

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Mon 21st Jul	Active After School Community Program Begins
Wed 23rd Jul	School Council Meeting
Thu 24th Jul	Strawberry Fair Meeting 
Wed 13-15th Aug	Gr 5/6 Maldon Camp
Wed 3rd - 5th Sep	Gr 3/4 Camp
Thu 18th Sep	Children's Fair

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3. This term will see the Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 camps and the Children's Fair. Literacy and Numeracy Week will be celebrated with our annual book parade. So as you can see we will be having a lot happening.



Active After School Sports

This program commences on Monday 21st July and sports offered include basketball. Enrolment forms for this program are available at the office.

Drumming

Drumming will commence next Wednesday. If your child would like to participate in this lunchtime activity please return the Expression of Interest form by Friday or contact the office for more information.



Dental Survey

Last term I sent home a Dental survey. This survey will be followed up by a dental examination of your child (if you consented). This examination will be conducted at the school, free of charge. The examination will be on either Monday 21st or 22nd July. I will let people know what time the appointments are.

If you haven't sent your form back and would like to participate in this project there are more forms at the office. Please return them to the office.

Special Religious Education (formerly Religious Education)

Last term a consent form, for your child to attend SRI was sent home. As was explained in the accompanying letter, the process is now for parents to consent for their child to participate in SRI program. If consent is not received then your child is unable to participate in the SRI program.

A copy of the consent form can be found on the school website by following the following links: [Homepage->Our School->Policies](#)

Or typing the following URL into your browser
http://www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/1405472701sriparentconsentform.pdf

Spurwinged Plovers

Our plovers are back again. We have not located the nest as yet. Please be aware of the birds. They are found in many habitats, nest in the open in fields, backyards, footy ovals or on roofs. Medium bird, 33-38 cm long. Loud, often swoops when nesting to protect its eggs or chicks.



Principal News (continued)

Strawberry Fair Meeting

The first meeting of the Strawberry Fair 2015 is proposed for **Thu 24th July at 7:00pm** in the staffroom. This is a most important meeting as we need to look at the structure of the fair and sort out who is going to do what jobs.

The Supervisory Roles:

Entertainment	Stalls	Publicity	Catering
Site management	Signage	Sponsorship	Manager
Rostering			

It is critical that these jobs are filled early so that planning and preparation can go ahead. We have approximately 100 families. The more people we can get to help with the organising the better. If this is your first Strawberry Fair come along and see how you can get involved.

Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?

The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?

Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent's bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?

The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?

In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools - consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?

Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional \$12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?

No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need. The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.

Fact Sheet-Education Maintenance



Leigh McLaren
Principal





Asian Market

As part of our Community Projects, Grade 5 will be organising an Asian Market. Miss Mac has brought items back from Cambodia and students can buy 2 items if they wish. We will sell them during Asian Studies classes next week. All students can buy one friendship bracelet for \$1 plus one from the following list:

- * Bamboo flute \$2
- * Elephant purse \$2
- * Scarf \$3
- * Wooden bird set \$4

Any leftover goods will then be offered for sale later. Any profit from the Market will go to the 'Book Buddies Project' in Cambodia.

Thank you, from Grade 5

WANTED

**Table tennis loans for school use.
Do you have a table tennis table?
Would you miss it for a term?
If not, please contact Emily Jones.**

Bellarine Community Farmers' Market

On THIS Saturday, 9am-1pm, Ocean Grove Park
Supporting the best of fresh, local & regional produce + buskers,
playground & food-to-go makes for a great family day out!
All enquiries: Sally Waites - 0418141208

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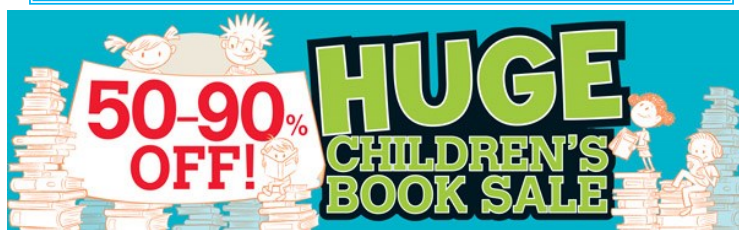
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We are taking 50-90% off everything! Thousands of fantastic children's books will be on sale - paperback novels, picture books, chapter books, activity items and much more!
Don't miss this opportunity to re-stock bookshelves!

Tuesday 22 July 8am-5pm - one day only!

Hall of Agriculture, Geelong Showground, East Geelong

Thursday 31 July 8.30am-5pm - one day only!

Hallam Recreation Reserve Hall, Frawley Road, Hallam

It's easy to buy!

You can pay by cash, EFTPOS, credit card and school account. For school accounts you will need a Letter of Authority on school letterhead and/or purchase order.

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Help Needed

I am struggling with transport for Caitlin from Wallington after school on Tuesdays to Ocean Grove. If anyone is keen to assist with this request to call me direct - Rachel Harris 0433 175 126. Thanks.

Become A Volunteer Host Family

Enrich Your Home With A WEP Exchange Student

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

Arriving in January:

Angelica (17) from Italy says that she is excited to start school in Australia, to meet her new classmates and start speaking English with them. She has been doing artistic gymnastics since she was 6 and currently trains 3 times per week. Although she admits she isn't at a high ---level, she loves the sport and spending time with her teammates. She tells us that she is looking forward to meeting her new host family, is willing to help out with housework and is excited to meet her new host siblings.

Pietro (17) from Italy enjoys martial arts, playing cards and games, general fitness and plays both the trumpet and piano. He tells us that on Sunday mornings he often goes to church or bakes with his father and sister. He also says that he is optimistic and hopes that his exchange experience will help him grow as a person.

+ MANY MORE

Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

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