

# WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES

Thu 21st Aug	Strawberry Fair Meeting 
Fri 22nd Aug	Athletics Sports Gr 3-6
Mon 25th Aug	Literacy & Numeracy Week Starts Mathletics Footy Challenge - Footy Colours Day
Fri 29th Aug	Book Parade
Tue 2nd Sep & Fri 5th Sep	Fathers Day Stall
Wed 3rd - 5th Sep	Gr 3/4 Camp
Thu 11th Sep	Pupil Free Day
Wed 17th Sep	School Council Meeting
Thu 18th Sep	Children's Fair

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

### Literacy and Numeracy Week

Information about our school activities in relation to **Book Week/Book Fair** will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce the important link between school and home and how this partnership plays a key role in helping your child succeed at school. Next week we will be celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week.

#### Monday

#### Mathletics Footy Challenge

Children can come dressed in footy colours (no footy boots please). They will be doing Mathletics activities throughout the week. There is no cost to dress up.

#### Friday

Book Parade at 9:30 on the Basketball Court. The theme is **'My Favourite Book Character'**.

Parents are most welcome to join us to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week at Wallington.

**Numeracy activities 12:30 – 1:30.**

**Whole School Picnic on the front Lawn at 1:30**

**Favourite Book Share: 2:30 – 3:00**

**Assembly at 3:00**

Strong links between families and schools helps to build and develop positive outcomes for students. Literacy and Numeracy skills are important building blocks for our children and over the past weeks I have been sharing some tips to assist parents. 201 Literacy and Maths Tips can be downloaded from

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/parents/primary/201literacymathstips2011.pdf> or a copy is on the information table in the foyer.



Leigh McLaren  
Principal

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#### Prep - 2

Reading together:

- Discuss pictures in a book and encourage your child to talk about the books.
- Re-read your child's favourite books and stories.
- Encourage your child to select the books, magazines they would like to read.
- When your child reads to you allow time for working out the words and ask questions to see if he/she understands what they have read.

#### Grade3-6

- Share a genuine interest in what your child is reading.
- Let them see you read and tell them why you are reading that book, magazine etc.
- Encourage your child to develop their own library of books.
- Ask questions: How do you think the character was feeling? How could you change the ending?

#### Help to Clear Out B Block – 4<sup>th</sup> September

I am organising a working bee during the day to clear out B Block. If you can assist on the day, I propose to start off about 10:00am and depending how many people come it should be finished by 12:30pm.

#### School Council

At school council last night the council agreed to use the Skoolbag app. This school Council initiative is seen as another way that the school can communicate with parents. It will be shortly available on both iphone and android phones. Please keep reading the newsletter to find out more about the app, and when it will be available.

#### District Athletic Sports

Our Year 3-6 students will be attending the District Sports at Landy Field. The children have been training for several weeks and I'm sure that they will have a great day competing against other local schools.

#### Year 5 and 6 Camp

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying the Grades 5 and 6 students to Maldon Blue Light Camp. This camp was extremely well run by Mrs Duckett, Mrs Lennon, and Sue Nouwen. In bright sunshine the students were given the opportunity to put into practice their Bike Ed Skills as they cycled around the Maldon district and looking at its history. The students were extremely well behaved and a pleasure to be away with. Congratulations and I look forward to seeing the follow up work that they will do in class.

#### Debating Team

The next debate will be next Thursday at Westbourne College. This debate will be a secret topic and the team will have only half an hour to prepare. This will be a challenge, but coming off a recent win last time I am sure that the team will rise to the occasion. All the best of luck.

#### Book Buddies

We are celebrating Book Week at our school. But not all children around the world are lucky enough to have books. Book Buddies is a program which sends books to the children in Cambodia. Could you please help us collect picture-story books and simple chapter books with illustrations, that are in good condition. It's a good time to spring clean and find books that you don't want any more. The kids in Cambodia will love them. Please bring books to the grade 5 room or the Art room. Thank you for your support.

Grade 5 (Community Program)



## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

### LET'S RIDE FOR JOSH!

Come and ride for a great cause—ALL funds go directly to families that are supporting children with cancer. School entries contribute to winning a special prize of 10 mountain bikes. For further details contact Penny at 0407891599.



### Premiers' Reading Challenge 2014

Did you meet the challenge?

The Premiers' Reading Challenge finishes at the end of this month. It is time to get your reading lists updated. You can complete your list online or give your list of completed books to your classroom teacher by 1<sup>st</sup> September.

I hope you discovered some new and enjoyable books to read this year.

Mrs Duckett



MONASH University

Faculty of Education

### Certificate of Education Support - Integration Aide/Teacher Aide Geelong

Nelson Park School

8 Saturdays

(9am - 3.30pm)

October 11, 18, 25

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

The program is very practical and acts as a pathway to gaining employment in a primary, secondary or specialist school as an Integration Aide/Teacher Aide. Our course is Nationally recognised and is accredited by Monash University as 6 credit points (one unit) towards further study at undergraduate level.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact us on 9905 2700 / 9905 2911 or email [fdo@monash.edu](mailto:fdo@monash.edu).

## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

### Little Wren Cookery School Holiday Program Term 3 School Holiday Program 22 Sep - 3 Oct 2014

Monday Sep 22	preschool class (10am -12pm)
Tuesday Sep 23	preschool class (10am -12pm)
Thursday Sep 25	junior/senior (10am-1pm)
Friday Sep 26	junior/senior (10am-1pm)
Monday Sep 29	preschool class (10am -12pm)
Wednesday Oct 1	junior/senior (10am-1pm)
Friday Oct 3	junior/senior (10am-1pm)

For more details or easy online bookings visit website  
[www.littlewrencookeryschool.com.au](http://www.littlewrencookeryschool.com.au)

### We Play For Fun! COME and TRY NETBALL



Peninsula Netball Association is offering a free games night for all primary school aged children.  
Drysdale Recreation Reserve

**4.30pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

- \* giveaways
- \* no charge for teams or individuals
- \* boys & girls

Join a team and play in the 10 week Spring season Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – 10<sup>th</sup> December

Contact: Pam 5251 3544 or  
Noelene 5250 3856 or find us on  
Facebook.....

Peninsula Netball Association



What will you do for your netball fix when the football/netball comp finishes?  
Grab your friends and have some fun playing in PNA's Spring competition.



**P.N.A. is offering a 10 week Spring season  
Drysdale Recreation Reserve**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – 10<sup>th</sup> December**

- badged umpires provided
- Junior and Senior- mixed & women's teams
- \$10 short season registration available
- relaxed uniform code
- great opportunity to play with your friends
- \$42 weekly game fees per team (\$6 each.....cheap)
- ball and positional bibs provided
- easy parking and access
- canteen available
- First Aid provided
- great facilities

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