

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Thu 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th Feb	Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm
Fri 6th Feb	Assembly
Wed 11th Feb	Sushi Lunch
Thu 12th Feb	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wed 18th Feb	School Council Meeting
Sun 1st Mar	STRAWBERRY FAIR 

PRINCIPAL NEWS

School Council Election SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE 2015

Notice of election and call for nominations **Mon 9 February 2015**
Closing date for nominations **Fri 16 February 2015**
If the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies, then a ballot will not be necessary.

Date by which list of candidates and nominators will be posted –
Mon 23rd February 2015
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed on or before
Wed 4th March 2015
Close of ballot:
Tue 3rd March 2015
Vote count:
Wed 4th March 2015
Declaration of ballot:
Wed 4th March 2015
Special council meeting to co-opt Community members:
Wed 18th March 2015
1st council meeting to elect office bearers: **Wed 18th March 2015**

The following vacancies exist:
3 x parent representatives
1 x parent representative (casual vacancy)
1 x DET representative

Nomination forms available from the office or the school website:
<http://www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au/page/56/School-Council>
For more information go to the Education department website—
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/governance/Pages/election.aspx>

Parent Teacher Interviews

A note went home yesterday regarding the parent teacher interviews on **Thursday 12th February**. Requests for interview times need to be returned by **Monday 9th 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.

Pupil Free Days 2015

Friday 19th June
Friday 7th August
Monday 30th November

Students will not be required at school on these days.



Principal News (contd)

Strawberry Fair



The Strawberry Fair is on **Sunday the 1st 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.

A quick online survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LP3S532>. We are seeking some feedback on the Strawberry Fair Policy. Could you please take 1 or two minutes to complete this online survey. Only aggregated data will be used.

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.

Break In

Over the last weekend we had our garden shed broken into and the ride on mower and brush cutter stolen. The police are investigating. This is a time when we rely on the ride on mower to maintain the oval ready for the Strawberry Fair.

PARENTS CLUB

Only 23 days to go!!!

Marketing for this year's Wallington **Strawberry Fair** is underway and this



#WallingtonStrawberryFair

year we have a big push on social media with our hashtag **#wallingtonstrawberryfair**.

How can you help? If you are on Facebook/Twitter/Instagram –

1. Download or make your own #wallingtonstrawberryfair hashtag poster
(we will have an A4 poster - similar to this one displayed to download via the school website early next week but you are very welcome to make your own).
2. Print the poster and take a photo of yourself or your family holding it.
3. Put your photo on Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram with a comment like "who's coming to the #wallingtonstrawberryfair on Sunday 1st March."
4. Ask your friends to like/share/retweet/regram and use the hashtag #wallingtonstrawberryfair
www.facebook.com/wallingtonstrawberryfair
www.instagram.com/wallingtonstrawberryfair
www.twitter.com/strawberryfair1

If you would like to help out with marketing and promotions, please come along to the **Elkhorn Roadhouse at 9am this Friday morning.**

SCHOOL NEWS



As you all know the Strawberry Fair is fast approaching. Each year we have an auction that contributes significant funds to our school community. We are asking all parents to help us gather items for this year's auction. So if you have contacts with local businesses, we would love your help.

Please add your name to the spreadsheet of listed businesses on Leigh's window or add your own suggestion. There are donation request cover letters outside the school office to be given to businesses. Donations should be sorted by Friday 13th Feb; ie: Friday week. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask your friendly SF auction team member. Many thanks.

Jodi (Tom's mum Gr 1)

Parent Financial Statements

Parent Financial Statements are being progressively sent home this week and next week. Thank you to parents who have already made payments to date. A reminder that parent payments are due by **28th February**. Payments can be made via BPay, cheque, EFTPOS or cash. Any questions can be directed to Cho Lay Thomas at the office.

School Payment Subsidy for parents

As previously advised, the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) has been discontinued with effect from this year.

School Council has approved the allocation of a School Payment Subsidy (SPS) for parents/guardians who hold a Concession/Pensioner card valid from the first day of term 1. Applications can be made now at the office for eligible parents (proof of eligibility will be required). Application forms can also be assessed from the school web from next week.

Please note that applications close on 27th March 2015. **No late applications will be accepted after the closing date.**

Newsletters Via Email

It is easier and better than ever to get **the school newsletter online. Did you know....**

1 ream of paper = 6% of a tree and 5.4kg of CO2 in the atmosphere.

3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water

Think Before You Print

It's time we considered our environment before printing off the newsletter. Receiving your newsletters As we are a Waste Wise school this will be your contribution to assisting our environment. This is also an excellent way to insure you actually receive the newsletter weekly and it is not at the bottom of a school bag. It's simple all you have to do is open our web site:

www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au

Click on the News Tab - Newsletters - then follow the prompts.

Hockey Bellarine Hookin2Hockey 2015

A fun introduction to hockey for primary school aged children

Friday 13th February to 20th March, 4pm to 4:45pm

Saint Ignatius College, off Gillies Road, Drysdale

\$20 for 6 weeks, payable upon self-registration

Stick, shinguards and a ball available to loan for each and every session

To register, hop on to

<https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/1410/org>

For more information, email hockeybellarine@gmail.com

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NOTICES

Karen Feldman's Dance Studio

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 2015

DANCE CLASSES

Mixed Style Dance Classes (Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Cheer)

GEELONG CITY STUDIO

Geelong Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) - Alcoa Studio 2 (upstairs), enter via Ryrie St

Classes commence Saturday 7th February, 2015

Teacher: Miss Ally

Class	Time	Age
Toddlers 1	Saturdays: 9:45am – 10:15am	2 - 3 years
Toddlers 2	Saturdays: 10:30am – 11:00am	3 - 4 years
Tinies	Saturdays: 11:15am – 12noon	5 - 6 years
Juniors	Saturdays: 12noon – 12:45pm	7 - 8 years
Inters	Saturdays: 12:45pm – 1:30pm	9 - 12 years

CLASS PRICES: Toddlers & Tinies \$9 per class (pay per week), Juniors & Inters are \$10 per class (pay per week). Family discounts apply: 2 dancers from the one family pay \$15 or 3 pay \$20.

Karen Feldman's Dance Studio encompasses 10 studios across the Geelong region. We also offer R.A.D. Syllabus Ballet Classes for Adults & Children and boys break dancing classes.

Contact Karen: (03) 5276 1357 or 0432 493 527. Email: feldmans@ncable.net.au

www.karenfeldmansdancestudio.com

SURFSIDE NETBALL ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED PROVIDING NETBALL AT B.A.S.C.

TUESDAY

NET SET GO 5yo to 7yo – 4pm

NET SET GO 8yo to 10yo – 4pm

11 & UNDER GAMES – 4.45pm

JUNIOR GIRLS – 6.15pm

MIXED COMPETITION from 7.05pm

WEDNESDAY

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS
COMPETITION 7.30- & 8.20pm

THURSDAY

JUNIOR GIRLS COMPETITION

From 4.00pm to 7.05pm

LADIES COMPETITION

From 7.05pm to 9.20pm

ALL ENQUIRES PLEASE CALL KERRY ON 0404011635

Become A Volunteer Host Family - It's Fun!

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Belgium, Finland, France and Italy are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!

Getting to know your student well before he or she arrives is rewarding learning experience, fun for everyone involved and helps your student settle quickly. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive an information pack for your family.

Phone: 1300 884 733

Email: info@wep.org.au

Online: <http://www.wep.org.au>

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