



WALLINGTON Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Fri 10th Jun	Parents & Friends Meeting ~ Hall
Mon 13th Jun	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tue 14th	Parent Teacher Interviews Yr 5/6 Biolab ~ Skilled Stadium
Wed 15th Jun	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thu 16th Jun	Pupil Free Day
Fri 17th Jun	Whole school Science day
Wed 22nd Jun	Prep-2 Cross Country School Council
Thu 23rd Jun	Special Lunch Day ~ Subway
Fri 24th Jun	Last Day of Term 2.30 pm Dismissal

PRINCIPAL NEWS

End Of Term

The final day for term 2 is 24th June. We will be finishing at 2:30 pm on the day. A short assembly will be held at 2:10pm.

Welcome

On Friday we welcome Ms Alida O'Brien to Wallington. Ms O'Brien will be taking over from Mrs Farley and Mrs McLaren. Ms O'Brien and Mrs McLaren will be ensuring that there is a thorough transition. Mrs McLaren will be conducting the 3 way interviews. Ms O'Brien will be at the interviews to meet the parents. I would like to thank Mrs McLaren for the great work that she has done in the classroom during the term ~ it is very much appreciated.

3 Way Interviews

The note for this went home on Wednesday, and is due back today. Reports, along with your interview time will go home on Friday. Classes will run as normal. Students who have their interviews between 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm will be available for the interview. Can parents also return to school the student report folders as soon as possible?

Lost Property

The amount of lost property is mounting up again. I regularly go through the box and return labelled items. However there are many items not named. The lost property is located next to the sick bay/first aid room. Please check for any lost items prior to the end of term as any unclaimed items will be donated or thrown out at the end of term.



Debating

Last night Wallington participated in the first round of the Schools Debating. At the time of writing the result was unknown, but we will announce it at assembly on Friday. Thank you to Elsie M and Tracey V for coaching



the teams. This is the first year that we have been able to field 2 teams.

Term 3

I will be on leave for all of term 3. I shall let parents know who my replacement will be as soon as it is known.

2017 Preps

Enrolments are being taken now for 2017 Preps. If you have a child starting prep next year, please enrol as soon as possible.

Asthma

If your child suffers from asthma, it is essential that the school has an Asthma Plan that is signed off by your child's doctor in order to give correct treatment if/when needed. Forms are available at the office. We will be following up with parents whose children do not have an Asthma Plan. For further information, please consult your doctor or go to the Asthma website:

<http://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/vic/about-asthma/resources>

Pupil Free Day

Next Thursday 16th June is a pupil free day - students are not required at school on this day.

Tips for Internet safety



Here are some key messages around internet safety that could help parents help their children.

In addition to following tips, parents might want to install filters on their home computers.

1. Don't let potential problems stop you from letting your child use technology for their education and personal interests.
2. Put computers in a communal area of the house and don't allow portable internet devices (laptops, phones, tablets etc) in the bedroom.
3. Find out what your child is doing online. Talk to them regularly about what websites they visit and take the time sit with them as they use the internet. Make sure you're familiar with how the sites that they visit work.
4. Encourage your child to tell you if they ever have a problem on the internet or if they are ever unsure about anything. Reassure them that you won't take away their connection to the internet if issues occur.
5. Remind your child to keep personal information private. YAPPY is a useful acronym to remind children of the personal information they should not share on public online spaces (blogs, forums etc) eg your full name, address, phone number, passwords, your plans.
6. Remind your child that not everything on the internet is true and not all internet users tell the truth.
7. Don't support your child to sign up for sites that are 13+ if they are under age (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram etc). Make sure your child sets their online accounts to 'private' to limit access to people they know well (when they are old enough to sign up).
8. Encourage your child to balance their leisure time so they're not spending all of their time online.
9. Create your own internet rules for your household and have your child agree to adhere to them.
10. Explore government resources for parents so you can educate yourself and protect your children on the internet.

Cybersmart website: www.cybersmart.gov.au



<div>  Last Week's SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS  </div>	
PREP D Duckett	RUBY C For always trying her best in reading. Well done!
PIN Norris	CHARLEY C For doing a fabulous job improving your writing. Your letters are becoming neater and clearer every time you write. Keep up the great work!
Stevens 1/2S	MILLIE L For bringing in recycled materials from home for your garden art project. Well done Millie. Keep up the great work!
	RHIANNON H For making a huge improvement when spelling your high frequency words. Well done Rhiannon, keep up the great work.
2V Vaught	OLLIE R For his fantastic and high standard of work with our class novel George's Marvelous Medicine.
	AVA S For her fantastic and high standard of work with our class novel George's Marvelous Medicine.
	TILLY K For her fantastic and high standard of work with our class novel George's Marvelous Medicine.
	AIDAN B For his fantastic and high standard of work with our class novel George's Marvelous Medicine.
3J McLaren	ISABELLA R For using descriptive words and similes in her writing. Well done.
5D King	MOLLY H For being able to identify good examples of figurative language in books and for always applying herself so well to all tasks. Excellent work, Molly.
6L Lennon	CHARLOTTE L For a great written procedure about the Japanese art marbling technique of suminagashi.

Debating

Last night our two Year 6 Debating teams competed against Drysdale Primary School in the first round of the Barwon Junior Debating Competition. The topic for argument was "That scientists should be able to test new medicines on animals". Both teams performed exceptionally well, only narrowly being beaten by a small margin of one point on each occasion. A special congratulations goes to Amity of the 'A' team and Laura in the 'B' team, both won the 'Best Speaker of the Debate' awards on the night. Well done!



PARENTS & FRIENDS

Thank You – Trivia Night

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our trivia night last Friday. It was an extremely successful night with lots of games, prizes, laughs and fun. A big thank you to all who were involved with organising and running the night.

Photos from the night have been uploaded to our facebook page "Wallington PS Parents and Friends".

Special Lunch

Subway special lunch will be on **Thursday 23rd June**.

Cost is \$8 which includes a 6 inch sub, cookie and drink. Option to upgrade order to footlong sub \$10.

Forms must be returned to the draw opposite the office marked "special lunch" by **Monday 20th June**.

Next Meeting

Is on tomorrow, **Friday 10th June 9am** in the hall. Special guest health and wellbeing speaker – Tara Lynch Yoga

All welcome to come along for a coffee and chat about the remaining year's activities.



Cross Country

Yesterday Sienna and Teagan represented the school at the Western Metropolitan Region Cross Country event in Melbourne. Both girls have performed outstandingly to reach this level of competition, having to go through school, district and division events to qualify. Congratulations to Teagan, whose performance yesterday has qualified her to proceed to the State Level finals early next term. We wish Teagan all the best for this upcoming event. Go Wallington!

