

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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Principals News

Class Structure for 2013

I am pleased to announce the class structure for 2013. This structure takes into account the needs of the children on a social and academic level. The staff have considered the structure very carefully. The structure reflects the needs of the school for next year only. Each year the structure will change depending on the needs of the students and the school.



- * 1x Prep Grade
- * 2x Grade 1/2
- * 2x Grade 3/4
- * 1x Grade 5
- * 1 xGrade 6

Education Tax Refund

The Government announced in the 2012 Budget that the Education Tax Refund (ETR) will be replaced by a new payment called the Schoolkids Bonus. Consequently, the ETR cannot be claimed for expenses incurred in 2011-12, or any excess eligible expenses carried forward from the previous year.

As a transitional arrangement, the Department of Human Services (DHS) made a one-off payment to eligible families in June 2012 (please refer to the DHS website using the following link:

www.humanservices.gov.au)

For more information, see the Australian Taxation Office website using the following link: T6 - Education tax refund 2012

Changes To Conveyance Allowance

From the 1 January 2013 the conveyance allowance will be means tested and a new metropolitan boundary, by which allowance eligibility is determined, will be introduced.

Why are changes happening to the conveyance allowance?

Changing the conveyance allowance criteria ensures the program is targeted to those most in need.

For more information click on the link below or ask at the office for a hard copy.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/principals/safety/ca-faq-2013.pdf>

Carparking

The drop off zone **only operates** in the mornings. This zone allows for students to exit the car within the drop off area. No parking is allowed. This ensures the free flow of traffic through the area.

In the afternoon students are not allowed in the carpark area without a parent/carer present. Please

DIARY DATES



Wed 21 Nov	School Council meeting
Thu 22 Nov	2013 Prep orientation
Mon 26—Thu 29 Nov	P-3 Swimming Program at BASC
Thu 6 Dec	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Tue 11 Dec	Environment and Curriculum Meeting
Tue 11 Dec	Year 7 Orientation
Wed 12 Dec	Christmas Picnic
Tue 18 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
Wed 19 Dec	Party Day
Thu 20 Dec	Hot Lunch
Fri 21 Dec	Term 4 concludes— <i>finish at 1:30</i>

do not pull up in the drop off zone and have your child come out to you. We do this for safety.



The children are reminded that the carpark is out of bounds and should not be there without the direct supervision of an adult.

Last Day of term 4

The students will be dismissed at **1:30pm on Friday 21st December**. We will finish with the assembly on the oval if the weather is favourable.





Social Dinner cancelled

The dinner that was planned to be held at the Leopold Sportmans' Club tonight has been cancelled.

The last Parents' Club meeting for the year will be held on Thursday, 6th December at 9am in the hall.

Uniform sale

The final uniform sale for this year will be held at 2.45 on Friday, 30th November in the hall.

Torches

There are still some torches available at the office. \$4.00 each – would make an ideal Christmas gift or stocking filler.

Christmas Picnic

The school picnic will be held on WEDNESDAY, 12th DECEMBER in the school grounds from 5pm onwards. BYO picnic

Santa will arrive at 6pm. Please leave a book wrapped and labeled for your child with a value up to \$10.00 at the office.

Found

A pearl earring was found in the Portarlington Hall after the concert. Please see Glenda Dixon to claim it.

Parents' Club Committee for 2013

Now is the time to think about becoming an active member of the 2013 Parents' Club.

The AGM will be held in early February. It's a great way of meeting other parents and being involved in some FUND RAISING activities for your children.

Positions Vacant!

Ever wanted to be a part of the decision making process for changes within the School? Have you wanted to be a part of the School Council committee but weren't sure how to join? The School Council meetings are open to family members of students at Wallington Primary School, and we welcome your input. As a guest you can come to regular meetings, or to suit your availability.

In 2013 we will be needing positions filled as follows: a **Parents' Club representative** and **3 parent members**. In March 2013 there will also be an election for the **School Council President**. Please see Leigh if you are interested in coming on board.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/governance/Pages/schoolcouncil.aspx>



Change of personal information?

If there has been a change in your personal information such as change of address, phone number or emergency contact could you please come into the office and let us know. There is nothing worse than a sick or injured student and we are unable to contact anyone.



Library

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



Book Club

The final book club catalogues for 2012 have been handed out to all classes. The return date for this order has been extended to Friday 30th November. We are estimating that this delivery of books will be available for collection week ending 14th November.

Books can be held for parent pickup.

