



DIARY DATES

Fri 19th Feb 2.45pm – 3.45pm Hall	2 nd Hand Uniform Sale Pop up Chilli shop
Tues 23rd Feb	Chinese Lion Dance Incursion Whole School
Wed 24th Feb	Hockey Clinic Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm
Fri 26th Feb	Parents & Friends Social Horse Ride & Lunch
Sat 27th Feb	Working Bee
Wed 2nd Mar	Yr 5/6 Golf Clinic Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm
Fri 4th Mar	Bellarine & North Geelong Divisions Primary Schools Swimming Championships
Sun 6th Mar	STRAWBERRY FAIR
Mon 7th Mar	Preps start fulltime
Tue 8th Mar	Parents & Friends Meeting AGM
Wed 16th Mar	School Council Meeting
Thu 17th Mar	Welcome Picnic
Tue 22nd Mar	Special Easter Morning Tea - <i>Details to follow</i>
Wed 23rd Mar	Victorian Primary Schools Golf Tournament
Thu 24th Mar	Last Day of Term 1

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Hockey Clinic

Next Wednesday 24th Feb Grade 1 – 6 will be attending a hockey clinic put on by Hockey Victoria. There is no cost for this clinic and it will be held on the Basketball Court at school.

Strawberry Fair

As the Fair quickly approaches, there are still many last minute jobs to do. As everyone knows this is our only major fundraiser for the year and we ask that all families to be involved in the fair. We still have spots on the roster to fill.

Our next meeting is next Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The meeting next week is an important one as we will be having our emergency/safety briefing. **All area managers and coordinators need to be at this meeting so that we can do a thorough briefing.**

Wrist Bands for Rides: As a Special offer for **Wallington Primary School Families only**, we are offering wrist bands for \$20.00. These will allow unlimited rides on Giant Slide, Laser Tag, Chair O'Plane, Activity Centre, and the Animal Farm.

Please note that the Pony Rides and train are not covered by the wrist bands. Orders and payment for wrist bands need to be done by 3rd March. Payment may be done via QKR as well as the cash, cheque & EFTPOS. A pre order form has been sent home today.

Bendigo Bank

School Banking is now on Wednesday (just before the start of the school day). If your child does not have an account applications are available at the foyer of the school.



Leigh McLaren

Working Bee

On Saturday 27th Feb at 8:30 am we will be having a working bee for the Strawberry Fair preparation. The grounds are in pretty good shape at the moment and it will take just a couple of hours to get the school looking even better. If you can bring your whipper snippers, blowers, rakes, mowers etc. that would be great. Jobs to do include:

- * Whipper snip the fence line
- * Clear out door tracks on hall
- * Remove goal posts
- * Clean cobwebs off hall
- * Weed native garden
- * Sweep paths
- * Mowing under trees

School Council Election Timetable 2016

Notice of election and call for nominations:

Monday 15 February 2016

Closing date for nominations:

Tuesday 23 February 2016

The following vacancies exist:

- 3 x parent representatives
- 1 x DEECD representatives (1 casual vacancy)

Nomination forms available from the office from 15th February. For more information go to the Education department website:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/Pages/election.aspx>

Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP)

The Department provides financial assistance in the form of a conveyance allowance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their closest government school/campus or closest appropriate non-government school/campus.

The conveyance allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school. The allowance is an acknowledgement of the sometimes limited transport options available outside metropolitan Melbourne. The conveyance allowance particularly assists students who attend their nearest school but do not have access to a free school bus service.

For more information, see:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/finance/Pages/conveyance.aspx>

Or the school website: www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au

Visiting Japanese Student

From Feb 21st – March 12th,

Ms Mizuho Hirami, a 19 year old university student, will be visiting us from Japan.

Her time here is part of a Creative Cultural Exchange Program and her project is 'Karuta in Education'. With grades 3-6, she will be teaching students how to play and create Karuta cards. With grades P-2, she will be playing Karuta and sharing cultural activities.

We welcome her to Wallington Primary School and community.



