

# WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES



Thurs 1st August	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Fri 2nd August	Lion's Club Raffle Booklets Due
Thurs 8th August	School Disco
Fri 9th August	Pupil Free Day
Thurs 15th August	Hot Lunch!
Wed 21st August	School Council Meeting
Tues 3rd September	Zoo - Whole School Excursion
Mon 9th September	Indonesian Incursion
Thurs 12th September	Hot Lunch!
Wed 18th September	School Council Meeting

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

### Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the 2013 DEECD Parent Survey. A reminder that these surveys need to be returned to school by tomorrow Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

### School Garden

Our school garden has been adopted by our two very enthusiastic grade 3/4 classes. They have been working diligently weeding and preparing the garden beds for planting, tending to our 17 chickens as well as painting the blackboards on the outdoor learning centre.

Importantly all the work they are undertaking in the garden is being linked back to their classroom learning where it is included in their Literacy and Numeracy programs. The children are looking forward to the upcoming days/weeks when they plant their seedlings and begin the process of caring for the vegetables as they watch them mature before harvesting.

### Literacy and Numeracy Week

Throughout this week students have been participating in class and whole school activities celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week. Children are encouraged to bring their favourite book/picture story book to school tomorrow to share with their classmates and other friends.

Whole school activities will be conducted for the children tomorrow and we are asking that students participate in a Nude Food Day on Friday as part of our numeracy activities. Nude Food day involves the children bringing food to school for eating with as little outside wrapping as possible.

### Woorabinda Camp

Woorabinda Camp is a campus of Somers School Camp located at Yallourn North in Gippsland. Wallington Primary has been allocated a five day multi school program with other local schools for **Grade 4/5 students** from 25/11-29/11/2013 at a cost of \$175 per student. If you are interested in your child attending this camp please send an expression of interest to Ms Lennon by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Not all students returning an expression of interest are able to attend as exact numbers attending for each school are determined by the Woorabinda Camp.

Woorabinda Camp encourages all students to participate in their normal school camps and this opportunity to attend Woorabinda aims to support and supplement Wallington's current camping program. If you have any questions please contact myself or Ms. Lennon.

### Prep Enrolments 2014.

Current parents who have a Prep child for 2014 are reminded that these students need to be enrolled for next year as soon as possible. Please contact the school

for further details and 2014 enrolment forms.

### Parents Club

I attended my first Parents Club meeting last Friday afternoon. There are numerous activities that are to be conducted in the upcoming weeks including School Disco, Hot Food Day, Father's Day Stall and Wallington Primary Cookbook. I thank all members of this group for the work they do to provide the 'extras' that contribute to our school community.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank the Parents Club for the subsidy they have contributed to the Zoo Excursion. This subsidy has substantially reduced the cost of this excursion for all students within the school.

### Jump Rope For Heart

After combining all the amounts for donations, casual dress and Skip Idol the final total raised by our school for Jump rope For Heart was \$622.90. Congratulations to all members of the school community for this outstanding effort. The children gained fitness over this time as well raising much needed funds for Heart Research. Well done! **Judie Mac Millan**

### Equestrian Interschool's

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July two Grade Five students participated in an Equestrian Show Jumping Event at Elcho Park in Lara. Both girls Bianca Lock and Zara Adams participated in the 60-70 cm class where Bianca was 9<sup>th</sup> overall and Zara 13<sup>th</sup> overall out of 30 competitors. A great result girls. Well done.

### Debating

Our Grade Six Debating team is competing this afternoon against Ocean Grove Primary School. We wish the team every success and will provide details of their debate in next week's newsletter.

### DRUMANIA

Drumming classes for children re commence on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 1:30pm and run for 9 weeks concluding on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Each session runs for 30 minutes over lunchtime and the cost for the nine sessions is \$40 payable directly to Scott. Please contact the office to register your interest.

In addition to the drumming classes at school children participating in these classes will have the opportunity to perform in the Geelong Drumming Festival in late October. Entrance to this competition is \$20 and includes t-shirt, entrance fees and a showbag. Scott will provide more details about this competition shortly.

### Community Notices

#### SES

The Bellarine SES is currently recruiting member for its unit based in Grubb Rd Drysdale. The unit can be contacted on 5253 2124 or e-mail [ine@ses.vic.gov.au](mailto:ine@ses.vic.gov.au)

### Masked Lapwings (Hooded Plover) Research.

Information on this research being undertaken in relation to this birds breeding and local population can be found at [info@marcushillvineyard.com.au](mailto:info@marcushillvineyard.com.au) or by calling Margot on 0401344 576



*Craig Wilson*  
**Acting Principal**



**Don't Forget all  
Lions Club Raffle  
booklets of sold and  
unsold tickets are due  
back TOMORROW Friday  
the 2nd August**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Last Weeks

#### SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

<b>PK King</b>	ISABELLA R For answering many questions during learning times and for always trying her best.
<b>12B Brislane</b>	BRIANNA B For completing her word study homework and doing really well in the test. CODY Mc For completing his word study homework and doing really well in the test.
<b>12V Hudson</b>	AVA T For her hard work when using a number line for subtraction. LUKE D For great research skills when completing an information Report on spiders.
<b>5D Duckett</b>	KYLE M For working hard and improving his writing.



### Werribee Zoo Excursion

This is a short note outlining our plans for a whole school excursion in Term 3.

