

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Tues 7th August	Environment and Curriculum Meeting
Fri 10th August	Pupil Free Day
Wed 15th August	School Council Meeting
Mon 10th—12th September	3/4 School Camp
Tues 11th September	Environment and Curriculum Meeting
Fri 21st September	Term 3 Concludes
Mon 8th October	Term 4 Commences
Wed 17th October	Geelong Cup—Public Holiday
Tues 6th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Fri 21st Dec	Term 4 Concludes

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back to term 3. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. With the wet weather over the holidays the oval on the far side of the school is underwater. We are currently addressing that problem. As long as the weather is kind we should have that side of the oval water free in about a week or two.

Pupil Free Day

The final pupil free day for the year will be on August 10. Students will not be required at school on that day.

Drysdale RSL

On Wednesday 15th August grades 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in an activity that commemorates the end of WWII in the Pacific. Members of the Drysdale RSL will be at the school to talk to the students and have a presentation on this important event in our history. Parents are more than welcome to attend. It will commence at 2:30pm

Long Service Leave

Mrs Murray and Mrs Marino will be taking Long Service Leave from the 20th August for the rest of the term. Mrs Marino will be replaced by Mrs Hudson.

Active After School Community

This will begin Monday (30th July). The sport will be Basketball as this has proven to be the most popular sport that we have run. We are only running one session per week for term 3 and 4. The program will go for 7 weeks and will be taken by Mr Lincoln Beckworth.

Enrolment forms are available at the office. This program is open to all students Prep – grade 6.

School Council

The next school council meeting will be on Wednesday 15th August at 3:45pm in the staffroom.

Spud Olympics

To mark the running of the London Olympics the whole school will be involved in the event. The date for this event will be on 9th August

Parent Tips for Reading and Writing

You are your child's first and most important teacher. When you help your child learn to read, write, and think critically, you are opening the door to the rich world of learning. For your child, learning to read can begin with listening to you reading stories and newspaper articles aloud. Before long, your child will show interest in reading stories and other materials on his or her own. It is very important to talk about the ideas in a book or magazine, to ask questions that encourage your child to think, and to let your child talk to you about his or her responses to what has been read.

Your child can learn how to read and write more easily with your help. With regular practice, he or she will develop fluency in both reading and writing. At the same time, your child will also learn to think critically about the stories or informational materials that he or she reads.

Families can incorporate literacy activities anywhere – developing literacy is not just what children do while at school. It is important that you look for opportunities for your child to learn wherever you are and whenever you can. Literacy is part of every day in some way, no matter what you are doing or where you are. Literacy skills are used in all kinds of situations – for example, when reading food labels, when talking with other children on the soccer field, when discussing a movie with the family, or when writing lists to be posted on the refrigerator.

It's important for you to encourage your child and to show that you have confidence in him or her. Avoid comparing your child's performance with that of other children. Remember that learning to read and write does not take place all at once. Also, learning to read and write is not always easy, and children need to know that everyone learns at different rates. Children learn to read and write over time with lots of practice and with support from parents and teachers.

Extract from the Ontario Literacy Guide for Parents
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/literacynumeracy/parentGuideLit.pdf>

Leigh McLaren
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS



Last Weeks SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



2L Lennon	ASHLEIGH R For showing good persistence with her maths "name" challenge.
34V Vaught	MERIDIEN V and ASHLEIGH R For a well organised and confident presentation about their "Tiger Kennel" at assembly.

Wallington Primary School Concert



Thursday Evening
20th SEPTEMBER 2012
Portarlington Park Hall

TERM 3 GROUP DRUM LESSONS

Drum lessons with Scott McCutcheon will be held on the following days:

Prep-2: Tuesday

Grade 3-4: Tuesday

Grade 5-6: Thursday

With thanks, Lisa Hunter.



Library

Next week in the library are grades Prep-1. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.

Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Junior Martial Arts Program – Young Warrior Academy Ocean Grove

Classes are designed to promote self confidence, discipline, cooperation, respect, creativity and enjoyment of physical activity.

Children have fun through games, challenges and rhythm-based activities.

New group starting this term, Wednesday 4:15 – 5:00pm.

For more information or to arrange a complimentary trial class, please call Adam Renkauskas on 0409 589 369.



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kids
EXPO
Sunday
5th August
10AM - 2PM

@ The Barwon Heads Resort
(13th Beach Golf Links)

ENTRY:
\$2 PER PERSON
\$5 PER FAMILY

FREE ACTIVITIES!

FACE PAINTING, BALLOON SCULPTING, CRAFT, FAMILY FITNESS, YOGA & DANCE CLASSES, NUTRITIONAL HEAD LICE, CONSCIOUS PARENTING, SURF SCHOOL & OCEAN AWARENESS, & GREEN SMOOTHIE PRESENTATIONS!

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Family Portraits – Jolie Image Photography

Pay only \$15 and receive a 10x13 inch Framed Family Portrait for free!

Parents Club are looking for expressions of interest from a minimum of 22 families in order to take up this offer from Jolie Image Photography.

If we have enough interest, we can book Jolie Image Photography, Geelong, to come to the school and take family portraits at the school in October – portraits can be of family, parents, children together, children separate, mum/kids, dad/kids, grandparents and other combinations - www.jolieimage.com.au

Great timing if you're starting to organise Christmas gifts!

Families pay \$15 for and receive a 10x13 inch Framed Family Portrait for free and the option of purchasing other portraits or packages of photographs from portraits taken.

If your family is interested in coming along to the school to participate in this offer, please express your interest by returning this form to the school by **Friday, July 27th**. Feel free to invite other families outside the school to participate also – this is a school fundraiser so the more families that participate, the more money we raise for the school.

Cut along dotted line and return to school office by Friday, July 27th 2012.



The _____ family is interested in a booking a family portrait session in October, 2012.

Signed _____