

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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8th November 2012



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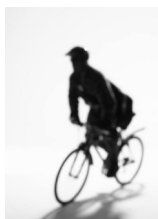
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Principals News

This week marks the half-way point of the term (believe it or not). Classes are in the midst of assessments in preparation for the end of the year. I have been often asked what happens to this information – does it get passed on to the next teacher. The answer is yes it does. As part of the teachers' preparation for the new year, they meet to exchange information that is relevant to the students' learning. This allows a smooth transition between years.

Riding to and from school

It was brought to my attention by a member of the public that there are some students, who use Orchard Crescent, who are riding home on **the wrong side** of the road. My suggestion for riding to and from school is that students ride on the grassed area on the north side of Orchard Crescent. This can be done most of the way up Orchard Crescent. I am currently speaking with the City of Greater Geelong to see if we can get a trail put in all the way up Orchard Crescent. This will be a safer option than riding on the road.



In relation to the reported incident, I have spoken with the students who use Orchard Crescent. It would be beneficial if this is followed up at home

AEU – Industrial action

The Department is currently involved in enterprise bargaining with the Australian Education Union in relation to its log of claims covering employees in the executive class, the principal class, the teacher class, the paraprofessional class and the education support class.

As part of its industrial campaign the Union has notified the Department that on and from Monday 8 October 2012 its members will undertake bans and limitations on the following:

- Reporting VELS student achievement data to the Department. Exempted from

this ban will be the processing and up-loading of achievement data for senior students via the Victorian Assessment Software System (VASS);

- Written comments or numerical data in student reports for each subject. Exempted from this ban will be reporting on VELS progression points, Satisfactory/ Not Satisfactory information for VCE, VCAL and VET, and equivalent information for specialised settings.

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The implications for Wallington are that whilst the bans are in place staff will be adhering to the bans and will only be reporting on the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. This means that parents will only receive the summary sheets that have the 'dots' (indicating VELS progression). However if the bans are lifted staff will issue a modified report.



- Half day stoppage has also been called on 4th December 2012.

- Restriction of meetings to one hour per week.

Staffing for 2013

The staffing for next year has been finalised:

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| Mr McLaren | Mrs Duckett |
| Mrs King | Mrs Murray |
| Mrs Peter | Mrs Marino |
| Miss Jones | Mr Vaught |
| Mrs Laird | Mrs Lennon |
| Mrs MacMillan | Miss Brislane |
| Mrs Burgess | |

Class structure and teacher allocation is yet to be finalised.

DIARY DATES



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| Thu 8 Nov | 2013 Prep Orientation |
| Thu 8 Nov | Hot Lunch |
| Fri 9 Nov | Working Bee—3:30 - 6:30pm |
| Tue 13 Nov | Environment and Curriculum meeting |
| Thu 15 Nov | 2013 Prep orientation |
| Wed 21 Nov | School Council meeting |
| Thu 22 Nov | 2013 Prep orientation |
| Wed 12 Dec | Christmas Picnic |
| Tue 18 Dec | Year 6 Graduation |
| Thu 20 Dec | Hot Lunch |
| Fri 21 Dec | Term 4 concludes—finish at 1:30 |

Strawberry Fair

At the last meeting of the fair the committee looked at an arrange of issues. One of these was to appoint, at each year level, a parent to help fill the roster positions for the Strawberry Fair. The Roster Lists will be put up today – Thursday. Please get in early so that you get your choice.

Prep Orientation

Today we welcomed our 2013 Preps to Wallington Primary School. Mrs King has organised a great program. Next week when they come over again I will be speaking with the parents and extending a warm welcome to our school community.



Head Lice

We have had one or two reported cases of head lice. Parents are asked to be vigilant and check their children's hair regularly. To keep this under control we need the co-operation of everyone. I did appreciate those parents who called to let us know.



WEBSITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

You will notice a change to our website which was effective 7th November.

If you are currently registered to receive our newsletter alerts via email, you will need to reregister to ensure that you go onto our distribution list. We extend our apologies for any inconveniences this may cause.

