



WALLINGTON Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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FAIR

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CALENDAR EVENTS

Tue 13th Sep	Yr 3-6 Division Athletics
Thu 15th Sep	P & F Meeting 9.15 am Elkhorn
Fri 16th Sep	End of Term Dismissal 2.30 pm
Mon 3rd Oct	START OF TERM 4
Wed-Fri 5th-7th Oct	Yr 3/4 Camp
Wed 19th Oct	Geelong Cup Holiday

PRINCIPAL NEWS

We have enjoyed another lovely week at Wallington Primary School, and classes have made the most of the sunshine and warmer weather to take their learning outdoors. Our school grounds are looking so very inviting, and all students are showing respectful behaviour towards the school environment and equipment. Well done to all! As term 3 comes to an end, our priority for next week is to "Finish Right." This means consistent, high expectations of all students across all areas of schooling.

Outdoor Environment

Work has started on Wallington's Sensory Garden, and we have had a terrific week watching the dramatic changes that have taken place in this space. Enormous thanks to Steve and Jane from Hurricane Landscaping for not only completing the excavation and construction work, but also providing entertainment to many students during recess and lunchbreaks. Thanks also to Mel Haslem for design and consultancy around the project, and Mr Vaught for driving the project from school level. This space will provide another terrific outdoor exploration area for our students. Our school grounds continue to evolve with this work, the amphitheatre (which we hope to have completed by the end of September) and the new monkey bars. Our maintenance man Wain has been imperative in ensuring our school and grounds look fantastic each and every day.



Sensory Garden
in progress

Early School Arrival

Please note that playground supervision does not start until 8.45am and concludes at 3.45pm, as per Department of Education guidelines. Students at school outside these times are not supervised, and assistance for any injury/issue may not be immediately available if required. It is therefore advisable that students avoid coming to school before 8.45am in the morning.

Spring and Asthma

Whilst many of us are enjoying the recent spring sunshine, some people with asthma might notice an increase in wheezing and asthma symptoms. This is because spring is a time when there is an



increase of pollen in the air, which is a trigger for people with asthma. Hay fever is a common allergic condition that affects 8% of children and adolescents, particularly in springtime. Up to 80% of people with asthma also experience hay fever. If hay fever is poorly controlled then it can be more difficult to control your asthma. For a majority of people hay fever is due to pollen, which are tiny, dust-like particles given off by certain types of trees, grasses, weeds and flowers. Pollens are small enough to be airborne and penetrate indoors and out.

Whether you are in the city or rural areas, here are some tips to prevent asthma and allergy in spring:

- * Always carry appropriate medication with you in case you need it (ie: blue reliever puffer)
- * Try to avoid going out on windy days or after thunderstorms
- * Avoid activities in areas where grass is being mowed
- * Keep windows closed at home and particularly when in the car, and use recirculated air in the car when pollen levels are high
- * Avoid hanging washing outside on high pollen days. The pollen can stick to your clothes.



The Asthma Foundation of Victoria website asthma.org.au offers a pollen count during the peak allergy period of October to January. This forecast can be used to alert people with hay fever and people with asthma of the likelihood of being exposed to high levels of pollen, enabling them to

take preventative measures in danger periods. If you would like more information or would like to speak to an Asthma Advisor, please call 1800 645 130 or visit www.asthma.org.au or www.asthmafriendlyschools.org.au

Sun Smart

A reminder that all students are required to wear a wide brimmed hat when outdoors during school hours for the remainder of the school year. Students who do not have their hat are required to stay in the shade area outside the staff room during breaks, and will also need to sit in the shade during sporting sessions. We currently have Wallington hats for sale through the office at a cost of \$10.00.

Strawberry Fair

A reminder that we have placed a suggestion box in the foyer area, and encourage input from staff and families as to how we might best utilise monies raised from the 2017 Fair for ongoing school improvement. Slips for suggestions are located beside the box, and your input is greatly appreciated.

Last day of term

The last day of this school term is next Friday September 16. Children will be dismissed from the hall immediately following assembly at 2:30pm on this day. This early dismissal is in line with Department of Education and Training guidelines.

Reminders

Our students love to talk about their learning. Last day of term 3 is Friday September 16. Students dismissed at 2:30pm.



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Last Week's SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK

2V Vaught	AIDAN B For being a champion again by ranking number one in the world for Reading Eggs.
3O O'Brien	SORALIA A-C For having such a positive time at school and challenging yourself with class activities.
4M Murray	SEBBY B For cooperating well with others on Marble Day and for continuing to work on improving his strategies for use in challenging social situations.
5D King	ZAC M For always applying himself to complete all work tasks to the best of his ability and then to go and offer assistance to others using his own initiative. Well done Zac.
6L Lennon	MIA K For the positive and constructive feedback you provided to your peers about their oral presentations. Excellent feedback and advice Mia! JOEL E For presenting a clear and well planned oral presentation about John Flanagan and the "Rangers Apprentice" series. ASHLEIGH R For her planning and organisation with her oral presentation about Anna Sewell. Well done Ash!



*Our students enjoying
some spring sunshine
while they work.*

*Keep your face always toward the
sunshine - and shadows will fall
behind you.*
Walt Whitman



PARENTS & FRIENDS

Next Meeting

The next Parents and Friends meeting is on **Thursday 15th September 9.15am** at **Elkhorn Roadhouse**. We have Xavier Sheehan from the Bendigo Bank coming as well as a special health and well being speaker, Ann Lane – Reflexology. All welcome to come along for a casual coffee and chat to plan the rest of the year's activities.



Stay up to date

Keep up to date with all the Parent and Friends upcoming events by joining our Facebook page. Search for **"Wallington PS Parents and Friends"** and request to join.

SUSHI

Please note that there will be **NO SUSHI ORDERS** on the last week of term 3 (Thu 15th Sep) and first week of term 4 (Thu 6th Oct).



Net4Kids

**Program for
2.5 – 5 year olds**

Netball themed educational program focusing on gross and fine motor skills, cognitive function and social skills.



VENUE: Geelong Basketball Netball Centre
DATE: Tuesday 13th September
TIME: 11.00-11.45am
REGISTER: netballvic.com.au/net4kids
COST: Free

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LOCATIONS VISIT:
NETBALLVIC.COM.AU/NET4KIDS OR 9321 2222



PORTARLINGTON CRICKET CLUB Family Day

**SATURDAY 17 SEPT
12PM - 4PM**

Portarlington Cricket Ground
Boat Rd, Portarlington

DISCOUNTED MEMBERSHIPS & APPAREL
JUMPING CASTLES • FREE FOOD • MUSIC
KID'S CRICKET ACTIVITIES • FAIRY FLOSS
BOWLING SPEED RADAR • MUCH MORE!

www.portarlingtoncricketclub.com.au

PORTARLINGTON CRICKET CLUB is currently recruiting new players for all grades for the 2016-17 season. We are a family friendly club that are investing in our youth for a strong cricketing future. Please contact our Coach Rob Nuttall on 0475 567 275 or Vice President Reuben Beazley on 0429 556 843 for more information.



Geelong Baycats Baseball

Come and try Teeball or Baseball !!

Come and try Teeball
2 September 2016 at the Geelong Baseball Complex, Warrn Ponds
5 pm to 6 pm
For age group 5 to 10 years

Come and try Baseball
18 September 2016 at the Geelong Baseball Complex, Warrn Ponds
10 am – 12 noon
For age group 9 to 14 years

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