



WALLINGTON Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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FAIR

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DIARY DATES

Wed 20th Apr	School Council Meeting
Thu 21st Apr	School ANZAC Ceremony 3pm
Fri 22nd Apr	Yr 3-6 Cross Country
Mon 25th Apr	ANZAC Day
Thu 28th - Fri 29th Apr	Bunyip Camp P-2
Wed 4th May	District Cross Country
Thu 12th May	Hot Chocolate Day
Fri 13th May	P & F Meeting 9 am ~ Hall
Wed 18th May	Open Day Info Session 9.30 - 11 am School Council

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back to term 2. There is a lot going on this term, things like report writing, parent/teacher/student interviews, P-2 Bunyip Camp, Cross Country runs and the list goes on. It is important that you continually read the newsletters for relevant dates.

ANZAC DAY

To commemorate ANZAC Day the school is holding its own short ceremony. It will be starting at 3:00 pm until 3:30 pm. This will be followed by a free sausage sizzle to mark the occasion. No need to order but a gold coin donation would be appreciated (proceeds go to the RSL).



In addition to this the school will be marching in the Barwon Heads ANZAC Day parade. This is open to children in grade 3 - 6. One of our student leaders will be invited to read a poem at the ceremony at the end of the march. A note will go home tomorrow about this.

We also have Anzac badges for sale at the office for between \$2-\$5.

Parent Teacher Interviews

These will be held over two afternoons on the 14th and 15th June. Notes will be sent home closer to the time.

Pupil Free Day

The pupil Free Days for this term will be on Thursday 16th June 2016. Students will not be required at school on that day.

School App

Over the next few weeks we will be changing our school app to better provide for the communication needs of the school. As with our current app, there will be no cost involved in accessing it. Why the change? The new app will be integrated directly with the website and provide more consistent communication with parents as well as reducing the administrative work load. I will further update you as we move closer to the change over. There will be a period of time when the two apps will be working at the same time. This is to allow people to change over.

Bunyip Camp

In a couple of weeks is Bunyip camp (28 and 29 April). I know that the Prep - 2 team have everything in order for this event. I hope that all the children enjoy themselves and watch out for the bunyip!

Lost Property

With this sudden turn in the weather it is a good chance to check that all jumpers are labelled with your child's name. This helps with returning the lost items back to their rightful owners. All lost property is kept out near the sick bay in a basket. If your child has lost an item of clothing please check regularly.



Sporting Schools

This programme was formerly known as Active After School Sports Community and it operates on a Monday night after school.

As last term was a short term, we are continuing on with the Sporting Schools Program this term. If your child would like to participate enrolment forms are available at the office or just come along and fill it out just prior to the session.



Parent Helpers Program 2016

Would you like to know more about helping in the classroom? Then come along next Thursday to a Parents Helpers Information Hour.

I will talk about the types of activities that we might ask you to help with and give you lots of tips for helping students with **Reading**, **Writing** and **Speaking** and **Listening**. Everyone is welcome including parents who have helped in the classroom before.

I hope to see you there.

Emily Duckett

PARENT VOLUNTEERS IN THE CLASSROOM

WHEN PARENTS
PITCH IN TO HELP
TEACHERS, WHO WINS?
OUR KIDS!

Date: Thursday 21st April

Time: 9am or 3:45pm

Location: Prep Classroom



Leigh McLaren
Principal

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Bunyip Camp will be held on Thursday April 28th and Friday 29th of April for Prep-2 students. Further information will be sent home on Monday. Parents are reminded that forms and money need to be returned to *classroom teachers* no later than **Friday 22nd April**. A notice will also be sent home for any parents that are able to assist with various activities at camp. We need firewood for the campfire and hay bales for seating, so if anyone can help out with these please come and see me. Thanks.



Jason Vaught

Cross Country Friday 22nd April & District Cross Country Thursday 4th May 2016

The Yr 3-6 Cross Country will be on Friday 22nd April starting at 9.30 am and the District Cross Country on Wednesday, 4th May. Notes have been sent home with students.



Please return this by Monday, 18th April. Parent assistance on both days is needed. Please tick the box on the form if you are able to assist. Thank you.

Bellarine Community Farmers' Market This Saturday, 9am-1pm, Ocean Grove park

Come and meet the best of local and regional makers, growers and producers, for fresh seasonal produce and artisan food to go! Dogs on leads welcome + Kids corner entertainment and playground.
Something for all!"

Host an exchange student this July and show off your backyard!

Volunteer to host an overseas exchange student this July and open a world of new experiences for your family. WEP overseas exchange students are wonderful role models for young Australians. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting often endure for generations.



Three-time host mum, Di, says, "Hosting has made our children more patient and understanding in their personal relationships. It has opened up their world and inspired them! Being a volunteer host family has brought us closer together and I think it may have something to do with our overall happiness and wholeness as a family!"

All exchange students undergo a rigorous application process. Students attend school full-time, are fully insured and have their own spending money to cover personal expenses. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact us as soon as possible. To request an information pack, head to our website, www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733 to speak to our friendly hosting team!

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Save the Date – Parents Social Night

This term we will be having a parents social night on Friday 3rd June. It will be a trivia night held in the school hall. Wallington parents, teachers and friends are all welcome to attend. Tables of 8, tickets \$10 per person. More details and booking forms out soon!

Next Meeting

The next Parents and Friends meeting is on **Friday 13th May, 9am in the school hall**. We warmly invite all parents to come along for a relaxed coffee and chat and plan the years activities.



Stay up to date

To go on the distribution list for parents and friends minutes and correspondence please email breeschammer@bigpond.com. You can also keep up to date with the latest Parents and Friends news by joining our Facebook group. Search for "Wallington PS Parents and Friends".

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The City of Greater Geelong Family Services Department is consulting with parents and families to understand how they access maternal and child health services and facilities.

A short online survey has been developed to collect feedback from parents about the location of the centres, operating hours and appointment availability. The information collected will be used to assist inform future planning.

The survey is available online at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/yoursay from 23 March until 22 April 2016. Hard copies are available at Maternal and Child Health centres or City of Greater Geelong Customer Service Centres.

For further inquiries, please contact Terri Osburn on 5272 4850 or tosburn@geelongcity.vic.gov.au
Please see flyer in the school notice board.

