

# WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES



Wed 2nd November	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Fri 4th November	Working Bee 3:30 - Onwards
Wed 9th November	Hot Lunch!
Thurs 10th November	Prep Orientation, 2:30 - 3:30pm
Fri 11th November	Parents Social Night "In Style"
Sat 12th - Sun 13th November	Relay For Life - Collendina Reserve
Wed 16th November	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Thurs 17th November	Prep Orientation, 9.30 - 11am
Thurs 17th November	Second Hand Uniform Sale
Wed 23rd November	Blue Light Disco for Year 6
Thurs 24th November	Prep Orientation, 12.30 - 3pm
Mon 28th - Fri 9th November	Prep - 3 Swimming (no swimming on Wednesday of both weeks)
Wed 30th November	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Wed 14th December	Hot Lunch!
Wed 14th December	Family Picnic
Tues 20th December	Grade 6 Graduation
Wed 21st December	Adventure Park Grade 5/6
Thurs 22nd December	Last Day of Term. 2.30 Finish

## MESSAGES FROM MR. MCLAREN

### Around the World Day

Next Thursday the whole school is going to do a cultural awareness day. The school will be doing a number of activities that highlight the different cultures and languages across the world. All children will be involved in the day.

### Late Arrivals

I have noticed that there are a number of families arriving late to school. We currently average 2 late students per day. Whilst this may not sound a lot it is the average. I also know that there are often reasons behind the lateness that are unavoidable. However that said it is important that students are at school on time each day. We need to get the message across to our children that learning is important. Most classes start off, as a generalization, with the literacy block. So hence, arriving late 'cuts into the learning time of the students.

### How Can I Improve My Child's Reading?

By: Beverley B. Swanson

What can I do for my school-age child who doesn't like to read?

In the early elementary years, from first through third grades, children continue learning how to read. It is a complex process, difficult for some and easy for others. Care must be taken during these early years not to overemphasize the learning-to-read process.

Reading for pleasure and information develops reading interests and offers children the opportunity to practice their reading skills in meaningful ways. Parents of elementary-age children should provide reading materials in the home that arouse curiosity or extend their child's natural interest in the world around them. By encouraging and modelling leisure-time reading in the home, parents take the most important step in fostering their child's reading development.

### How can reading research information be useful to me, as a parent?

Current research in reading reveals three important considerations for parents and teachers:

- Children who read, and read widely, become better readers.
- Reading and writing are complementary skills. Parents are important to children both as role models and as supporters of their efforts.

### What does research say about ways parents can help their children with reading?

The following suggestions have been beneficial to many parents:

- Provide a good role model — read yourself and read often to your child.
- Provide varied reading material — some for reading enjoyment and some with information about hobbies and interests.
- Encourage activities that require reading — for example, cooking (reading a recipe), constructing a kite (reading directions), or identifying an interesting bird's nest or a shell collected at the beach (using a reference book).
- Establish a reading time, even if it is only ten minutes a day.
- Write notes to your school-age child; encourage written responses.
- Ask your child to bring a library book home to read to a younger sibling.
- Establish one evening a week for reading (instead of television viewing).

• Encourage your child in all reading efforts.

### References

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/161/>

### Pupil Free Days for 2012

1<sup>st</sup> February, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> June\*, 10<sup>th</sup> August\* \* = to be confirmed

**Leigh McLaren**  
**Principal**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Thursday 27th October 2011

12H Henderson	LAURA M For her willingness to help others and for her great efforts in class this week!
34V Vaught	ALL 3/4V STUDENTS For a fantastic class expo
5D Duckett	BEN M For always trying his best and showing persistence when publishing his narrative. Well Done!
Library Browne	ERIN J For borrowing regularly and completing all book responses

### LIBRARY

This week in the library is grades 3's, 4's 5's and 6's. Please remember your book returns and your library bag.



Who will you  
Relay for?

