



# WALLINGTON Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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### DIARY DATES

Thu 28th - Fri 29th Apr	Bunyip Camp P-2 
Tue Thu Fri 3rd/5th/6th May	Mothers Day Stall
Wed 4th May	District Cross Country Yr 3-6
Thu 12th May	Hot Chocolate Day
Fri 13th May	P & F Meeting 9 am ~ Hall
Wed 18th May	Open Day Info Session 9.30 - 11 am School Council
Fri 3rd Jun	Parents Social Trivia Night

### PRINCIPAL NEWS

#### NAPLAN

In a couple of weeks the students in grades 3 and 5 will be undertaking the NAPLAN. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

National Assessment  
Program  
Literacy and Numeracy

#### Why students are required to participate in the NAPLAN test?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

#### What is tested and how

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the *National Statements of Learning for English* and mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.

#### How do we prepare our Students?

To support students with the NAPLAN they are made familiar with the format and timing. Each year the tests differ however it is the format and the timing that remains constant.

#### ANZAC Service

I just want to acknowledge our students at our ANZAC Service last Thursday. They conducted themselves with dignity and respect for the occasion. It was so proud of them. Our guest speaker specifically mentioned this to me at the end of the day. Thanks to the Parents and Friends for putting on the sausage sizzle. A total of \$108 was raised which will be donated to the local RSL.

Whilst on the topic of ANZAC Day- The school was represented at the ANZAC Day March and Service at Barwon Heads. We had 11 students in the March, led by Hugh, one of our student leaders. Chloe and Meridien laid the wreath on behalf of the school and Sophia read a poem at the service. It was a lovely morning with the sun shining. Also thanks to the families that came along to support this ceremony.

#### Geelong Challenge

The Geelong College Challenge is a school based event that brings a group of four students together to work collaboratively on a variety of challenging problem solving tasks across a range of curriculum disciplines. The group-based problems give the students a chance to be active listeners, proactive in contributing their own thoughts and ideas, and provide constructive feedback for other group members. They will be challenged to be open to the ideas of others; be willing to try something outside of their comfort zone and to refine and strategize their thinking. This type of group work encourages students to stand up for their own opinions, listen with empathy, be organised, to manage time effectively, to improve their communication skills and to lead....and to have some fun too! Our representatives are Charlie and Jack.

#### District Cross Country

Next Wednesday we have students participating in the Peninsula District Cross Country Run at Barwon Heads Village Park. We wish all our competitors well in this event.



We're fundraising with *entertainment*





Order forms have been sent home today for the Entertainment Book. This is now available online as a Digital Membership.

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[www.entbook.com.au/1131b68](http://www.entbook.com.au/1131b68)



<div>  <b>Last Week's SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS</b>  </div>	
<b>PREP D Duckett</b>	<b>GIANNI A</b> For being a great friend and helping others, well done! <b>LOLA S</b> For great focus and determination with her learning. Well done!
<b>PIN Norris</b>	<b>MADDIE S</b> For doing such fabulous work in Maths this week. You were able to find 10 different ways of creating the number 4 using domino dots. Keep up the hard work.
<b>2V Vaught</b>	<b>BELLA M</b> For your terrific, neat and informative procedural text on how to toast marshmallows. Keep it up Bella. <b>AIDEN S</b> For your range of strategies you are starting to use in mathematical addition. Nice work Aiden
<b>3J Farley</b>	<b>JAKE S</b> For great work with his 3D shape project in Maths. <b>CHARLIE W</b> For great work with his 3D shape project in Maths.
<b>4M Murray</b>	<b>SHAYLEAH NG</b> For choosing a narrative as her "good fit" book, even though it is not her favourite genre.
<b>5D King</b>	<b>MADDIE H</b> For showing a deep understanding of the text she read this week during reading groups.
<b>6L Lennon</b>	<b>CHARLIE R</b> For a well planned and written descriptive piece about a "moment in time" in his holidays— using the five senses and figurative language to enhance the picture for his audience. Well done Charlie!

## PARENTS & FRIENDS

### Mothers Day Stall

Will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm in the hall.

Gifts will range between \$3 - \$10.

Limit \$10 per child.



### Hot Chocolate Day

Is being held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May to raise money for the Andrew Love Cancer Centre at Barwon Health.

Children are invited to bring along gold coin donation and a mug from home which will be filled with hot chocolate at recess time.



### Next Meeting

The next Parents and Friends meeting is on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 9am in the school hall.** Our health and well being talk this month is on Anxiety in Children.

## YR 3-6 CROSS COUNTRY ~ 22ND APRIL 2016



# ATTENTION ALL Dads & Kids!

Come to Camp Wyuna for an action packed weekend

## Adventure Camp

Saturday 14th to Sunday 15th May

- Canoeing
- Mountain Bike Riding
- Climbing the Lighthouse
- Beach Exploration & Night Beach Walk
- Boogie Boarding
- Sand Sculptures
- Beach Games
- Marine Discovery Centre Visit
- Camp Fire and Marshmallows

**\$77 per person**

A two day/one night camp designed to connect dads with their kids. Includes four fantastic meals, camp accommodation located on the beach in beautiful Queenscliff, with an awesome YMCA Crew to assist the Dads & Kids!

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