

# **WALLINGTON** Primary School

### **NEWSLETTER**

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## DIARY DATES

	Fri 27th Mar	End of Term 1 DISMISSAL 2.30 PM
	Mon 13th Apr	Start of Term 2
	Thu 16th Apr	Yr 3 - 6 Cross Country
	Fri 17th Apr Mon 20th Apr 9 am	Yr 5/6 Bio Lab Parents & Friends Meeting (please note change of date)
	Tue 21st—22nd Apr Tue 21st—23rd Apr	Life Ed Woorabinda Camp
	Mon 27th Apr	Start of Book Fair Week Hockey
	Wed 29th Apr	School Council Meeting Yr 5/6 GRIP Leadership
	Thu 30th Apr - 1st May	P-2 Bunyip Camp

#### PRINCIPAL NEWS

#### **Mrs Lennon**

Mrs Lennon will be away for the next 2 terms due to personal reasons. It is unfortunate but unavoidable. I have advertised for an experienced teacher to replace her. Reset assured that the person that we put in that position will have the necessary skills and experience. Our goal is to provide as least disruptive transition as possible. We wish Mrs Lennon all the best and look forward to her return in term 4.

#### Josh Bouma - Grade 6

As you will be aware Josh has been away from school for the past 12 months recovering from a Bone Marrow Transplant. Mrs Lennon and myself met with Josh's parents and the support team for Josh. It is our high hope that Josh will start early next term. This will be dependent upon the advice of the doctors and how Josh is feeling. Unfortunately, for Josh, one of the complications from the transplant was that he has suffered significant visual loss, as well as a lowering of his immune system. What does this mean for Wallington Primary School?

#### We will need to:

- Be aware of illness in the school and communicate that to the Bouma family.
- Ensure that we have good hygiene practices.
- Be aware of Josh as we move around the school as his sight is not good
- Minimize the rearrangement of furniture and ensure that the pathways and passages are clear.

We are all looking forward to having Josh back at school.

#### **End of Term**

A reminder to all families that school concludes for Term One at **2:30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. There will be an assembly prior to school dismissal in the hall at 2:10pm.



### Principal News (contd)

Welcome BBQ

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Blessed with a perfect evening we had a great Welcome BBQ. Jennie Absalom and her team organised a great night. It was lovely to see so many families together enjoying each other's company. The comments that I received have been all positive.

#### **Parent Information**

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, the parents section of the DEECD website provides parents with information about schools and what resources are out there to support you and your child/ren through their schooling life.

Ref: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/ default.htm

Some examples of this information I have included below:

Helping your child to read, write, speak and listen Prep-2

#### **Story Telling**

Story-telling is a great way to extend your child's language and listening skills, as well as expanding their imagination. Either you can tell the story, or encourage your child to tell the story.

#### Reading

**Reading with** your child will begin when your child becomes familiar with the story and can take over some of the reading. When your child **reads to you**, allow time for working out words and ask questions to see if he or she understands what they have read.

If your child is trying to read a long or tricky word, give your child time and ask questions like these:

- Look at the picture, what can you see that might start with that letter?
- Look at the picture, what word makes sense?

#### Grade3-6

#### Share ideas about texts

Talk to your child about how you select books for your own reading. After your child has read a text, encourage him or her to share insights, feelings and understandings of the text. Here are some ideas that may suit your child's interests:

- Read about the author or illustrator at their website.
- Find and read another story by the same author.

These are just some of the ideas that can be found on the DEECD website and I encourage all parents/caregivers to view this website.

#### HATTY HOTTY HOLIDAYS!



#### **Second hand Uniforms Sale - Friday 2.00 pm**

Second hand uniforms will be available for sale for a gold coin donation for each item on Friday before assembly at 2 pm in the hall.

#### **SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Last Week's

#### SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



Prep Duckett	For her 'super' news time. Well done Lily for using a clear loud voice and telling the class lots of interesting information.
Gr I McLaren	AIDAN B  For excellent work on Mathletics and super fast mental maths number facts. Fabulous work.
Gr 2 Vaught	JAKE M  For his improved standard of work and effort during literacy.
Gr 3 Stevens	AVA T  For working assiduously in all maths lessons this week especially during the 'Newspaper Hunt' place value activity. Keep up the great work.
Gr 4 Farley	SIENNA W  For being diligent when filling out her reading log. Thank you Sienna for recommending some great books to your peers and myself.  ZAC M  For being persistent with his home reading log.  Well done Zac, keep it up!
Gr 5 King	CHLOE D  For a fantastic first term, always getting prepared quickly, showing improvement in her ability to focus and for trying her best in all areas.  Well done Chloe.
Gr 6 Lennon	For enthusiastically completing all tasks this week and demonstrating his ability to work independently. Well done Max!  Mrs Marino

Congratulations to Alexander O in Prep D who competed at the GO-KAN-RU Karate-do Geelong Tournament. Alexander finished third in Kumite (sparing) and  $3^{rd}$  in Kata (patterns). **Fantastic effort:** 



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#### **SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### PARENTS & FRIENDS

Please note: the next P&F meeting has been changed to Monday April 20th

Saint Ignatius College Geelong

#### SEE THE COLLEGE AT WORK TOURS

By appointment only
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April at 9.15am Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm Tour duration approximately 1 hour

#### St. Ignatius. Inspiring me to be a leader.

**Applications for Year 7 Enrolment 2016** close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015

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