

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Thu 18th Sep	Children's Fair
Fri 19th Sep	Last Day of Term Dismissal 2.30 pm
Mon 6th Oct	Start of term 4
Thu 9th Oct	Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm
Mon 13th Oct	Artist in Residence Start - Jon Madin
Wed 22 Oct	Geelong Cup Holiday
Tue 28th Oct	'Ding Boxes' Concert with Jon Madin 2 pm
Thu 30th Oct	First Aid in Schools Gr 2-6
Thu 20 Nov	Gr 5/6 Police Blue Light Disco

PRINCIPAL NEWS

It is hard to believe that the school holidays are with us again. Throughout the term we have done quite a bit: Athletics Sports, Lightning Premierships. Grade 3 / 4 Camp and 5/6 camp just to name a few things. The support that this school enjoys from the parents and the community is sensational. It is a real credit to everyone. It is this community feel is one of the things that stands Wallington Primary apart from other schools.

Last Day of Term

Friday 19th September is the last day of term. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Could families please make the necessary arrangements to have their child/children picked up at **2:30 pm**.

End of term arrangements.

1:30pm Lunch

2:00pm Bell to come inside

2:10pm Assembly

2:30pm Dismissal

NAPLAN

Naplan results were sent home yesterday for years 3 and 5. NAPLAN is a series of tests that was done back in May and does not reflect a true picture of where your child is currently performing.

Sad News

It is with great sadness that I pass on the news that Mrs Marino's husband suddenly passed away on Monday night. Jennie Marino was a long term teacher here and has been doing some casual work with us. She will be well known to many of our families. Our thoughts are with Jennie and her family at this time and I have sent condolences on behalf of the school. If anyone wants to send a card it can be dropped at the school office and we will forward it on.

Principal's News (contd...)

STRAWBERRY FAIR

Meeting for 18th September - Postponed

The next Strawberry Fair meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th October**. There is still much to plan for the fair so I would encourage all interested parents to continue attending these meetings. We urgently seek parents to fill the following positions.

Catering - This position co ordinates all the food stalls to ensure that there are sufficient supplies. We have a database of items ordered in the previous years so it is just a matter of reviewing this list.

Stalls - This position co ordinates all the store holders. It includes sending out letters, accepting their application and siting them into the fair plan.

There is plenty of support to assist parents with these positions. If you can help please let me know as soon as possible.

Children's Fair

It was unfortunate that the weather did not allow us to hold the fair outdoors. However, the students had a great time selling their products. We have been holding the Children's Fair for many years and the children really embrace the idea of organising and running the stalls. As I write this newsletter the smell of the popcorn and the sound of circus music is filling the school and there is a real buzz of excitement.

All proceeds from today go to our world Vision sponsor child – Jacklyn Annan.

Debating

Last week our Debating Team hosted the final debate for the year. Unfortunately they were beaten on the night. Our team has done really well in developing their skills over the past term. Thanks goes to Belinda Morrissy for her coaching of the team and thanks to the parents who supported the team by driving to away debates and being part of the audience at home debates as well. Without this support we could not run this worthwhile activity.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At school council last night a lot of the discussion was around two topics:

Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

As from 2015 EMA will not be paid to parents but it will be included into the school's budget. School Council are acutely aware of the impact of this on parents who currently receive the payment. *Attached to this newsletter is a letter from a number organisations outlining actions people could take to voice their concerns over these changes.*

Please feel free to discuss this matter with any of our school council members:

David Evans
Kelly Tobin
Bernie King

James Watson
Michelle Hughes
Jack Stevens

Kerry Wrench
Michelle Verso
Leigh McLaren



Principal's News (contd...)

School Governance

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development are proposing changes to the way schools are governed and are placing more responsibility back to the school council.

The Government will shortly implement a number of actions including:

- supporting those schools that wish to form a federation with another school or schools under a joint school council;
- building school council capacity through improved induction, training and networking opportunities;
- providing clearer roles for teachers on school councils as education experts rather than as representatives of their peers;
- enhancing accountability by ensuring that school councils will be able to provide feedback on the Principal's delivery of the school's strategic plan;
- supporting school council considerations through the development of a self-reflection tool to help assess effectiveness and identify areas for improvement; and
- establishing a pool of interested, skilled individuals who will be available to join school councils.

I encourage you to read the policy paper and share it with your fellow councillors and the school community. The paper can be found at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/governancereview.aspx>



Bellarine Division Athletics

Congratulations to the 28 students who competed at Landy Field on Wednesday. All the students showed great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and team support throughout the day and should be proud of their efforts.

Eliza V	2 nd 12/13y.o. Girls High Jump
Kyle M	1 st 12/13y.o. Boys AWD Shot Put
Bayley H	2 nd 10y.o. Girls Long Jump

The above 3 students' results have qualified for the Western Metropolitan Region next term. We congratulate them on their personal achievements and wish them all the best at the next level. A big thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day with transport to and from the venue.

Lisa Lennon

Family Financial Statements

Statements were sent home last week. Thank you to the families who have made payments. If you still have not finalised your Student Requisites please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions please see Cho Lay Thomas at the office.

Lost Property

Please check lost property (located in First Aid room - next to office). Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity or thrown away (for hygiene reasons).

Reminder also to label all clothing items so that it can be returned to the rightful owner.



The Grade 3/4's hosted a thankyou morning tea to showcase the fresh produce and hard efforts from the garden program. The students harvested, cooked and served the special dish with only one ingredient purchased from the supermarket. The attendance by family and friends was outstanding. Thanks to all those who attended.



Thank you to the families who have volunteered to help look after the chickens in the holidays.

There are eggs for sale for \$5 a doz from the Gr 3/4 room.



Gr 3/4 environment

Bellarine Community Farmers' Market

Saturday 20th September (and every third Saturday of the month), Ocean Grove Park, 9am-1pm For the best of fresh, local & regional produce, coffee & food-to-go, a playground, buskers, Kids Corner + facepainting and dogs on leads welcome. A great family day out!

All enquiries - Sally Waites 0418141208

Ocean Grove Surf Lifesaving Club Open Day
19th October 2014 10am-2pm
Surf Beach Road, Ocean Grove

Lifesaving demonstrations including mock rescues, games and tours of the clubhouse.

All enquiries to:

Kerrie Beales Mob: 0490068007 or
membership@oceangroveslsc.asn.au

junior BOWLS squad
Under 18 Bowls Development Squads

Junior Lions Squad is for children 8-14 years of age.

Every Tuesday during school term 4-5 pm

Juniors will learn the game of Lawn Bowls using fun modified games, as well as all the traditional games. Bowls is a very inclusive sport and one you can play with any member of the family. Get down and join the squad with Nicole Shortis, Leopold's new Bowls Coordinator.

Nicole is a former Victorian State Representative and would love to give you every opportunity to see how far you can go in the sport.

Senior Development Squad is for teens 14-18 years.

Every Tuesday during school term 5-6 pm.

Starting 16th September.

TO REGISTER:

Email: bows@leopoldsc.com.au

Phone 0404690836