



# WALLINGTON Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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### DIARY DATES

10th/11th/12th May	Naplan (Yrs 3 & 5)
Fri 13th May	P & F Meeting 9 am ~ Hall
Mon 16th May	Footy Clinic
Wed 18th May	Open Day Info Session 9.30 - 11 am School Council
Tue 24th May	Division Cross Country @ Eastern Gardens
Thu 26th May	Lightning Premiership
Fri 3rd Jun	Parents Social Trivia Night
Mon 13th Jun	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tue 14th & Wed 15th Jun	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thu 16th Jun	Pupil Free Day
Fri 17th Jun	Whole school Science day
Wed 22nd Jun	Preps Cross Country School Council
Fri 24th Jun	Last Day of Term 2.30 pm Dismissal

### PRINCIPAL NEWS

I hope all the mums had a lovely day last Sunday and enjoyed the gifts from the Mother's Day Stall. It has certainly been a busy few weeks. The NAPLAN testing for grades 3 & 5 has gone well and this is a credit to staff and students.

#### 3 Way Interview

This will be happening on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June. Notes will go home shortly to allow families to book a time for this interview. This is a good opportunity for Teacher, Parent, and student to come together to celebrate the success and map out the direction for future learning.

#### Report Writing

Teachers are in the midst of testing and writing reports. Reports will be finalized and sent home prior to the 3 way interviews.

#### Footy Clinic

Next Monday the grade 5 and 6 students will be attending an AFL footy Clinic at the school. This will be run by current AFL players. It is an exciting experience for them. There is no cost involved.

#### Prep 2016 Open Day

Next week we will be having our open day for next year's preps to come and tour the school. This will be on Wednesday 18th May at 9:30am. The student leaders will be escorting the parents around the school. This is an open invitation to anyone to come and have a look at the school.

#### Lightning Premiership (26<sup>th</sup> May)

The Peninsula District Lightning Premiership will be held soon on Thursday 26 May. We have a football team and Netball team entered. We wish everyone involved the best and hope they have an enjoyable and successful day. Thank you to John Dunstan (Football) and Chantel Milne, Michelle Kelly, Lisa Lennon, and Tracey Vaught (Netball) for giving up their time to coach the teams for the Lightning Premiership.



Aussie Rules



#### Our Volunteers

It is important that we take time to reflect on the great impact that volunteers have on the school. We would like to thank Michael Caruso, Joan Keating, and Pauline Hamilton for the work they do around the school and in the classrooms.

These three people have no other connection to the school besides their desire to help out our school. We are very grateful and fortunate to have these wonderful people helping at the school.

The work that parents do around the school is much appreciated and forms a vital link between home and school. They willingly volunteer their time and resources to ensure the school provides effective programmes to our students. On behalf of staff and students I would like to say thank you to everyone who volunteers at Wallington Primary School.

#### Head Lice

We have had reported a couple of cases of Head Lice. Over the past years parents at Wallington have been vigilant and treated and reported cases of head lice to the school. This has ensured that we minimize the impact. I have put up on the website information that may be of assistance to parents.

#### Parent Payments 2016

Thank you to the families who have already made their payments for School Requisites 2016.

If you have not yet made your payment, please do so as soon as possible. Please note that Parent Payments for 2016 were due by 26th February, unless other arrangements are made.

Payments can be made at the office via cash, cheque, EFT or QKR app. BPay option is also available online using your parent statement.

If you have any queries regarding your family account please contact Cho Lay Thomas at the office.

#### Entertainment Book Fundraiser



Order forms have been sent home. If you need another form, please pick up one from the office. This is also available online as a Digital Membership. To order, go to: [www.entbook.com.au/1131b68](http://www.entbook.com.au/1131b68)



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Principal

## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

The recent Anzac Day sausage sizzle raised a total of \$108, which has been donated to the Drysdale RSL. Below is a thank you letter from the club.



The President, Committee and members of the Drysdale RSL would you to pass on our sincere thanks to all your students for running the sausage sizzle and donating the money they collected to the RSL.

We would like the children to know that in giving, you help the RSL to continue vital welfare support for our Ex-Service Men and Women and their Dependants, who are in need. Money donated to us assists the RSL in relieving the hardship of Ex-Service Men and Women and their Families through a wide range of activities including:

- Food Vouchers
- Hospital and Home visiting
- Household utilities accounts
- Wheelchairs
- Walking Frames
- Scooters
- Providing Transport
- Pensions and Entitlement advice
- Home Maintenance
- Aged Care advice and facilitation

### THANK YOU FOR HELPING

Thank you for your kind generosity

## Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Amanda Vernon your local Saver Plus Worker:  
(03) 5278 8122  
or [avernon@bethany.org.au](mailto:avernon@bethany.org.au)

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across Greater Geelong by Bethany.  
The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

## HAVE YOU EVER USED OUR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES IN THE CITY OF GREATER GEELONG?

We want to know what you think about our Maternal and Child Health services and facilities.

Complete our short online survey from  
**23 March–27 May** at [www.geelongaustralia.com.au/yoursay](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/yoursay)  
and provide valuable input into the future direction of the maternal and child health service in Geelong.

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## PARENTS & FRIENDS

### P&F Meeting

Come and join us on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June for our P&F Meeting 9am in the School Hall. All welcome.



### Winter Veggies

Forms have gone home for winter veggie seedlings. Forms and payment to be returned to the white drawer outside the office by no later than Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Delivery will be week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2.45 – 3.45pm in the kitchen area of the hall. Gold coin donation per item. Donations of clean resalable uniform items always accepted with thanks.

### Stay up to date

With lots of Parents and Friends news and upcoming events, stay up to date by joining our Facebook page. Search for "Wallington PS Parents and Friends" and request to join.

### Hot Chocolate Day

The hot chocolate day raised a total of \$161.70, which will go towards the Andrew Love Centre.

Thank you to the parents and friends for organising the hot chocs!



Presents:

## Parenting as a Team

When we become parents we find ourselves in a new role and a new set of circumstances. Most parents learn the skills they need "on the job", and at times it can feel like one is learning at the "deep end".

How can two parents describe their differences, talk about them in a calm and constructive way, and then work out a common approach that is consistent, that works, and satisfies both parents?

It is fair to say that learning to work together to build a shared approach is no mean feat!

The four week program looks at:

- Reflecting on our own upbringing
- The importance of approaching difficult conversations in a constructive way
- Importance of understanding the differences in parenting styles
- Knowing that it is normal to experience some level of frustration or disagreement about the "correct" way to parent your children



**Cost**  
Gold Coin Donation

**Beginning**  
Tuesday 17 May

**Time**  
7.00pm – 9.00pm

**Location**  
"Ariston" 245-249 Pakington St, Newtown

For bookings and more information please contact the Regional Parenting Service

**Phone**  
5272 4741

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