### Bellarine Relay For Life

The inaugural Bellarine Relay For Life is only weeks away. It is to be held on the 12th and 13th of November at the Colendina Reserve. There is still time to register with a local team or even form your own team! Donations can be made via the website [www.relayforlife.or.au](http://www.relayforlife.or.au) also, any queries phone Sally Peter 5254 1180

### LADIES NIGHT-TICKET SALES!!!

Don't forget Tickets will be available on Friday at Assembly. Tickets are \$10 each - includes entry, supper & giveaways!! Or contact Vanessa Griffin 0413 329 966

Come along and celebrate the spring racing carnival on Friday, 11th November at 7.30 pm in the hall with a Ladies Night. Dress up in your frilly frock, hat or fascinator and enjoy a night out with the girls. BYO drinks.



### Working Bee 3.30 Friday November 4th

A school Working Bee will be held Friday 4th at 3.30pm. We will provide a BBQ for the kids and of course grown ups at about 5.30. This is our final Working Bee for 2011 and is important as we approach fire season.

Jobs will include:

- \* Cleaning drains and add sand to stop stagnate water
- \* Trim hedges in garden area north fence
- \* General clean up, sweeping netball courts etc..
- \* General preparation to limit fire hazards (sticks..)
- \* Clean walls of spider webs including sport shed
- \* Rake Mulch
- \* Clean out Garden Shed
- \* Trim trees at school entry
- \* Weed outside art room
- \* Clean gutters on sheds

Environment Committee

All helpers please sign in at school entry.



### Congratulations to **Ryan Symonds**

who has been accepted into the Bellarine Secondary College Select Entry and Accelerated Learning (SEAL) program for 2012.

**Ryan** was required to go through a rigorous selection process where he was given the ICAS-GAT Tests in Mathematics, Science, English and Writing. Other information such as Grade 5 reports, NAPLAN Test results and school references were

also taken into consideration. From this, students were short listed and asked to attend an interview where their interests, aims and educational needs were considered. The quality of the applicants was exceptional and the final decision was very difficult for the panel.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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](mailto:avernon@bethany.org.au)

# BUMPER GARAGE SALE

PRE-LOVED  
DESIGNER  
CHILDRENS &  
LADIES WEAR

>>> SHOES  
BAGS  
& BOOTS

TOYS, BOOKS & CLOTHES

FURNITURE // TV'S // LINEN  
GENERAL BRIC-A-BRAC

this is a combined  
garage sale so there  
will be lots of goodies  
to be found. come  
early to get the best  
of the bunch.

THIS  
SATURDAY  
**29th**  
OCTOBER

8.30am - 3.00pm

416 WALLINGTON RD  
WALLINGTON

### For sale

All Wallington school uniforms with logo

- 1 x sunhat
- 1 x school bag
- 1 x long pants navy blue size 6
- 1 x boys long sleeve shirt blue size 6
- 1 x boys long sleeve shirt maroon size 6
- 1 x boys short sleeve shirt blue size 6
- 2 x long sleeve maroon & blue windcheaters size 8
- 1 x boys short sleeve shirt maroon size 6

In excellent condition hardly worn, \$ 60.00  
phone 0419388646



### Wallington Cricket Club Milo Cricket:

The MILO in2CRICKET program is dedicated to helping kids learn how to play cricket. The activities are designed to be inclusive, action packed and fun! Wallington CC will be running this program again during the 2011/12 cricket season. It is proposed that the group will have later start this year; with 5 sessions running before Christmas and 6 sessions after. The sessions will be run on each Friday between 4:00 - 4:45pm

#### Important Dates:

Registration (Wallington CC @ 4pm): 31st October 2011  
Commencement: 11th November 2011  
Last Session before Christmas: 9th December 2011  
Recommencement of Program: 19th January 2011

**Cost:** \$65 (includes Milo cricket kit: backpack wooden bat, ball, green shirt, green hat, backpack and certificate)

For any further queries please ring **Kyne 0438 306 179**