

WALLINGTON Primary School

NEWSLETTER







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DIARY DATES	
Thu 11th Feb	Parent Teacher Interviews P-5
Fri 12th Feb 2.45pm – 3.45pm Hall	2 nd Hand Uniform Sale Pop up Chilli shop
Wed 17th Feb	Yr 5/6 GRIP Conference School Council Meeting Welcome Picnic Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm
Fri 19th Feb 2.45pm – 3.45pm Hall	2 nd Hand Uniform Sale Pop up Chilli shop
Tues 23rd Feb	Chinese Lion Dance Incursion Whole School
Wed 24th Feb	Hockey Clinic Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm
Fri 26th Feb	Parents & Friends Social Horse Ride & Lunch
Sat 27th Feb	Working Bee
Wed 2nd Mar	Yr 5/6 Golf Clinic
	Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm
Fri 4th Mar	Bellarine & North Geelong Divisions Primary Schools Swimming Championships
Sun 6th Mar	STRAWBERRY FAIR
Mon 7th Mar	Preps start fulltime
Tue 8th Mar	Parents & Friends Meeting AGM
Wed 16th Mar	School Council Meeting
Thu 17th Mar	Welcome Picnic
Tue 22nd Mar	Special Easter Morning Tea - Details to follow
Wed 23rd Mar	Victorian Primary Schools Golf Tournament
Thu 24th Mar	Last Day of Term 1

PRINCIPAL NEWS

As the weeks of this term marches on we may experience hotter weather. It is important that children drink regularly. The students are regularly reminded to drink throughout the day. Parents are asked to do the same. It is also timely to reprint a media release from the Department of Education and Training.

Children and Hot Cars. NO EXCEPTIONS. NO EXCUSES.

On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car. The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside.

Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death. Young children's smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of \$2165 or three months in prison. NO EXCEPTIONS. NO EXCUSES.

For more information, see: Kidsafe Victoria



School Council Election Timetable 2016

Notice of election and call for nominations:

Monday 15 February

Closing date for nominations:

Tuesday 23 February

Date by which list of candidates and nominators will be posted

Thursday 25 February

Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed

on or before: Monday 29th February

If the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies then a ballot will not be necessary.

Close of ballot: Tuesday 8 March
Vote count: Wednesday 9 March
Declaration of ballot Thursday 10 March

Wednesday 16 March 2016

Special council meeting to co-opt Community members: 1st council meeting to elect office bearers.

The following vacancies exist:

3 x parent representatives

1 x DEECD representatives (1 casual vacancy)

Nomination forms available from the office from 15th February. For more information go to the Education department website:

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/Pages/election.aspx

Or the school website: www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au

Applications are now being taken for the CSEF (Camps, Sport & Excursions Fund). Please note that the closing date is 29th February 2016. Details were posted in last week's newsletter.

Bendigo Bank

Bendigo Bank is offering School Banking for all students every Wednesday morning (just before the start of the school day). 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

Student Details - Are they up to date?
A reminder to parents/guardians that it is essential that we have the most up to



date contact information on record. If any of your details have changed, or if any of your child's records need updating, eg medical conditions/asthma, please advise the office so that we have accurate information at hand. If your child has any medication stored at school, please check for expiry dates on these.

Updates can be done directly at the office or via the Skoolbag App.

LOMAS ORCHARDS at 570 Wallington Road has a big special on Royal Gala apples, 2 kg for only \$6 when you mention this ad!





STRAWBERRY FAIR NEWS

Just over 3 weeks and we are on track to another amazing Strawberry Fair. Thanks to everyone who has been hard at work, we really appreciate your efforts.

Wallington Kids Craft Co-op Stall

New to the Fair this year, we are calling on all kids interested in contributing to the 'Wallington Kids Crafts Coop Stall' to make any homemade strawberry theme crafts & goodies to sell at the Fair. You can make jewellery, bags, toys, decorations... - if you are keen and have a special skill/ talent that you can offer, please see or speak with either Poppy Hughes (Grade 5) or Michelle Hughes (0409 290 875)

Road Signs

If you know a business or have a property based on a major road where we could place a Strawberry Fair Coreflute sign please contact Amanda Howard on 0407 964 793.