We ask that you bare with us as we go through the upgrades and nut out any issues we may encounter.

Swimming—Week 3 Tips

Wallington Primary School's Prep to Grade 3 swimming program at [Bellarine Aquatic Sports Centre](#), Ocean Grove, starts in little over a weeks time. Please don't forget to prepare 'labelled' bathers, towel and dry plastic bag for wet gear. Students will be swimming between 12:15-1:00pm or 1:00-1:45pm. It is fantastic to see such a positive response to this important program with statistics from Royal Life Saving Australia showing that Australia has over 300 drownings a year with a large proportion being males.

Why so much emphasis on staying safe around water? Unlike many animals that instinctively and naturally swim if suddenly dropped into the water, humans must learn how to survive in the water. Swimming and water survival skills are not difficult to learn though. As history shows, many cultures throughout the ages have recognised the value of such skills.

Jason Vaught

Swim coordinator



**Thank you to Leisa Shields
for organising and making
the hot lunches today,
Thursday 8th November.**

Parents' Club



| Term 4 | |
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| Thursday, Nov 8 th | Parents' Club meeting 9am postponed until 15 th November Prep orientation |
| Thursday, Nov 15 th | Parents' Club meeting Prep orientation – prep parents morning tea and uniform sale |
| Thursday, Nov 22 nd | Prep orientation Social night – venue and time TBC |
| Friday, Nov 30 th | Uniform sale |
| Wednesday, Dec 12 th | Christmas Picnic |
| Thursday, Dec 13 th | Parents' Club meeting 9am |
| Tuesday, Dec 18 th | Year 6 Graduation |

The next Parents' Club meeting will be held on Thursday, 15th November (not the 8th November as previously arranged). We will meet at 9am and then have morning tea for the new Prep parents. There will also be a second hand uniform sale at the morning tea. It would be great to have parents come along and meet the 2013 Prep parents.

Dinner Social Night

A night out will be held on Thursday 22nd Nov. Venue and time to be advised in next week's newsletter.

School Christmas Picnic

Wednesday, 12th December, the Christmas Picnic in the school grounds.

Keep this date free.

Relay For Life

Bellarine Relay For Life is being held on 10th and 11th November at the Collendina Reserve, Ocean Grove.

This is a fantastic community event.

"Wallington Bunyips" are just one of the many registered teams. If anyone is interested in joining or helping out with fundraising, please phone Sally on 0418 306 699 or visit www.relayforlife.org.au.



Letting the creativity flow in Prep/1B

Prep/ 1 B have been learning about how to write a narrative. We have been learning about the different parts of a narrative such as the orientation, where we have to introduce the setting and the characters. We have learnt that there needs to be a problem in our narratives and a solution.

Here are some examples of our narratives...

The Zoo

Prep/1 B went to the zoo. There was an escaped snake. I got a monster truck. I ran over the snake.

The End.

By Tyler Croxford



Me and my aunty at the desert

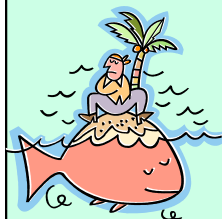
I went to the desert on my birthday. A snake followed us, he wanted to kill us, we ran away. We found a market. We bought a sandwich for him. Then he stopped following us. Then they lived happily ever after.

By Stella Withington

In the Sea

I am on a whale's back and a shark is chasing us. The whale started to swim really fast. The whale accidentally swam onto the shore. The shark went away. The tide came in and the whale swam away.

By Lily Geissler



The Desert

Me and Will Smith went to the desert. Then me and Will Smith found a mummy. It chased us. When I saw him I growled. I put the mummy in jail.

By Cameron Stein

Prep 1/B at the desert

At midnight all of Prep/1 B went to the desert. When we got there we forgot our overnight gear and our food. Then Lochie ran up on top of the pyramid and jumped up and down. Then 2,000,000 mummies came running out of the pyramid...

What do you think will happen next?

By Max Bluml



Library

Next week in the library are grades 3-6. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.
Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray



Working Bee—FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER



3:30pm to 6:30pm



Hope to see you there!

