

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Fri 14th October	Division Athletics
Mon 17th October	Girls Yr. 6 Basketball
Thurs 20th October	Yr.6 Debate - Leopold 4pm
Mon 24th - Fri 28th October	Bandanna Week
Thurs 27th October	Year 6 Photo
Wed 19th October	Geelong Cup - Pupil Free Day
Sat 29th October	Car Boot Sale for Relay for Life!
Wed 2nd November	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Wed 9th November	Hot Lunch!
Thurs 10th November	Prep Orientation, 2:30 - 3:30pm
Fri 11th November	Relay For Life - Collendina Reserve
Fri 11th November	Parents Social Night "In Style"
Thurs 17th November	Prep Orientation, 9.30 - 11am
Wed 23rd November	Blue Light Disco for Year 6
Thurs 24th November	Prep Orientation, 12.30 - 3pm
Wed 14th December	Hot Lunch!
Wed 14th December	Family Picnic
Tues 20th December	Grade 6 Graduation

MESSAGES FROM MR. MCLAREN

Welcome back to the start of a new term. I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable break. We are now 'geared' up for the final term of the year and a great way to start the term off is to announce that the school was awarded "Best School Art Exhibit" at this year's Geelong Show. The exhibit is made up of art work from across the school. Congratulations to everyone and especially to Mrs Hunter for her work at setting up the display of the exceptional work of our students. Mrs Hunter was also assisted on the day by Jenny Hudson, so thank you very much.

Just as a reminder next Wednesday (19th October) there is no school on that day.

Pre Summer works

People will have noticed the tree missing from the front of the school. This was necessary to remove as the Education Department prepares schools for the upcoming bushfire season. Other works to be carried out are the placing of gutter guards around the main building, replacement of fly wire screens with wire mesh screens, and the upgrading of some glass panels. These works are necessary to ensure the safety of all people who work at Wallington Primary School, in the event of a bushfire.

As I mentioned at the start of the year. Wallington has been declared a "CodeRed" school. This means that on days of 'catastrophic weather' the school will be closed for the day. No staff or students are expected to attend on such days. Families will be given as much notice as possible when these days are declared. The last 'catastrophic day' was on Black Saturday.

Tips when hearing your child read

Your child has brought home their reader and it's your job to hear them read it. Here's some tips from an experienced teacher to make it easier for you and a positive learning experience for your child.

1. Independence - Let your child have as much control as possible. They should hold the book, turn the pages and point to the words (if necessary). It's best to sit side by side so you can look at the book together.
2. Engage the mind - Ask your child if they've read the book before. If so, ask what type of book is it? Is it funny, sad ...? Ask a couple of quick questions to activate prior knowledge. If not, then look at the cover and then through the pictures and ask, "What do you think the book's about?" or "What do you think is going to happen?"
3. Talk about it first - While your child is looking though, see if you can spot some difficult words that may trip them up and make reading more difficult. For example, if the text reads "gigantic dinosaur" and there's a picture of a large dinosaur you could say, "That dinosaur looks gigantic." Then when your child comes to that word it will be easier for them to read.
4. Be fully present - Your child will pick up on your feelings. Choose a time when you can give them your full attention and if you are frustrated with your child's reading progress stay calm, express it later to an adult (your child's teacher).
5. Make it fun - Keep it light and full of encouragement. Tell your child a joke or read something funny. Children love nonsense rhymes and funny stories. If there's people talking in the story, you could get your child to read in different voices for each character, or you could read one.

The time you take and the atmosphere you set, will have a lasting impact on your child's learning and to your relationship so enjoy listening to your child read.

HELP NEEDED

If you have some spare time we need to get on top of the grass mowing. I am looking for anyone who could help in this regard. If you can please see me and I can arrange for a key to the garden shed

Strawberry Fair Meeting

At the last Strawberry Fair meeting we covered a range of issues such as the location of stalls. We are currently waiting for confirmation of our booking for Code One (police rock band) and are looking at a range of rides and activities that will cater for a wider range of age groups.