Flashmob

The famous Wallington Strawberry Fair Flashmob is back again and we're so HAPPY! Kids from Grade 2 upwards will no doubt remember our Flashmob dance to 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams in 2014 - new families, preps & Grade 1s will have an opportunity to learn the dance moves during lunch time on Fridays and we'll post the moves on youtube – watch this space. Learn the dance and participate in the fantastic flashmob at various times during the Fair. We hope you can join in the fun!

Arena Entertainment

We are in search of a local sport/hobbie club or talent group willing to provide their time to showcase their talent or promote their club (20 minute display) in our grass arena located in the heart of our fair grounds. If you know of a club that may be interested please contact Michelle Hughes (0409 290 875)

If you haven't yet placed your name on the roster sheet - now is the time to nominate the area you'd like to contribute to! We have over 30 positions to fill and would really appreciate any families not yet on the roster to take a look and see where you may be able to assist. Most roles on the Sunday require a full day support, however, if you can only give a few hours due to other commitments, please come and talk to us so we can find a way to make it work for everyone. If you have any questions, please talk with Kerri Wrench (0410 508 922) or Fiona Ferguson (0427 502 518). Many hands make light work and therefore more fun!

Marketing

Thank you for liking, commenting on and sharing our latest Facebook post - it was viewed by over 5000 people which is ... amazing!! If you haven't hooked up with us on Facebook yet, go to www.facebook.com/wallingtonstrawberryfair and like, like, share and like!! Our Strawberry Fair posters are at the printers and will be ready for distribution early next week - we have 500 A4 posters to display in local shops and workplaces - and 1500 A5 leaflets to drop off in letterboxes we'll be needing lots of help to get these out!!!

Any general Strawberry Fair questions, please feel free to contact Kerri Wrench 0410 508 922



PARENTS & FRIENDS

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

There will be second hand uniform sales on Friday 12th and Friday 19th February.

2.45pm – 3.45pm in the Kitchen area of the hall Gold Coin Donation per item

For vour veggie garden

We are having a pop up shop on Friday 12th February and Friday 19th near the hall from 2.45pm- 3.45pm

For sale will be chilli plants, capsicums and eggplants in either tubes \$2.50 or 6inch pots \$5

Grown Locally by Melia Grove Nursery, no chemicals or sprays used. Cash sales at the table. Pre-orders can be taken - forms sent home today.

50% of total sales will go to Parents and Friends.

Save the date: School Welcome Picnic

All families of the school are invited to an evening school picnic on Thursday 17th March. More details to come



Term 1 Parents Social - Horse Ride and Lunch

Our horse ride and lunch has booked out! Any other parents interested are welcome to go on the waiting list. For further information please email breeschammer@bigpond.com



OGC COBRAS JUNIOUR FOOTBALL REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2016 SEASON ARE OPEN

Returning players will have now received an email to the account they used to register last year with directions on how to re-register.



New players to the club can follow the link on our website http://www.ogccobrasjfc.com.au/

If you have any queries regarding registrations please contact;

Dave Farrell Football Director, OGCC JFC Nigel Allan President, OGCC JFC email sandnallan@bigpond.com

email davidfarrell@stegbar.com.au ph. 0401 047 005

ph. 0437 744 893



Saint Ignatius College Geelong

Applications for Scholarships for Year 7 2017 now OPEN.

Please visit our website to download a Scholarship Application form.

www.ignatius.vic.edu.au

Applications close Friday 19th February, 2016

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Meagan Burch Music Tuition



Music Lessons AT school

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

During &/or After School Hours at School

Would you like to try music lessons, without committing to the full term?

Lessons are held at school by qualified and trained teachers. Instruments are available for hire. Private & small group lessons.

To enrol or for **more information** please contact **Meagan**: mbmt@bigpond.com

Providing Music Lessons in local schools since 1985.