Thank you to those people who have organised jobs already.

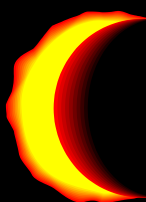
Here is a list of our Environment Roster. Please feel free to lend a hand even if it isn't your rostered term.

| Term 3 | Term 4 |
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| Name | Name |
| McGinnes | Evans |
| Withington | Smith-Will |
| Lee | Zurawel |
| Anthony | Pedersen |
| Kapitelli | Doedel |
| Wiley | Keon-Cohen |
| Vaught | Considine |
| Bluml | Mamootil |
| Hose | Shields |
| Wrench | Miles |
| Newland | Joly |
| Watson | Spanner |
| Harris | Ferguson |
| Morrissey | Rahdon |
| Cowley | Dunstan |
| Koehler | Wingrave |
| Bouma | Stokoe |
| Mitchell | Latter |
| Dyson | Adams-Bailey |
| McKenzie | Lock |
| Symonds | MacGillivray |
| Harris-Caitlin | Selway |
| Hallifax-Laspada | Eaton |
| Papalia | Woolley |
| Dixon | Dungen |
| Jennings-Jacob | |



Next Wednesday there is a solar eclipse which will be visible in Melbourne at these times
Begins 7:16:09 am
Mid 8:06:17 am
Ends 9:00:29 am
Sun covered by moon 42.3%

See <http://nightskyonline.info/?p=4280> for further info and how to make a pinhole viewer as you must not look at the sun even during an eclipse!



Community Notices

NEWCOMB SECONDARY COLLEGE



GRADE 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION NEWS

Orientation Day

Tuesday, 11th December 2012

Year 7 Information packages including Orientation Day details will be forwarded to families early December.

Uniform

The uniform of Newcomb Secondary College is being reviewed. Notice of any changes made to the school uniform will be included in the Year 7 information package. We advise that families hold off on purchasing uniform items until then.



The Strawberry Fair 'JAM MAKERS' thank everyone who have donated packs of white sugar ready for making jams, relishes and pickles for Strawberry Fair 2013.

To date we have received **23kgs of sugar**...again thank you!

Our target is 60kgs.

Generic brands of sugar are just fine.

The packs must be unopened.

Any further donations would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the office.



For sale: New Furniture!

Brand new from \$900 Fantastic Furniture package. Fully assembled (currently in display home) & unused. Includes: 2 couches (light cream/brown) \$110 each, coffee table \$15, TV stand \$50, kitchen table with 4 chairs \$100. Dark wood veneer look.

Contact Julian Selway 5/6 D or Jacqui on 0148 504 850



New Ladies Gym Open in Ocean Grove.
Extended Hours, Child Minding, Fun Group

Training and best of all

No Contracts or Joining Fees.

Call 1300 510 510 or visit enviefitness.com.au

Clifton Springs Primary School Drive-In screening of 'Madagascar 3' Friday 16th November.

Movie starts at dusk, gate opens at 6.30pm.

Cost \$25 per car.

Food & drinks will be available for purchase.

Movie will be held in the gym if there are weather concerns.

Tickets on sale at the Clifton Springs Primary School Office from Friday 26th October or at the gate on the night.



GET SET FOR SUMMER

SUMMER WORKSHOP @ KYO YOGA

A dynamic, playful practice to align with the season of Summer.

WHEN: Sunday 2nd December
9 - 11.30am
"Open to joy"

Sunday 2nd December
1 - 3.30pm
"Chill the pitta"

COST: \$45 for current Kyo students
\$50 casual
both sessions \$80/\$90

For more details contact Rachael Hely
0430 515 424



Rachael has been teaching yoga for over 10 years. Her teachings draw from vinyasa and yin practices.

She is a practicing physiotherapist of 17 years.

1st / 2nd Ocean Grove Scout Group

Cubs meet

Tuesday 7.00 pm

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Scout Hall, The Avenue, Ocean Grove

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Enquiries: 0422 700 951