Once again, support of the book club has been strong. It has enabled the purchase of some great books for the library and classroom resources. A big thank you to those who have supported it again this year.



ABSENCES:-

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE

All student absences must be in writing, either in the students diary or a note when the student returns to school.



Last Weeks
**SUPER STUDENT
OF THE WEEK**
Awards.

Congratulations and well
done to each student that
received an award!

Tyler Croxford	P1B
Hugh Harris	2L
Anouk Morrissy	34J
Piper Morrissy	34V
Ben Miles	56D
Jasper Broad	56D
Hugh Watson	56M
Amy Halifax-Laspada	56M

This term Year 5/6 have been reading and learning about poetry.

Enjoy a selection of poems written by students.

What is a million?


The number of times I've pressed a button on my game,
The number of times my brother's been lame
All the red cars in Geelong,
The people who have watched King Kong.
All the times I've said hello.
All the times I've seen yellow.
All the fish that live in the sea,
And all the children that watch T.V.
All of the times I've stepped on the earth.
All of the people who lived in Perth.
All the koalas in the trees
All the bushes full of bees
All the times you've spoken in your life.
All the men with a wife.
All the meals that are made each day.
All the animals that eat hay.
All the craziness that is in my house.
All the times I've sat on my couch.
All the stars you've seen at night
All the times you've turned on the light.
Every breath I've taken.
The people that are Jamaican.
The steps taken with my feet.
The people ever named Pete.
Lego bricks in my house
Cheese crumbs in the lair of a mouse.
The cars you've seen in your life.
The times that men have kissed their wife.
Trees in a forest,
Nice people who are honest.
The times you blink,
The thoughts you think.
The leaves on every tree.
The words that come out of me.
The creatures in the world.
The hair my mum has curled.
How many people swim in the sea.
All the good things ahead of me.
Grade 5/6 D



A Cinquain poem by Ben Browne

Games
Fun entertaining
Play watch enjoy
Excited thrilled happy joyful
DS

A Haiku Poem by Jasper Broad

Breathtaking dragons 
Majestic fire breathing
Huge flames scorch the land

A repetitive poem by Caitlin Jacobs

Why?
I'm going to school.
Why?
Because I want to learn.
Why?
To get smart.
Why?
To get a good job.
Why?
So I can earn money.
Why?
So I can buy things I need.
Why?
Are you coming to school or not?
Yes, ok.
Finally you stopped saying why.
What?

Community Notices

Do you have something that you want to publicise or sell? Do you know of an event coming up that could do with a little more promoting?

School newsletter advertising might be the cost effective solution you're looking for.

It targets a range of people, generally from the local area, which may help if you have an item that is to be collected, or a service to offer.

Advertising starts from as little as \$10* per advertisement.

*Please see office for confirmation of fees. All fees paid go towards fund raising for Wallington Primary School.



2012

FRIDAY 30th NOVEMBER 4PM-9PM

Leopold Primary School - Cnr Bellarine Hwy & Kensington Rd Leopold

- Auctions • Cake Stall • Entertainment •
- Food Court • Kids Street Activities •
- Magician • Show Bags • Market Stalls •
- Adult Drinks • Rides • Raffle •
- Santa photos •



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 **28kgs 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.



Wallington Primary School takes no responsibility for and does not endorse the quality or conduct of any activity advertised in the Community Notices section of the newsletter. Customers are required to make their own enquiries and judgements.

Bellarine Secondary College

Second Hand Book & Uniform Sale

Wednesday 5th December, 2012

Rooms C1, C2, C3 and C4

Drysdale Campus 4.30pm – 7.00pm

Drysdale Campus

Peninsula Drive Drysdale 3222

Listed below are the procedures for the Bellarine Secondary College Parents & Friends (P & F) Second Hand Book and Uniform Sale:

- Sales will be made using a number system - each person will be issued with a number on arrival at 4.00pm. Sales will then be made according to numbers E.g. first in will be numbers 1 - 20 etc - this system is designed to help make the evening run more smoothly.
- Please make an effort to attend as there is no guarantee that there will be second hand books or uniforms available at the commencement of Term 1, 2013.
- Please be aware that every year there are limited Year 7 & 8 texts available.



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

FRESH WALLINGTON EGGS!!

For sale outside 5/6M after school daily.

\$5 a dozen—\$1 from each dozen sold will go towards setting up the new hen house.

Any spare egg cartons will be greatly appreciated so that they can be reused.