We are also looking for co coordinators for the food stalls and areas

BBQ	Devonshire Tea	Pancakes
Pavs	Nachos	Show bags
Drinks	Fairy Floss	Gourmet Food Gate

The next meeting of the Fair will be on Wednesday 2nd November at 7:00pm at the school. These meetings are open to anyone. The more input we have from parents the better the fair will be.

Leigh McLaren
Principal

Don't Forget
no hat no play!



LIBRARY

This week in the library is grades 3's, 4's, 5's and 6's. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.

It is now 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

So its about time we considered our environment before printing off the newsletter.

So have a look at our website <http://www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au/> and sign up to receive our newsletter online today!



Relay For Life - Car Boot Sale

Clean out your cupboards, have a big spring clean and bundle up your unwanted items for our Relay-For-Life Car Boot Sale. To be held on Saturday 29th October 9:00am to 1:00pm. The venue will be confirmed early Term 4. \$20 per car with all proceeds going to Relay For Life!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

parenting young adolescents



Abcd

For Parents of children aged 10-13 years

A 4-week practical and enjoyable program to help parents understand and cope better with the challenges of parenting pre-adolescents and young teenagers.

Program explores:

*Connecting *Valuing *Communicating *Monitoring *Negotiating *Accepting *Problem solving *Limit setting *Self-care

Duration: 4 x 2.5 hour sessions over four weeks

Term 4, 2011:

Commencing: Wednesday 26th October

Where: "Ariston", 245-249 Pakington St, Newtown

Time: 7.00pm – 9.30pm

Contact the Regional Parenting service on

5272 4817 to reserve your place

Cost – Gold Coin Donation

Note: Places for each program limited - Registration Essential.

Come & Try Calisthenics Session

Sat. 22nd Oct 9.15am - 3 to 12 year olds

At Ocean Grove Calisthenics we have it all and all in one class. We are a community based sporting club based in Ocean Grove and supporting the Belarine area, not a business. Incorporating dance, song, ballet, gymnastics, all with strength, endurance and creativity in mind.

123 The Avenue, Ocean Grove Recreation Hall



2 for 1 Entry

We have vouchers at the office for 2 for 1 entry admission for **run'm'ragged** Indoor Play Centre & Café. So come to the office and grab yourself a voucher!



Music Lessons

Piano / keyboard. Guitar (acoustic, electric, bass) Singing
During &/or After School Hours at School

- Experienced, qualified, trained and Registered teachers, specifically chosen for primary aged students
- A modern & traditional curriculum designed by primary school & music teachers specifically for primary school-age children, to either learn to play for fun or as a pathway to VCE music
- Classes available for Prep—adult, beginners to advanced.
- A trusted provider of music lessons to Geelong, Surfcoast & Peninsula schools for over 25 years.

To Pre-enrol or to obtain an information package please contact:
mbmt@bigpond.com Fax: 52 645 109.



Roller Skating & Skate Park Voucher!

Buy 1 skate centre or skate park admission and get another FREE! Come and Collect your Voucher at the office. Rollerway Skate Centre

6 Lambert Ave, Newtown

LORNE SCULPTURE 2011

**SAT 15 OCT –
SUN 6 NOV**

www.lornesculpture.com

LORNE SCULPTURE 2011 COMMITTEE

has much pleasure in inviting you to attend the Official Opening of Lorne Sculpture 2011 and Awards Presentation.

FROM 3PM, SATURDAY 15 OCT 2011

To be opened by Mary McCarthy, Director of the National Sculpture Factory, Ireland.

At the Heritage Ballroom, Mantra Erskine Beach Resort, Lorne

rsvp: info@lornesculpture.com

Light refreshments and canapés will be served

All welcome

OPENING WEEKEND EVENTS

Saturday 15th Oct
**OFFICIAL OPENING
& AWARDS ANNOUNCED** 3.00pm
Stelarc performance 4.45pm
Anastasia Klose performance 6.00pm
Jill Orr performance 7.15pm

Sunday 16th
Sculpturscape
(Temporary sculptural projects) 10.00am - 5.00pm
Children's workshops 10.30am & 1.30pm
Sculpturscape Award announced 5.30pm

LORNE SCULPTURE 2011
Curated by Julie Collins

See the website for more event details

www.lornesculpture.com