

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Tues 24th April	ANZAC Day Ceremony
Wed 25th April	ANZAC Day
Thurs 26th April	Cross Country Yrs. 3 - 6
Fri 27th April	Uniform Sale
Tues 1st May	District Cross Country
Fri 4th May	Hot Chocolate Day & Casual Dress
Thurs 10th May	Parent Club Meeting - 9am in the Hall
Thurs 10th May	Mother's Day Stall
Fri 11th May	Mother's Day Stall
Fri 25th May	Uniform Sale
Sun 27th May	Parent's Club Sunday Funday Mystery Tour
Mon 11th June	Queens Birthday
Wed 13th June	Disco 6 - 8pm in the Hall
Thurs 14th June	Pupil Free Day
Mon 18th till Wed 20th June	Maldon Camp - Grades 5-6
Fri 22nd June	Uniform Sale
Thurs 28th June	Parents end of term Social Dinner. Barwon Heads Hotel - 7pm
Fri 29th June	Term 2 Concludes
Mon 16th July	Term 3 Commences
Fri 21st Sept	Term 3 Concludes
Mon 8th Oct	Term 4 Commences
Fri 21st Dec	Term 4 Concludes

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. Over the holidays we had parents who came in and helped keep the school grounds looking great. This was greatly appreciated. It was nice to come to school on the Monday and see the school looking so good.

ANZAC Service

The Geelong Schools ANZAC Service will be held on Tuesday 24th April at Johnstone Park in Geelong. Wallington will be represented by our Term 1 School Leaders.

School Council

The Annual General Meeting of the Wallington Primary School Council was held last night. This included the election of office bearers and the presentation of the annual report. Office Bearers for 2012 are:

President: Robert Dungen
Vice President: James Watson
Secretary: Lisa Hunter

At the meeting we also acknowledged the work done by the outgoing council and they were thanked for the great work that they had done. The next meeting of the school council will be on Wednesday 16th May.

Regional Principals' Conference

Next Thursday and Friday (26th & 27th April) I will be away at the Regional Principals' Conference. At the conference we will be addressed by Richard Bolte – Secretary DEECD, Prof Di Siemon on Numeracy as well as attending a variety of workshops.

Bunyip Camp

Next Thursday is the Bunyip Camp. Preparations are well underway and Mrs King, Miss Brislane and Mrs Lennon are organising a great experience for our students.

The School /Home Partnership

Studies have shown that the relationship between school and home has an effect on student learning. The effect of parental encouragement and expectation upon student learning has a positive effect. If we expect the lowest amount of effort then that is what we get. As a parent or teacher we must set realistic expectations, that challenge the student to achieve beyond his or her comfort zone.

Case studies have shown one of the major barriers to the strengthening of the home / school partnership is understanding school language. With an understanding of the language comes a greater evidence of consistency between what is said at home and what is said at school.. Over the next few weeks I will be talking about the language of school and how we can support student learning at school and at home.

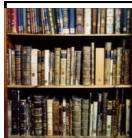
Coles Dockets

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Coles Dockets. We have just received the sports equipment and it is currently on display in the foyer. The amount of dockets we collected allowed us to purchase equipment for all classrooms. The effort has been well worth it. Thanks to Mrs Marino for co-ordinating this effort.



Leigh McLaren
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS



Library

Next week in the library is grades prep to two Please remember your book returns and your library bag.
Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray

Wallington Art Group After School Classes

These classes aim to inspire, enrich and build upon your child's artistic skills through drawing and painting. The art group will be run by Melinda Williams who is a local practicing artist and qualified art teacher with over 15 years experience. The classes will run at Wallington Primary School in the investigations room on Thursday afternoons. They will begin straight after school until 4.30 and cost \$10 per session, which includes all art materials and running costs. Places are limited as we wish to keep the size of classes small so your child gets the most assistance and guidance possible. To secure a place or find out more please or call Melinda on 0413 662 752 or email williams.melinda.m@edumail.vic.gov.au



Mum's Group Exercise Class

For anyone looking for a fun and friendly way to get fit, we have just started a 45 minute group training session with a qualified personal

trainer on Wednesdays at 9.30am.

