

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Fri 27th July	Second hand uniform sale—2:45pm
Tues 7th August	Environment and Curriculum meeting
Thu 9th August	Parent's Club meeting—9am in hall
Fri 10th August	Pupil Free Day
Wed 15th August	School Council meeting
Fri 24th August	Market Night
Thu 30th August	Fathers Day stall
Fri 31st August	Fathers Day stall
Mon 10th—12th September	3/4 school camp
Tues 11th September	Environment and Curriculum meeting
Thu 20th September	School concert
Fri 21st September	Term 3 concludes
Mon 8th October	Term 4 commences

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome back to Mrs King and Mrs Burgess from Long Service Leave. We hope that their break was enjoyable. Thank you to Kylie Egan for working in the office during Lynne's leave.

CarPark

Parents are asked to ensure that they drive though the carpark at a very slow pace at all times. This includes the access road up to and away from the school. This is for the safety of everyone. I have also bought this to the attention of parents who use the After School Care facilities.

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.

Help Needed

I have been asked by a family for some assistance getting their child to school. The family live in Leopold. It is only in the morning that help is required. If you can help please let me know and I will put you in touch with the family.

School Uniform

A reminder that the expectation is that students will be in school uniform each day.

Fresh Fruit Friday

Fresh Fruit Friday will be continuing for the next few weeks. Kylie Egan has registered the school for a sponsorship with Boost Juice. If successful the program will continue for the rest of the year.

Somers Camp

Somers School Camp is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development school that provides a program for Year 5 and 6 children. Each Victorian government primary school has the opportunity to send children to camp once every two years. One hundred and sixty children (80 boys and 80 girls) attend the nine-day camp.

Our district is scheduled to have students from the area attend the camp in December. The cost of the camp is \$160.00.

Camps begin on a Tuesday and children return home on the Wednesday of the following week. The Sunday in the middle of the camp is Visitors' Day when family and friends can visit the students.

We will shortly be seeking expressions of interest. Places at the camp will be limited. <http://www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au/parentinfo.htm>

Cyberbullying

The internet and digital technologies are now very much a part of life and learning. As an increasingly interactive medium, digital technologies bring with them exciting new opportunities to engage children and young people in their learning. At the same time these technologies also bring some risks. Increasingly schools are dealing with incidents of cyberbullying or unacceptable behaviour that have occurred in the online world or using technology such as mobile phones.

Cyberbullying is direct verbal or indirect bullying behaviours using digital technologies. This includes harassment via a mobile phone, setting up a defamatory personal website or deliberately excluding someone from social networking spaces.

For young children, general internet safety tips are a good starting point to help them to become safe and responsible internet users.

- At this age children's internet use should be closely monitored. To help with this try to keep the computer in a shared or visible place in the home.
- Be aware of how your child uses the internet and explore it with them. Bookmark a list of favourites you are comfortable with your child visiting and teach them how to access this list.
- Teach your child that there are ways they can deal with material that worries or frightens them. They should immediately tell a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable about something they have found on the internet or received in an email. Teach them how to close a web page or turn off a monitor if they are worried.
- Establish rules around the types of content or information they should report to an adult. For example, one rule may be 'tell Mum or Dad about any swearing or bad words you find'.
- Talk to your child about personal information and why it is special. This sort of information can be used to identify or locate where they live, go to school or activities in which they are involved.
- Set rules make sure your child knows what information they can share or post online and which websites they can visit. Telling a trusted adult before posting any personal information online, including for competition entry is a useful rule.
- Help your child understand that what they say and do online is important. Encourage your child to use the same manners, communicate with others in the same way and report others who aren't being nice, just as they would in the offline world.
- Advise your child not to respond to any negative messages and to report any negative messages they receive to you or another trusted adult.
- Consider using filters, labels and safe zones to help manage your child's online access.
- Install and update anti-virus and other e-security software to restrict unauthorised access to data on the home computer and protect that data from corruption. Ensure that security features including a firewall are turned on, set to automatic scan and updated regularly to protect against the latest risks.

If your child shows changes in behaviour or mood that are concerning explore your concerns with them and if necessary seek professional support, including support through the Cybersmart Online Helpline at www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx. The Cybersmart Online Helpline provides free, confidential online counselling for children and young people.

Leigh McLaren

Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> ★ ★ </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Last Weeks SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS </div>	
P1B Brislane	TYLER C For trying really hard to hear the sounds in words
P1K King	EVE M For settling in well at Wallington
2L Lennon	DYLAN K For being a good helper in the Investigations Room and showing persistence and effort in the classroom.
34V Vaught	JOSHUA S For his fantastic teamwork research on the Tour De France
56D Duckett	FINN M and JESSIE M For entertaining the class with interesting and well structured Sentences.

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. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.



Parents' Club

Second hand uniform sale – Friday, 27th July at 2.45pm in the hall. Donated items of good quality school uniform that

meet the school uniform policy will be accepted for sale. Items will not be sold on consignment. Items can be left in the storeroom in the hall. If you have any wire coat hangers to spare, please leave them in the hall storeroom. Thank you. Enquiries to Lisa Mitchell.

Market Night – Friday, August 24th at 7.30pm in the hall
A market night will be held with stalls and supper. Mark this in your diary now and invite friends and family along too. More details to follow next week when stall holders are confirmed.

Reminder – we 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

Expressions of interest are due tomorrow, Friday 27th July. Please see last weeks newsletter for further details and the slip to return to the office.



Can you help? Are you available on Friday mornings? Helpers Required For Fresh Fruit Fridays

We are looking for somebody to help out on Fresh Fruit Fridays between 9 - 10am, even if you only have half an hour to spare that would be terrific! Toddlers Welcome. See Kirstin Willey for more information (Mother of Jasmine - 56M, Jett - 34V and Jade - P1K)

Wallington Primary School Concert



Thursday 7pm—9:30pm 20th SEPTEMBER 2012
Portarlinton Park Hall

Library

Next week in the library are grades 2-3. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.

Lisa Hunter and Jill Murray



COMMUNITY NOTICES

clearwater
property care

CLEANINGSERVICES - Quality Domestic Cleaning

FULLY INSURED, NO JOB TOO SMALL & QUALITY GUARANTEED. CLEARWATER PROPERTY CARE IS A NOT FOR PROFIT SOCIAL ENTERPRISE BUILT ON A COMMITMENT TO INCREASE WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION FOR PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES.

MAKE YOUR CLEANING BUDGET CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY



For bookings or no-obligation free quote please call or email us

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1st / 2nd Ocean Grove Scout Group

Scouts meet

Wednesday 7.00 pm

Scout Hall, The Avenue,
Ocean Grove

Cubs meet Tuesday 7.00 pm

Enquiries: 0422 700 951

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.