Judie Macmillan



**Last Week's
SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**



PREP D Duckett	CRYSTAL W For being a caring and friendly student.
PIN Norris	MARCUS B For being a fantastic member of PIN! You always put in 100% into your work and you are always willing to help others when you're finished. What a legend! Keep up the great work!
12S Stevens	ALEXANDRA N For always going the extra mile in class. Well done Alexandra! Keep up the great work.
2V Vaught	WYATT A For being a reliable and helpful classroom leader. KALIN A For making a terrific start in 2V and being a reliable classroom leader.
3J Farley	JEMMA C For being a good friend and helping her classmates in need. Well done Jemma.
4M Murray	POPPY T For making some excellent book choices when picking her good fit books and settling so well back into class. Well done Poppy!
5D King	MAYLEE H For beginning to show a good understanding of how to round numbers to assist her when making a reasonable estimation when problem solving.
6L Lennon	CHARLOTTE L For fully embracing her role as a student leader, showing initiative and great enthusiasm in every aspect of her roles and responsibilities. Fantastic leadership Charlotte - well done! LILY S For great use of descriptors in her profile. Well done Lily!



SUNDAY 6TH MARCH

It's now 2 weeks until the 2016 Strawberry Fair. Thanks yet again to the incredible hard working committee, parents and kids who are putting in hours of work behind the scenes in anticipation of this special day! This is such a great community event and wouldn't be as successful without everyone's support.

Strawberry Fair Posters:

The posters & flyers are ready for distribution and we'd love your help:

- by distributing the A4 posters to your local shops, cafes, workplaces and club noticeboards
- walking the neighbourhood with your kids and deliver the A5 flyers to local letterboxes
- popping flyers into childcare/kindergarten pockets and hand them out at activities that your kids attend eg sporting comps, dance lessons etc.

Some A5 flyers will be sent home to each family this week – please encourage your children to pass these onto family, friends and neighbours.

We will have a further 500 A4 posters and 1500 A5 flyers at a table outside the school office ready for you and your children to collect and distribute. When you collect these, please mark off the areas (shops/letterboxes, streets etc) on the maps provided which show the areas / locations you'll be covering so we don't double up. A big thank you to our hardworking parents **Linda Di-Giusto (ADART Design) for the artwork, and Anne Lane for organising the printing through Print Design Australia.**

Pony Rides:

Our team of ponies need your help. They happily provide the kids with rides throughout the day but we are in need of 2 more friendly, calm ponies that would be suitable to join this team between 10.00am & 12 noon. If you can help please contact Scott on 0418 539 013.

Cake Stall:

Our famous cake stall is very popular and the envy of many school fairs. Next week on Thursday 25th February we are sending home & providing each family with further information, examples of some recipes and 2 boxes. Keep an eye out for these! We would love your help in filling these boxes with home baked goods, anything from a cake to muffins to cookies or slices. They are to be brought to school on either the Saturday or early Sunday (Fair Day), they will then be packaged for sale.

Wrist Bands for Rides:

Again back by popular demand and available only to school families are able to obtain wrist bands allowing you unlimited rides throughout the day - \$20 before the fair, \$25 on the day. **Payments can be made at the office now and wrist bands will be issued on Fair day.** Rides at the fair will include: Chair 'o' Plane, Giant Slide, Activity Gym, Jumping Castle and Laser Tag.

Flashmob:

If you are interested in learning the fabulous flashmob join our lunchtime lessons at school on Friday with the kids at 1.30pm in the hall or watch a clip "Wps" on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/87047262> Password wpsappy

Working Bee:

Strawberry Fair Site preparation requires a working bee at the school on **Saturday 27th February** in the morning. Please see Leigh McLaren if you are available or just turn up and show your support.

Bendigo Bank Sponsor:

We welcome Bendigo Bank as a major sponsor for the Wallington Primary School & the annual Strawberry Fair. We thank them for their support and look forward to their involvement.

Volunter Rosters - How can you help?

At the moment we have 70% of families committed to the fair. If you don't yet know how you can help please refer to the rosters on Mr McLaren's Office Window. We require and really appreciate all families who can place their names down on the roster to make the day a success. There are also many other ways to support the school community prior to the day so have a chat to Kerri Wrench (0410 508 922) or Fiona Ferguson (0427 502 518) and find out how you can help.



**THANK YOU
FOR OUR EARN
AND LEARN
RESOURCES!**

We are looking for parents who can contact new books or help to put the returned book back on the shelves. If you would like to help in either role, please return this form to the office. Thank you.



I am able to assist in the library.

My name: _____

Contact number: _____

LOMAS ORCHARDS at 570 Wallington Road has a big special on Royal Gala apples, 2 kg for only \$6 when you mention this ad!

