts. Well done Meridien.
<b>6L Rogers</b>	<b>Grade 6L</b> For welcoming and supporting Josh B on his return to Wallington. A big thank you! <b>Josh B</b> For his enthusiastic approach to his return to school. Welcome, Josh, it's great to have you back.

### Whole School Incursion

On Friday, 29th May, 'Blu-Guru' will be performing at school. This talented duet perform internationally and will give students a fascinating 'insight' into Indian music, dance and culture.

Further information on cost and activities for the day will be sent home in coming weeks.

J Macmillan

### Parent Financial Statements

A reminder that parent payments are now due. Parent Financial Statements have been sent home today. Payments can be made via BPay, cheque, EFTPOS or cash. Any questions can be directed to Cho Lay Thomas at the office.

Thank you to parents who have already made payments today.

### Students' Details Updates

It is essential that we have the most up to date information about students' details such as medical conditions, parent/guardian/emergency contact numbers, addresses etc.

If you have any details that need updating please contact the office or you may use the Skoolbag App for any updates. Below is the link for the Skoolbag App for parents new to Skoolbag.

<http://www.skoolbag.com.au/forparents.php>

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## PARENTS & FRIENDS



### Mother's Day Stall

Parents & Friends will be running a

Mother's Day stall on:

Tue 5th May 10 -11 am

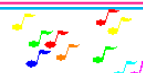
Wed 6th May 10 - 11 am (note change of date)

Fri 8th May 3.30 pm

Gifts are between \$3 - \$10



### Meagan Burch Music Tuition



#### Music Lessons AT school –

Piano, keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Drum or Singing Lessons

#### Private & Group of 2 Lessons

#### During &/or After School Hours at School

Come & try music lessons without committing to the full term.

To enrol in, or to obtain more information please contact

**Meagan: mbmt@bigpond.com**

### Bendigo Bank

Reminder that the Bendigo Bank is offering School Banking for all students every Monday at 9 am. Application forms are available from the office.

Any queries can be directed to Bendigo Bank at Gateway Plaza in Leopold Tel: 52501057 or email: Leopoldmailbox@bendigobank.com.au



## Geelong Marlins Junior Water Polo



### Come and Try Day Sunday 3 May 2015

Girls and boys 16/under, all skills levels



**Swimming with a whole lot more !**

**SUNDAY**

**12:30 to 2:30 PM**

Geelong College Recreation Centre  
Aprahasia Street Newtown

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