Where: Wallington Reserve - Cricket Oval just up the road from school!

Cost: \$15 per session.

All Fitness levels and kids welcome. For more information - Michelle Hughes (Poppy, P1K and Declan, 34V mum)
ph. 0409 290 875

Welcome back staff and students!
Wallington Primary School would like to wish everybody a happy, productive and fun second term!

Would \$500 assist you with education costs?



You could receive up to **\$500** to help pay for educational costs including text books, computers, excursions and swimming lessons. Saver Plus is delivered by Bethany Community Support in your local area and is looking for new participants.

You may be eligible if you or your partner:

- ☐ have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ☐ are at least 18 years old
- ☐ have some regular income from work
- ☐ have a child at school, or attend accredited

vocational training yourself

To find out more contact **Amanda Vernon**,
Saver Plus Worker at Bethany Community Support
on 5278 8122 or avernon@bethany.org.au

Cross Country

Dates - Wallington Yrs. 3 - 6 Thursday April 26th at 9:30am
- District (for those who meet/better qualifying time)
will be held on the 1st of May

Students should be training if they are interested in making the Wallington Primary School team for the District Cross Country.



Parent Club News

Uniform Sale:

A uniform sale will be held prior to assembly on Friday the 27th of April.

Hot Chocolate and Casual Dress Day for the Geelong Hospital:

On Friday the 4th of May hot chocolate will be served all morning recess for all the students.

Please bring your own cup and wear casual dress for a gold coin donation. Parents are invited to meet for a hot chocolate at 2.30pm in the Hall prior to assembly. All proceeds going to Geelong Hospital Appeal.

Pleasant Friday Afternoon:

Commencing tomorrow, Parent Club will provide cappuccino's, coffee and tea prior to assembly at 2.30pm onwards.

\$2.50 Cappuccino

\$2.00 Coffee/Tea

Come along for a meet and chat with other parents if you can help on the roster please see Glenda Dixon. (2 People needed each week)

Sunday Funday Mystery Tour:

Keep Sunday the 27th of May free for a family fun day involving a mystery tour and finishing with a BYO picnic at our destination. Meet at school at 11am.

More details to follow when finalised.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Group Parents Events for Term 2

Positive Parenting Program

For Parents of children aged 2-5 years. Groups run for **four weeks**, followed by up to four weekly telephone sessions

Commencing: Monday 30th April

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Location: Ariston, 245-249 Pakington St, Newtown

Cost: \$17.50 (Inc GST) or \$6.50 Conc.

Contact: Regional Parenting Service

Ph: 5272 4817

Note: This program is only suitable for parents who have a minimum of 24 hours of unsupervised access per week.

Bringing Up Great Kids

A parenting group using mindfulness and reflection to support parents to review and enhance patterns of communication with their children, to promote respectful interactions and encourage the development of children's positive self identity. This group will look at developing positive parent/child relationships.

Commencing: Thursday 3rd May

Location: Bethany Community Support 16 Ballarat Road, Hamlyn Heights

Contact: Bethany Community Support

Ph: 5278 8122 **Cost:** FREE

Parenting Your Teenager

A **4-week** program which examines what is normal teenage behaviour, the four cardinal sins of parenting teens, communicating with your teen and managing those tricky situations.

Commencing: Thursday 26th April

Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm

Location: Ariston, 245-249 Pakington St, Newtown

Contact: Regional Parenting Service

Ph: 5272 4817 **Cost:** Gold Coin Donation



Music Lessons -

Piano / keyboard. Guitar (acoustic, electric, bass) Singing & Drums*
(*drums only : limited availability & not available in all schools)

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:

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