



WALLINGTON Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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FAIR

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DIARY DATES

Thu 5th, 12th & 19th Nov	2016 Prep orientation days
Sun 15th Nov	Mitre 10 BBQ (P & F)
Mon 16th Nov - 27th Nov	Swimming Program P-3
Wed 18th Nov	P & F meeting 9.00am School Hall School Council Meeting
Thu 19th Nov	Yr 6 Geelong Police Blue Light Disco
Thu 26th Nov	Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm
Mon 30th Nov	Pupil free day
Thu 3rd Dec	Helpers Morning Tea
Wed 9th Dec	P & F Meeting @ Hello Birdie 9.15 am
Fri 11th Dec	Whole School Workshop - Billy Tea Bush Band Families End of Year Christmas Picnic Sausage Sizzle & Bush Dance 5.30 - 8.00 pm
Tue 15th Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
Wed 16th Dec	Party Day
Thu 17th Dec	Special Hot Lunch
Fri 18th Dec	Last Day of Term Dismissal 1.30 pm

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Punctuality

School commences at 9:00 am each weekday. I have noticed a number of students arriving after the bell. I urge all parents to ensure that their child is at school on time each morning. International research demonstrates a strong correlation between students' learning, longer-term life outcomes, attendance at school and appropriate participation in education programs.

It is crucial that children and students develop habits of regular attendance at an early age; even from the time they are enrolled in a pre-school setting.

Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of not achieving their educational and social potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations.

School Council

Next school council will be on **Wednesday 18 November** at 3:45pm.

Strawberry Fair Meeting

The next meeting of the Strawberry Fair Meeting will be on **26 November** at 7:00pm.

New Prep parents

Today I had the pleasure of meeting with the new prep parents as part of the prep Orientation program that is being organised by Mrs Duckett. This is an important part of the transition to school. Mrs Duckett has also been out and about visiting the various kindergartens. Thanks to the "Parents and Friends" for providing morning tea.



Leigh McLaren
Principal

Meeting with teachers

All teachers are happy to speak with parents. However their first and foremost responsibility is to their class. The 10 minutes prior to the start of the day is important for the preparation of the day. I ask that any prolonged conversations occur at a time that is convenient for the parents and teacher.

Pupil Free Day

Just a reminder that Monday 30th November is a pupil free day. Teachers will be working on reporting. Students are not required at school on this day.

End Of Year

I know this seems a long way off but I would just like to mention that children will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Friday 18th December after our final assembly.



Swimming starts on Monday 16th November 2015

Students will be swimming between 12.30 - 1.15 pm or 1.15 - 2.00 pm. It is fantastic to see such a positive response to this important program. Preps need to practise drying and dressing themselves, for independence as part of the program. Swim groups will take 10 minutes for instructors to move some students according to needs/abilities and changes will also occur for some students throughout the program according to their own progression. Qualified swim instructors will group students according to their needs and possibly group students with other grades. Due to the swimming program time table some students will be eating at a more suitable time. **Don't forget your towel and bathers!**

Thanking you.

Mr Vaught



Qkr! is now being trialled at Wallington Primary School.



The new Qkr! app is now live for families of students at Wallington Primary. Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the app and registering, simply scan the QR code on the left using the Qkr! Code scanner or type **WALLPS** after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!, and then the app will always recognise you as part of Wallington Primary in future to make payments even easier. You can pay your current excursions right now using Qkr! Booklists and other payments will also be available soon for you to make payments using Qkr!. To make payments immediately why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!

All feedback to the school office is very welcome.

See attached flyer sent home today or the school web for details.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Parents having too much fun - can you spot your mum or dad?



"Now listen very carefully to the Rules!"

Egg & Spoon Race - hope those aren't eggs from our Wallington chooks!



"Oh no, I dropped my egg!"

Who is going to win the Race?!



Newsletters Via Email

It is easier and better than ever to get the school newsletter online. Did you know....

1 ream of paper = 6% of a tree and 5.4kg of CO2 in the atmosphere.

3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water
Think Before You Print

Its time we considered our environment before printing off the newsletter. Receiving your newsletters As we are a Waste Wise school this will be your contribution to assisting our environment. This is also an excellent way to insure you actually receive the newsletter weekly and it is not at the bottom of a school bag. It's simple, all you have to do is open our website:

www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au

Click on the News Tab - Newsletters - then follow the prompts.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

The Billy Tea Bush Dance permission notes have been sent home today. These are due back no later than **Tuesday 1st December.**

Next Meeting

The next Parents and Friends meeting is on **Wednesday 18th November 9am in the Hall**. We warmly invite all parents to come along for a relaxed coffee and chat about the remaining year's activities.

Bellarine Cuisine Cookbooks

Looking for Christmas gifts?? Why not pick up a Bellarine Cuisine Cookbook at the office for **\$19.95** all profits are going towards a project for the school.

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

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 your contact or work 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. This can be done directly at the office or via the Skoolbag App.



Saturday 28th November
Saturday 5th Dec
9AM until SOLD OUT

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

WHERE: OCEAN GROVE PARK
CNR PRESIDENTS AVE & DRAPER ST

SIZES: 5 FOOT- 8 FOOT

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DELIVERY: \$10 - \$15



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