



WALLINGTON Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

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| Thu 4th Feb | Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm |
| Fri 5th Feb | Assembly 3 pm |
| Tues 9th Feb | Parents & Friends Meeting 9.15 am Elkhorn |
| Wed 10th Feb | Parent Teacher Interviews Yr 6 |
| Thu 11th Feb | Parent Teacher Interviews P-5 |
| Wed 17th Feb | GRIP Conference Yr 5/6 |
| Tues 23rd Feb | Chinese Lion Dance Incursion Whole School |
| Fri 26th Feb | Parents & Friends Social Horse Ride & Lunch |

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back to the 2016 year. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. We have had a smooth start to the year. Our new preps started last Friday. A special welcome to all the new families to Wallington. We also welcome to Wallington Miss Clair Norris, who will be teaching in Prep/1 for this year.



Parent Teacher Interviews

A note went home yesterday regarding the parent teacher interviews on Thursday 11th February. Can requests for times be returned by Monday 8th February. The purpose of these interviews is for parents and teachers to exchange information. If you have already met with your child's teacher, then there may be no need to have an interview. If you are unable to make it on that day, feel free to arrange a time with your child's teacher that is mutually acceptable. **Please note that Grade 6 Interviews will be held on Wednesday 10th Feb.**

Strawberry Fair

The Strawberry Fair is on **Sunday 6th March**. It is expected that all families help out to ensure the success of the day. Parents who have volunteered to coordinate areas are asked to attend the meeting tonight (7:00 pm in the staffroom) so that we can begin to finalise preparations and begin the ordering phase. We still have places to fill on the roster. If you are a new family to the school please come along and see what it is about and to see how you can be of assistance.



Brain Food

At Wallington classes break up the 2 hour learning periods by allowing the children to have a Brain Food snack. This is to give the students a quick break and to recharge with some foods. Brain Food is either a piece of fruit or vegetable. Brain Food should be something that is quick to get from their bag or locker and can be eaten at their tables easily. We ask that yoghurts and packed snacks not be used as Brain Food.



Valued Items at School

The school accepts no responsibility for items that the students bring to school and cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage.

Sushi Wednesdays

Sushi Orders have commenced. Orders need to be in the drawer of the white cabinet (this is located in the front foyer) no later than 1:00 pm on the Tuesday. No late orders can be accepted. The sushi will be delivered to the school on the Wednesday at lunch time. A copy of the menu can be located on the school website: http://www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/sushi_menu_t3_2015.pdf



Lost Property

Lost Property is now located outside the sick bay. Please feel free to come in and check the lost property. Those items with names on them will be returned to their owner. To assist with this I ask that all items of clothing are labelled including shirts.

ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY

Our first assembly will be **Friday 5th Feb**. The Grade 6 students will receive their leaders badges, and they will be presenting their Prep Buddies to the school.

CAR PARK REMINDER

The following rules apply to the car park:

No students are permitted in the car park at any time, unless accompanied by an adult.

Park as close to the marker in the centre of the parking area. There is plenty of room for 2 rows of cars to be parked in this area.

Parking is also available along the southern edge of the car park.

If the entire car park is full, as can happen on special days, you will need to park off the road along the drive-way.

In the mornings you may drop children off at the Drop Off Zone. Children should alight from the vehicle on the passenger side and enter the school grounds via the front gate. You must then move off to allow other cars access. Please note it is a DROP OFF zone only.

At pick up time, all parents must park in the allocated areas and collect their children from either of the gates. No parking is permitted in the drop off zone.

The road rules we adhere to whilst driving apply whilst driving in the car park. This includes the use of mobile phones whilst driving in the car park as well as the speed limit. Please remember that the traffic management rules of the car park exist for the safety of everyone. These arrangements work well as long as everyone adheres to them.

Parent Payments 2016

Statements and receipts have been sent home today. Please note that Parent Payments for 2016 are due by 26th February, unless other arrangements are made. Payments can be made at the office via cash, cheque, EFT or QKR app. BPay option is also available online using your parent statement.

If you have any queries regarding your family account please contact Cho Lay Thomas at the office.



Leigh McLaren
Principal

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Calling all crafty kids!

We know WPS has some talented students out there with special crafty skills so this year we have decided to try something different to showcase these talents.

This year we are trial running a Kids Craft Co-op at the fair.

It would be a small stall selling any homemade strawberry goods that you kids have made. All profits going to the school. So it would be a stall run by kids, selling your own homemade kids craft.

The only requirements are that the items need to be strawberry themed and home made. If you are keen to join in or would like more info please see Poppy Hughes in grade 5 or call Michelle Hughes 0409290875.

Please see below information regarding the CSEF fund. Applications are being taken now at the office. Please note that the closing date is 29th February 2016.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



Incursion

On Tuesday, 23rd February, a 'Chinese Lion Dance' program will perform at our school. Details of the incursion and payment requirements are on a separate notice going home today.



Art Smocks

All students are required to have a clearly named art smock at school. These will be kept in the Art room. Thank you.

Judie MacMillan

PARENTS & FRIENDS

First Meeting 2016

We warmly invite all parents to the first Parents and Friends meeting for 2016. Come along for a casual coffee and chat and discuss ideas and activities for this year.

Tuesday 9th February, 9.15am at the Elkhorn Roadhouse.

Term 1 Parents Social Activity

We invite any interested parents along to a fun social activity.

To be held on **Friday 26th February at 10.45am.**

A 1 hour horse ride followed by a light lunch at Wallington Park Equestrian Centre. Cost is \$40

All levels of riders welcome – even those who have never ridden before. To register your place, and for further information please email breeschammer@bigpond.com

Stay up to date

To go on the distribution list for parents and friends minutes and correspondence please email breeschammer@bigpond.com

You can also keep up to date with the latest Parents and Friends news by joining our Facebook group. Search for "Wallington PS Parents and Friends".



Wallington Parents and Friends is a group open to all parents and friends of children attending the school.

We organise social activities encouraging health and well being amongst the whole school community.

2015 activities included mothers and fathers day stalls, school disco, Scholastic Bookclub, 2nd hand uniform sales, parents social nights, special lunch days and Christmas family bush dance.

Our first meeting for 2016 will be:

WHEN: Tuesday 9th February at 9.15am

WHERE: The Elkhorn Roadhouse

ALL WELCOME



Music Lessons AT school

Piano, keyboard, Guitar, Ukulele, Drum or Singing Lessons

During &/or After School Hours at School

Would you like to try music lessons, without committing to the full term?

Lessons are held at school by qualified and trained teachers.

Instruments are available for hire.

Private & small group lessons.

To enrol or for **more information** please contact **Meagan:** mbmt@bigpond.com

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