



# WALLINGTON Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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FAIR

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### DIARY DATES

Wed 3rd Aug	Debating Team @ Bellbrae
Fri 5th Aug	Pyjama Day Fundraiser
Wed- Fri 10th - 12th Aug	Yr 56 Maldon Camp <b>No Assembly on Friday</b>
Wed 17th Aug	Yr 3-6 Athletic Sports School Council Meeting
Fri 19th Aug	Whole School Spud Olympics Parents & Friends Meeting Dinner @ The Mex
Mon 22nd Aug	Curriculum Day
Wed 24th Aug	Debating Team @ Wallington
Wed 25th Aug	Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm 
Fri 26th Aug	Book Week Parade/Celebration School Disco
Sat 27th Aug	Family Portrait Day
Mon 29th Aug	Literacy & Numeracy Week
Wed 31st Aug Thu - Fri 1st - 2nd Sep	Fathers Day Stall
Fri 2nd Sep	Footy Colours Day Special Lunch
Wed 7th Sep	Debating Team @ Wallington
Tue 13th Sep	P-2 Roald Dahl Day Yr 3-6 Division Athletics
Fri 16th Sep	End of Term Dismissal 2.30 pm

### PRINCIPAL NEWS

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of week 3 already. Our 5/6 students have been engaged in the school's Bike Ed Program, in preparation for their upcoming Maldon Bike Camp. Thank you to Mrs. King, Mrs. Lennon and Mrs. Peter for ensuring that this program is a positive and engaging learning experience for all students.

Thank you to Liza Chappell and her father Grant (Otis P's mum and grandfather) for the donation of a water tank for the Sensory Garden. What a lovely gesture ... we can't wait to get started on this venture in the next few weeks.



#### Mine Craft Club

Mine Craft Club is coming to Wallington! This program will run at lunchtime every second Thursday in the library with Mr. Field, our visiting Special Education teacher. The Club offers a range of fun activities that are related to Mine Craft, including Mine Craft Lego, Colouring Sheets, mazes and craft activities. We ask that children do not bring their Mine Craft toys, devices or Lego to the Club.



#### Parent Opinion Survey

We are still waiting for the return of a handful of parent opinion surveys. If you received one of these surveys, could you please complete this and return it to the office by this Friday. This feedback is extremely valuable to us.

#### Attendance

It is vital to always remember the importance of regular attendance at school. This is one of the most important things that you can do to ensure your child's success at school and in the future. When a student misses school, it is not only their academic progress that is impacted upon, but also important social interactions with peers, which can then impact on social learning and self esteem. *It's not ok to be away, it's cool to be at school!*

#### School Uniform

It is lovely to see students in full school uniform each day. We appreciate the support of parents in this matter. Thank you. We have met as a staff to discuss the current Student Dress Code, and encourage parents to please label all items of uniform. Many students report to their teachers that they have lost their jumpers, etc, which are then difficult to identify and return if not labelled.

#### The home/school connection

##### What if my child refuses to read?

What should you do if your child doesn't want to read their take-home book?

You may hear comments such as:

- *Do I have to?*
- *I'm too tired.*
- *The teacher didn't say I had to.* (Check with the teacher so you know what is expected.)

- *I forgot to bring it home.* (Check your child's school bag.)

- *But I'm playing with...*

- *Can't I just finish...?*

- *That book's boring/dumb/stupid...*

It's at this point that you may like to use one of the following strategies—because *some* reading practice is better than *no* reading practice!

- Use a timer (kitchen, sport) so your child understands that the reading practice will be for a short amount of time.

- Read the book aloud to your child.

- Read the book aloud to your child but have your child read words that you know he or she can already read.

- Have your child point to the words while you read the words aloud.

- Read aloud together.

- Read half the book each (and yes, your child can have the page with fewer words)

- Suggest to your child that he or she reads onto a voice recorder or into a microphone (even if it does not work).

- Ask your child to read to a stuffed toy; for example, a favourite teddy bear.

Your child could also read to a willing sibling or placid pet.

After reading the book, it is essential that you both chat about the author's message. This is for you to confirm that your child understands the text and is not just naming the words.

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**Toni Scott**  
Acting Principal



## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS



# Pyjama Day Fundraiser☺



Geelong Animal Welfare Society  
"because every life is precious"

**Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>**

Gold coin donation to  
come to school with  
your PJ's on!

Fundraiser for GAWS  
(Geelong Animal  
Welfare Society)

Enjoy a Frog In  
The Pond on the  
day (thank you  
to our PFA!)



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## WOODLANDS PRE-SCHOOL IS TURNING 40!!

Woodlands Pre-School is holding its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration this year on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am- 2pm and we are looking for past students who would like to share their kinder photos with us.

We are also asking for quotes on a large slab cake!

If you're interested in helping us by participating in the photo collage or giving a cake quote, please contact me at [nickyferrari7@gmail.com](mailto:nickyferrari7@gmail.com) or on 0437 160 160.

Many thanks,  
Nicky Ferrari

(Woodlands Pre-School committee)

## Join the Geelong Toilet Paper Buying Group

Orders now closing for the next co-op bulk order:  
Toilet paper 'slab' (100% recycled, embossed, soft, 3ply, (360 sheets per roll):

40 rolls = \$33

Hand towel 'slab' (2ply): 20 rolls = \$35.

Or trial them:

Toilet paper: 4 rolls = \$4

Hand towel: 2 rolls = \$3.50



All made in Melbourne plus \$2 from every slab goes directly to Spare Meals Geelong. Help support our local community and never have to worry adding toilet paper to the shopping list again!!

Enquiries and orders welcome via Jodi (m 0402909492).

Be quick; next order will be in October.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS

### Reminder Family Portrait Bookings

Forms and Payment of \$15 are due for the family portraits to be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August**. Places are limited. Booking forms and more information available at the office.



### Next Meeting – Parents Social Dinner

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 6pm, we are having a brief P&F meeting followed by a parents social fiesta at the Mex in Ocean Grove.

Please RSVP to Bree by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August for table booking [breeschammer@bigpond.com](mailto:breeschammer@bigpond.com)



### Stay up to date

With lots of Parents and Friends news and upcoming events by joining our Facebook page. Search for "Wallington PS Parents and Friends" and request to join.

**Tweens 4 week Yoga Course**  
Active Balance Pilates and Yoga  
Monday's 5:15-6:15pm  
8<sup>th</sup> August- 29<sup>th</sup> August  
Cost: \$60



Allow your tweens to slow down from their busy lives. Yoga is great for relieving anxiety, reinforcing positive body image, and steadying the mind. This course is the perfect companion to stretch after sport, without being competitive.

Designed for tweens between the  
ages of 10-14.

Please ring 52505902 to register and  
reserve your spot!  
15 Ferguson Rd, Leopold

### Meagan Burch Music Tuition

Piano, Keyboard, Guitar -  
acoustic electric bass, Singing,  
Choir, Ukulele, Drums

Private & Group lessons.  
Prep - Adults. Instrument Hire.

Providing Music Lessons at School since 1985

[mbmt@bigpond.com](mailto:mbmt@bigpond.com)



## GEELONG FOOD RELIEF 2016

The Geelong Food Relief Centre is running the annual food appeal again. All non perishable food items as well as personal hygiene items will be greatly appreciated.

**THE DONATION BOX IS NOW OUTSIDE THE OFFICE. LOOK FOR THE TOUCAN SIGN!**

## Toucan Appeal



Give a can, or anything else you can - right here....