



### DIARY DATES

Thu 5th, 12th & 19th Nov	2016 Prep orientation days
Thu 19th Nov	Yr 6 Geelong Police Blue Light Disco
Mon 16th Nov - 27th Nov	Swimming Program P-3
Mon 23rd Nov	Yr 6 Photos
Thu 26th Nov	Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm
Fri 27th Nov	Queenscliff Music Festival Yr 3-6
Mon 30th Nov	Pupil free day
Wed 2nd Dec	School Council Dinner Meeting
Thu 3rd Dec	Helpers Morning Tea
Wed 9th Dec	P & F Meeting @ Hello Birdie 9.15 am
Fri 11th Dec	Whole School Workshop - Billy Tea Bush Band Families End of Year Christmas Picnic Sausage Sizzle & Bush Dance 5.30 - 8.00 pm
Tue 15th Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
Wed 16th Dec	Party Day
Thu 17th Dec	Christmas Hot Lunch 
Fri 18th Dec	Last Day of Term Dismissal 1.30 pm

### PRINCIPAL NEWS

With this term more than half over, planning is well underway for 2016. Next week I will be able to announce the grade structure for 2016. We have had quite a few new families enrol for 2016. This has led to a restructure of the school from the format of the past few years.

#### Swimming

The swimming program has gone very smoothly. Thanks to Mr Vaught for his organisation of the program and to the staff for supporting this worthwhile activity.



Also well done to the students in grade Prep – 3 for the way that they have conducted themselves both on the bus and at the pool.

#### School Council

The school council met last night. We had a very productive meeting with work being done on the Schools Future plan, and prioritising the allocation of monies that we anticipate we will be raising from the Strawberry Fair. This will be finalised at the next meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Welcome back to Mrs Murray

This week we welcome back Mrs Murray to school. It is great to see her back.



#### Bendigo Bank

The **Leopold Community - Bendigo Bank** has donated \$16,000 to the school to create an outdoor space for the school and the community. The School Council, through the Environment committee will be using this money to create a space for the school and the community to use that incorporates a play area, amphitheatre, and an outdoor kitchen.

Michelle Hughes, Amanda Howards, and Tracey Frigo attended the bank's Annual General Meeting last week and received the grant personally. We thank the **Bendigo Bank** for their support of the school.

#### Bendigo Bank

Reminder that the Bendigo Bank is offering School Banking for all students every Monday at 9 am. Application forms are available from the office.

Any queries can be directed to Bendigo Bank at Gateway Plaza in Leopold Tel: 52501057 or email: Leopoldmailbox@bendigobank.com.au

#### Parent Financial Statements

We are coming to the end of the school year. Thank you to the families who have made their financial contributions for this year. We have a small number of families whose payments are still overdue. Please make payment as soon as possible via BPay, cheque, EFTPOS or cash.

Any questions can be directed to Cho Lay Thomas at the office.

The Parent Contributions 2016 letter will be sent out in the coming weeks. Payment via the Qkr app will be available as well as the other payment methods listed above.



#### Qkr! is now being trialled at Wallington Primary School.



The new Qkr! app is now live for families of students at Wallington Primary. Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone app) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the app and registering, simply scan the QR code on the left using the Qkr! Code scanner or type **WALLPS** after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!, and then the app will always recognise you as part of Wallington Primary in future to make payments even easier. You can pay your current excursions right now using Qkr! Booklists and other payments will also be available soon for you to make payments using Qkr!. To make payments immediately why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!

All feedback to the school office is very welcome.

*See flyer sent home last week or the school web for details.*



*Leigh McLaren*  
Principal

## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS



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



<b>PREP Duckett</b>	<b>SUMMER B</b> For her great attitude while taking part in all the activities on the whole school excursion, Well done! <b>ALEX N</b> For working hard in Numeracy and learning double facts. Well done!
<b>1M McLaren</b>	<b>LUCY B</b> For writing a very informative recount about the whole school excursion and the Happiness Box performance. Great work Lucy!
<b>2V Vaught</b>	<b>ASTA K</b> For being a wonderful and responsible helper with grade 2 Children's Fair stall. <b>ANNABELLE L</b> For believing in yourself and showing confidence on our school excursion to the MSO.
<b>4J Farley</b>	<b>SIENNA W</b> For a fantastic week! Keep up your efforts Sienna.
<b>5D King</b>	<b>CHLOE D</b> For showing great improvement in her social development by becoming more considerate of other people around her. Well done!
<b>6R Rogers</b>	<b>TOM B</b> For being a responsible leader during the whole school excursion while taking care of his prep buddy.

