



WALLINGTON Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Thu 17th Mar	Welcome Picnic
Tue 22nd Mar	Special Easter Morning Tea
Wed 23rd Mar	Victorian Primary Schools Golf Tournament School Council Meeting AGM
Thu 24th Mar	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 11th Apr	Start of Term 2
Thu 14th Apr	Parents & Friends Meeting
Fri 22nd Apr	Yr 3-6 Cross Country

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome Picnic-BBQ

All families are invited to a Welcome Picnic-BBQ at the school on Thursday 17th March. There is no charge for the BBQ and it is a good opportunity to come along and meet the other parents. The BBQ will start from 5:30pm. Details also in Parents & Friends section of the newsletter.



Last Day of Term.

The last day of term is Thursday 24th March. Students will be dismissed at 2:30 pm. There will be no assembly on that day. We will have a shortened lunch time so that children have some time in their classrooms preparing for the end of term. Please make sure that your child is picked up on time. After School Care will be operating from 2:30 pm until 6 pm.

Parents and Friends AGM

This was held last Tuesday week and begun with a wonderful run down on what this group had achieved in the past 12 months.

- * Disco
- * Mothers and Fathers Day Stall
- * Christmas Picnic
- * Meet the new families BBQ
- * Parent Dinners
- * Sushi Wednesday
- * Book Club
- * School Banking
- * Hot Chocolate Day
- * Book week
- * Morning Teas
- * Whole School Excursion
- * Graduation Pens
- * Mitre 10 BBQ

The Election of the 2016 Office Bearers

Amanda Howard - President Kirsten Willey - Vice President
Bree Schammer - Secretary Tanya Hayward - Treasurer

Congratulations to these parents and I hope that you have a successful year.



Leigh McLaren
Principal

Reps for each year level were again allocated. The role of these reps will be to help co ordinate events and welcome new families into the school.

Parent Representatives for Year levels are:

Prep: Danielle Wilks, Kate Fenwick
Grade 1: Lisa Dyson, Jane Healy, Tanya Hayward
Grade 2: Natalie Baensch, Jen Absalom
Grade 3: Renee Renshaw, Michelle Hughes
Grade 4: Kerstin Willey, Jo Harris
Grade 5: Amanda Howard, Kerri Wrench
Grade 6: Tracey Frigo, Kath Rahdon

Student Absence

It is a requirement of the Department of Education and Training that "Parents/guardians are required to provide an explanation for their child's absence from school, and a principal (or teacher) must record in writing the reason (if any) given by the parent/guardian." A note in the diary with a simple explanation for the absence is greatly appreciated. Teachers read the diary every day and will initial the entry to show that it has been recorded. Absences can also be reported via the Skoolbag app.

The Car Park

It has been observed that a few parents are using the drop off zone in the afternoon to pick up their children. The Drop Off Zone is closed in the afternoon. Parents are asked to park and then go and collect their child/children from the school yard and escort them back to the vehicle. Whilst this may be seen as a waste of time let me assure you that the safety of all children is foremost in our minds. **We ask all parents to respect this rule as a matter of safety to all concerned.**



Bring your Own Devices (BYOD)

The access to technology on a one to one basis with the students is a discussion that we need to have over the course of the year. What is this? Click on the link below for a full description. Basically it is a program where the students bring to school or lease from the school their own device for use at home and at school. It is a way of bridging the digital divide.

Should our children be "connected online" all the time?

What are the benefits of such a program in terms of my child's learning?

Do we, as parents, have a say in the matter?

All good questions, and questions that not only need to be asked, but answered to the satisfaction of the community. We want the decision to be one that is made with community input. This will be an issue that will ensue throughout the year.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/learning/Pages/devices.aspx>

Book Buddies

I regularly send boxes of books to Cambodia to be given to schools, language centres and orphanages. So if you are doing a sort out over the holidays and find any picture storybooks or easy novels that you don't want anymore, please bring them to the Art room.



Much appreciated
Judie MacMillan

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Jurassic Creatures

We have a family pass worth \$105 to Jurassic Creatures in Harbour Town Melbourne on 4 April 2016 to give away. For a chance to win, just pop your name and contact number in the box at the front office and we will draw a winner on Wednesday.



Come and try days. Tee-ball & junior baseball!

Saturday 19 March
Estuary Estate Oval
Estuary Blvd, Leopold

Sunday 20 March
Wallington Rec Reserve
Wallington Rd

Free and fun for all – equipment provided

Sign up for junior & Tball seasons

starting in Apr. No experience needed!

Contacts – Dave Crotty 0418 520 259

Kylie O'Brien 0414 724 670

A community initiative brought to you by the Bellarine Bears
www.bellarinebears.org.au



It's Food Fair time at
Chilwell Primary School

Friday 18th March.

Lots of food stalls,

Silent & Live Auctions, Music, Wine,

Rides for the kids and fun!

Come for dinner from 4 pm. till 9 pm.
and bring all the family.

Geelong East Primary School

2016 Twilight Easter Fete

Friday 18th

March

4pm till 8pm



**UNLIMITED RIDE
TICKETS \$25**

Available at the school office
until Fri 17th March, 2016
4 hours of unlimited fun
Individual rides can be purchased
on the night for \$6

CAR DISPLAY

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FOOD

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PARENTS & FRIENDS

School Welcome Picnic

Don't forget the school picnic is on tonight
Thursday 17th March from 5.30pm.

A bbq tea will be provided with sausages, ham-burgers and soft drinks, or you are welcome to BYO picnic.

We will also be having some fun family games and races.



Parents Social Horse riding Group

Dates for rides in term 2 are 29/4, 27/5 and 24/6.

Cost is \$40 and includes 1hr ride and light lunch

To book a place contact breeschammer@bigpond.com

Next Meeting

The next Parents and Friends meeting is on
Thursday 14th April, 9.15am Elkhorn Roadhouse

We warmly invite all parents to come along
for a relaxed coffee and chat and plan the
years activities.



Stay up to date

You can keep up to date with the latest Parents and Friends news by joining our Facebook group. Search for "Wallington PS Parents and Friends"

Ocean Grove Auskick

Friday nights 5.30pm-7pm .

Shell Road Reserve Sports Pavilion (52-60 Shell Road, OG)

enquiries:oceangroveauskick@gmail.com

Boys & Girls from Kinder age to Grade 5 welcome

Starts Friday, April 15th

NAB AFL Auskick Program 2016

Barwon Heads NAB AFL Auskick commences on Friday 15th April 5 - 6pm at Barwon Heads Football Club, Bluff Road.

The NAB AFL Auskick program is aimed at children aged 5-12 and makes learning to play AFL fun, safe and easy for boys and girls. Through weekly coaching sessions they will learn the skills of the game in an exciting, social and safe environment.

Each participant will receive an awesome pack full of gear when they join.

The cost for the season is \$91 and is paid online at registration.

To register children must be turning 5 this calendar year (2016).

The season will run from Friday 15th April - Friday 12 August 2016 (Please note Auskick will not run on the Fridays of public Holidays, 22 April and 10 June or on the School Holidays 1 July and 8 July).

The bar will be open each week with a sausage sizzle put on for the kids each week from our local sponsors Benno's and IGA, we will also have family nights and strive to get a half time grid game and a visit from some AFL players.

To Register please follow these simple steps

- Visit aflauskick.com.au
- Enter your Postcode in the centre locator and select Barwon Heads
- Complete the registration process

We have a new team at Barwon Heads this year and can't wait to see you all at the ground.

If you have any questions please contact Amy Raleigh amyraleigh@bigpond.com