



DIARY DATES

Wed 25th Mar	Wallington PS Welcome BBQ 5.30 pm
Fri 27th Mar	End of Term 1 DISMISSAL 2.30 PM
Mon 13th Apr	Start of Term 2
Fri 17th Apr	Yr 5/6 Bio Lab
Tue 21st Apr 21st—22nd Apr 21st—23rd Apr	Parents & Friends Meeting 9 am Life Ed Woorabinda Camp
Mon 27th Apr	Start of Book Fair Week
Wed 29th Apr	School Council Meeting Yr 5/6 GRIP Leadership

PRINCIPAL NEWS

School Council

Last night was the first meeting of the new school council. The Parent Representatives for 2015 are:

James Watson – President **Kelly Tobin – Vice President**
Dave Evans **Michelle Hughes**
Kerri Wrench **Tracey Frigo**

A member of the Parents and Friends Group also hold a place on the council. I thank these parents for giving up their time to be part of the school's decision making process. As a parent, this is one way that you can have input into the school's direction.

The Annual Report was presented. Copies are available from the office and will be able to be downloaded from the website on Friday.

Welcome BBQ

All families are invited to a Welcome BBQ at the school on Wednesday 25th 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.

Last Day of Term.

The last day of term is 27th March. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Assembly will be on at 2:10pm on that day.

Parents and Friends (P & F) AGM

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

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

The Election of the 2015 P & F Office Bearers

Amanda Howard President
Kirsten Willey Vice President
Bree Schammer Secretary
Nick Danne Treasurer

Principal News (contd)

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

One of the initiatives that the P & F have put into place is to have year level reps. 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 – Jane Healy
Year 1 – Olga Barrett
Year 2 – Renee Renshaw
Year 3 – Kirsten Willey/Jo Harris
Year 4 – Amanda Howard/Michelle Hughes
Year 5 – Kath Rahdon
Year 6 – Diana Lacy

Working With Children Check

Working with Children Check (WWC) - reminder to Parents that a WWC is required when volunteering at school. Information and application can be found online at

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Parents who hold a WWC must ensure that they are current and not expired. Below are extracted information from the Dept of Justice website and how to apply for a WWC.

Commencing volunteering

A volunteer can commence work in a school when they provide a receipt as proof they have applied for a WWC Check with the Department of Justice. <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

The WWC Check is a minimum checking standard set by the *Working with Children Act 2005* for those who work with children, either on a paid or voluntary basis.

To be a volunteer at a school a Working with Children Card provided by the Department of Justice is required. This card is:

- valid for 5 years
- transferable between volunteer organisations
- free of charge for volunteers, but cannot be used for paid employment.

Note: WWC Checks for paid employment can be used to show suitability for volunteer work.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were taken yesterday on 18th March. If parents have any concerns or questions relating to their order, please contact MSP photography directly on Tel: 52226747.

Bookclub orders close on Friday, 20th March.



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Last Week's

SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Prep Duckett	BRIELLA C For adding clear labels to her wonderful drawing of 'Spike' the lizard.
Gr 1 McLaren	RHIANNON H For doing a wonderful job of learning her spelling words. Well done. AIDEN S For excellent spelling and being able to spell some 'tricky' words like helicopter and strawberry. Well done.
Gr 2 Vaught	PHOEBE T For writing exciting sentences.
Gr 3 Stevens	LUCY R For being such a friendly and welcoming student. Keep up the great work Lucy. ELLIE W For being such a friendly and welcoming student. Keep up the great work Ellie.
Gr 4 Farley	JESSICA C For making great connections between introductions and conclusion. Well done Jess for being persistent! MAYLEE H For a brilliantly structured persuasive introduction. Keep up the outstanding work Maylee.
Gr 5 King	JACK F For beginning to show improvement in his presentation of work especially with his handwriting.
Gr 6 Lennon	JOE D For his fantastic work in the identification and discussion of "key words" and the "main idea" within texts. Great summarising efforts too, Joe. Well done!