### Bellarine Community Farmers' Market

This Saturday, 9am-1pm, Ocean Grove park.

The Bellarine's only farmers' market, proudly supporting locally (and regionally) made & grown produce, with buskers, Kids Corner marquee.

Dogs on leads welcome.

Ph: Sally Waites - 0418141208

### Cherished Pets Community Awards

Local charity, Cherished Pets Foundation, has launched its Community Awards to recognise people who support the human animal bond. Categories include Responsible Pet Ownership in Children/Youth. If you know of a young person deserving of this award, please visit [www.cherishedpetcare.com.au/community-awards/](http://www.cherishedpetcare.com.au/community-awards/), email [alicia@cherishedpetsvet.com.au](mailto:alicia@cherishedpetsvet.com.au) or call 0439094379. Nominations close 30th November and Awards will be presented at the Wallington's WRG Xmas Fair on 12th December.

### Welcome the world into your home in 2016 and become a WEP Host Family!

Hosting an overseas exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting an international exchange student often endure for generations.

WEP host families live all around Eastern Australia. Some live on farms in the country, others live in apartments in the city. Not all our host families have kids, some are young couples and some are single. In fact, host families can come in any shape or form, but they all share a desire to learn more about other peoples and cultures!

For more information and to view the profiles of students eagerly awaiting news of their host family, head to our website, [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au), email [info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au) or call 1300 884 733 to speak to our friendly hosting team!

## PARENTS & FRIENDS

### Thank you

Big thank you to all those that helped supply morning tea for the 2016 prep parents information session last week.

And a big thank you to all the families who helped organise and run the Mitre 10 BBQ on Sunday. A total profit of \$254 was made on the day.

### 11<sup>th</sup> December – Family Picnic and Bush Dance

Payment and forms are due back by **1<sup>st</sup> December**.

Santa will be making an appearance at 6pm, please leave a book wrapped and labelled with your child's name to a maximum value of \$10 at the office by the 10<sup>th</sup> December. *(You are welcome to leave books for older and younger siblings who will be in attendance on the night also).*

**Payment for the Bush Dance is available through the Qkr app – please see information distributed last week or on the school web.**

### 17<sup>th</sup> December – Special Lunch

Details have gone home for the whole school sit down **hot Christmas lunch on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**.

Forms are due back to the drawer opposite the office by no later than **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

**Please note that payment is NOT available through the Qkr app for this event as the catering is outsourced.**

### Next Meeting

The next Parents and Friends meeting is on:

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 9.15am at Hello Birdie Cafe in Grubb Road.**

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

Please bring along a small wrapped novelty gift to a maximum value of \$5 to be lucky dipped for attendees at our final meeting of the year.

To go on the distribution list for parents and friends minutes and correspondence please email [breeschammer@bigpond.com](mailto:breeschammer@bigpond.com)

You can also keep up to date with the latest Parents and Friends news and activities by joining our Facebook

### Corio Norlane Lions Club Bike Project

Do you have children in need of a bicycle at home or a bike that is no longer used and you don't know what to do with it? We will:

Collect Clean Repair Donate to needy children  
Contact us on [coriolions@gmail.com](mailto:coriolions@gmail.com) or 0402409895



### Computer Project

On behalf of the members of the Lions Club of Corio Norlane, we present this community computer project.

We are currently undertaking a computer project that will provide a free computer system to the benefit of many disadvantaged students and their families that do not currently have one.

Firstly if you have any computer equipment that is out of date and are planning to get rid of, we will take this off your hands.

Secondly, we offer these computer systems free to families that are in need of one, we test and upgrade any systems we receive, with, 2 gig RAM, Windows 8.1, Office 2013, and install learning programs on them for children from ages 3 to 8.

Please contact Richard Walter on 0402409895 or email [richard-w2058@gmail.com](mailto:richard-w2058@gmail.com) and let me know if you have any computer systems they we may be able to use for this program