Each year we endeavour to organise a whole school excursion that complements our thematic units of work throughout the school. This year we have been able to book a whole school visit to Werribee Zoo for Tuesday 3rd of September. This visit will include a special Learning Experience Session on the topics of Habitats Under Threat (Grades 3 - 6), Habitat Detectives (Grades Prep - 2) and a Safari Tour for all students.

To make the most of this special day we will need to depart from school at 8.45am and we will return to school at approximately at 3.45pm.

The cost of the excursion has been kept to a minimum, thanks to a generous subsidy made possible by the wonderful fundraising efforts of the Parents and Friends Association. The final costing per student for the excursion has been reduced to \$13.

A permission slip and money collection note, outlining more details will be sent home with the Newsletter on 15th August.

**Curriculum Committee**

### Cultural Exchange Program

We are very excited to announce that Ms Reiko Kobayshi will be coming to Wallington Primary School on the 12th of August. She is a teacher from Japan and will be staying with us for one week. As part of our Asian Studies Program, she will work with all students to present a number of cultural activities.

### 100 Days of School

The Prep to Two children celebrated 100 days at school on Wednesday. They were involved in various activities around the number 100. All the students enjoyed making an edible 100 chain necklace in which only a few survived till the end of the day! They skipped counting to 100 and made pictures of themselves when they turn 100 and all went home looking cool in their 100 glasses.



### Pasta a la Hugh

1 large tin crushed tomatoes, 1 onion, 1 small tub tomato paste, 750g minced beef, 1-3 cloves garlic, crushed, Mixed herbs and basil to taste.

Brown mince then add onion and garlic and cook for a further couple of mins. Add tinned tomatoes, tomato paste and herbs and simmer for 15 mins. Serve with your favourite pasta. Tastes even better with home made pasta!

\*Hugh's home made pasta - 750g hard, plain flour, 3 eggs

In a bowl break eggs into flour. Using your hands, combine into a firm ball. If still crumbly, add another egg. If too wet add more flour. Once you have a firm ball, flour a board or bench and flatten. Roll out with a rolling pin or with a pasta maker if you have one. Cut into thin strips and place in rapidly boiling water. The pasta will be cooked when it rises to the surface. Taste a piece to check. Serve with a pasta sauce.

Hugh W



### Luke and Matt's Easy Brownies or Muffins

1 cup of nutella, 10 tbs of flour, 2 eggs

Mix all together in a bowl (you can add hazelnuts or chocolate buttons), put into a greased slice pan or patty pans in a muffin tray and bake for 20 -30 mins in a 160 degree oven.

Luke and Matt L



### Julian, Samuel & Darcy Strawberry's Santas

1 dozen strawberry's, 1 cup of whipped cream, a handful of chocolate sprinkles

Using a pairing knife, slice the leafy end off each strawberry to they stand up evenly. Then slice the tip off to make a little hat. Using a spoon place a large dollop (about 1-2 tsp) of whipped cream on top of the strawberry base. Plop the little hat on top. Add another small dollop of whipped cream to the tip of the hat to make a mock pom-pom. Place two chocolate sprinkles in the Santas "face" for the eyes. Using a toothpick, place two very small splotches of whipped cream down the front of the strawberry for buttons. Enjoy!

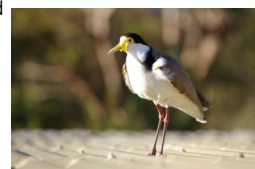
Julian, Samuel & Darcy S

### Do you have Masked Lapwings nesting on your property?

Masked Lapwings (formerly known as Spur-winged Plovers) are easy targets for foxes, as they nest on the ground. They prefer shorter grass - often nesting in open paddocks, suburban lawns or sports grounds. Because of its conspicuous nature, the Masked Lapwing makes an ideal bird to study to observe any changes in population, possibly because of a reduction in fox numbers. A study on Phillip Island, where a range of fox control measures have been successfully carried out, revealed Masked Lapwing densities up to 10 times higher than here on the Bellarine. For the second year running, Margot Harrison will be undertaking a survey of nesting Masked Lapwings using Infrared cameras and field observations. Last year's results were very telling, with only a very small number of nests resulting in successful hatchlings.

Masked Lapwing nests are easy to identify: a sitting bird on the ground at this time of year will likely be a nesting adult, and we know there are a lot of nests out there on private land. Peak breeding season is in August, but Masked Lapwings can breed between June and October.

If you have a Masked Lapwing nest on your property and you don't mind Margot visiting your property twice a week to check up on the nests, please let us know by emailing Margot at [info@marcuswillvineyard.com.au](mailto:info@marcuswillvineyard.com.au) or calling 0401 344 576. The more nests observed, the more reliable our survey results will be. We welcome your involvement in the study.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### IAssistSafety - an app to build a child's safety network.

IAssistSafety helps children learn **protective behaviours**. All children deserve to be safe. Using a hand IAssistSafety allows a child to identify 5 adults who they could ask for help if feeling unsafe. The hand assists children to remember their safe people. The adults should be people the child sees regularly, people they can trust and people who will listen to the child. These 5 adults will help the child to be safe if they are scared, worried, sad or just need help. Use the name, phone number and image or photos of the adult and add it to the child's hand. IAssistSafety helps to give your child a voice in keeping themselves safe.

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## Meagan Burch Music Tuition

**Piano, keyboard, Guitar, Drum & Singing Lessons**

**During &/or After School Hours at School**

To enrol in **our 4 week trial**, or to obtain an information package please contact: **Meagan: [mbmt@bigpond.com](mailto:mbmt@bigpond.com)**  
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