Encompass 2015 PUMPKIN FAIR Sat 28th March 2015

10 am to 3 pm The Paddock
21-29 O'Halloran Road, Leopold (off Melaluka Road)

Bellarine Bears Baseball Club - Juniors 2015

10 week Tee ball program 5 - 10 y.o
Sun 19 Apr - 21 Jun
at Wallington Recreation Reserve - 9am start

Tee ball teams will be mixed and matched to suit all levels of skills & abilities. First timers, boys and girls most welcome

Contact - Dave Crotty 0418 520 259

Pre-season training sessions **Sun 22 March** for Tee ballers & juniors

Juniors baseball **Under 13 and under 15 teams**

Junior comp season dates - **25 Apr - 8 Aug 2015**

Under 13 - Sat mornings from 9am
All games at Stead Park, Corio
Training for under 13s Thurs 4.30pm at Wallington starting 26/3

Under 15 - Home and away competition in the Geelong region
Training for under 15s Thurs 4.30pm at Wallington starting 26/3

Bellarine Bears Baseball Club
Est 1976
Home ground Wallington Rec Reserve
481-487 Wallington Rd
www.bellarinebears.org.au

The Bears are a family orientated club with an active social calendar of events throughout the season.



Wallington Primary School takes no responsibility for and does not endorse the quality or conduct of any activity advertised in the Community Notices section of the newsletter. Customers are required to make their own enquiries and judgements.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Annual General Meeting

Thanks to all who attended the AGM on Monday - a big thank you to the outgoing committee, headed by Penny Bailey, for all of the work that you have done to provide social events and activities for the students and the school community at Wallington.

Congratulations to the incoming committee - and thank you for putting your hands up to continue the work of the P&F in 2015: Amanda Howard (President), Kerstin Willey (Vice President), Nick Danne (Treasurer) and Bree Schammer (Secretary).

Thank you also to the parents who nominated to be parent representatives for each of the Year levels. The Parent Rep role is a new thing that we are trialing this year - the rep will be a "go to" person for other parents to provide feedback/ideas, a point of contact for new families to the school, and will assist in volunteer coordination for P&F activities. We are hoping that each individual year level will take on volunteering duties for a particular event or activity during the year.

The parent reps are: Jane Healy (Prep), Olga Barrett (Year 1), Renee Renshaw (Year 2), Jo Harris/Kerstin Willey (Year 3), Amanda Howard/Michelle Hughes (Year 4), Kath Rahdon (Year 5) and Diana Lacy (Year 6).

Lots of plans for 2015 were discussed at the meeting. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive meeting minutes, please email BREESCHAMMER@bigpond.com

Welcome BBQ

The first P&F activity for the year is the Welcome BBQ to be held next **Wednesday 25th March from 5.30 onwards**. The BBQ is for all families, new and old - post-Strawberry Fair it will be a great opportunity to reconnect with everyone.

Year 1 parents are asked to volunteer to help organize the BBQ (set up/cooking/pack up) - please let Olga know that you are available to help out on the night.

Sausages/hamburgers/soft drinks will be supplied from Strawberry Fair stock. Families are asked to bring along any other snacks/refreshments they would like and to find a spot to sit on the oval outside the school hall from 5.30 onwards.

The next P&F meeting will be on Tuesday April 21st.

Bellarine Community Farmers' Market

THIS Saturday, Ocean Grove park, 9am-1pm

The best of fresh, local and regional produce, come and meet the makers, growers & producers for a great family day out - with food-to-go, buskers, Kids Corner, playground and dogs on leads welcome, there's something for everyone.



"WALKING WITH DINOSAURS" is heading back to Melbourne!
Don't miss out on seeing this amazing show!
Wallington Primary School has received an incredible school special discount price of \$39.90 for the entire school community!!
THIS IS THE PERFECT FAMILY SHOW!
BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW AT
www.smartix.com.au