

# WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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## Principals News

### Last Day Arrangements

Final assembly will begin exactly at 1:00pm as we have many awards to present. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm.

PLEASE NOTE Parents are asked to ensure that their child/children are picked up on time on the last day. Teachers will be involved in the setting up of the school for 2013.

### Term Dates 2013

- Term 1: 29 January (teachers start) to 28 March \*
- Term 2: 15 April to 28 June
- Term 3: 15 July to 20 September
- Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school.

You will be notified in the newsletter by the end of the year of the precise dates for pupil free days in 2013.

### Don't Forget The Picnic next Wednesday

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 labelled for your child with a value up to \$10.00 at the office. The Parents Club would like to extend the invitation to the 2013 Grade Preps and their parents, in an opportunity for them to get to know the current families attending Wallington PS.



### Lost Property

The lost property is starting to accumulate again. If your child is missing a jumper or shirt it might be in lost property. If it is named then it will be returned to its owner.



Today we had the Helpers Morning Tea. This is our way of saying thank you for your help throughout the year. We greatly appreciate your time and effort to assist our students in their learning.



19 days to go!

### DIARY DATES

Thu 6 Dec	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—finish at 1:30

### Student Recognition

An email was received this week from the President of the Peninsula Little Athletics Club. It had the following message:



*"Congratulations to William Anthony who competed in the Handicap Day on Saturday 2nd December."*

*William won a Gold Medal in the Under 10 Boys Long Jump."*

Congratulations and well done Will!



## Torches

There are small pocket torches available for sale at the office. Ideal as stocking fillers, to keep in the car or handbag. Glow in the dark. \$4.00 each.

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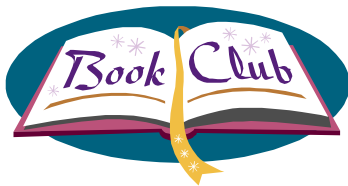
## Found

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 **FUN** RAISING activities for your children.



Thank you for the great support for the last book club of 2012. Just a reminder that when the orders arrive that they can be picked up from the office if you have notified me. If you haven't noted on the order, you can contact me on 0412 700 963. All other orders will be handed out to students in class as usual. Merry Christmas to all.

Gillian Newland.

With the end of year fast approaching, it would be greatly appreciated if you could have a thorough look at home for any School library books that you may still have. Year 6 students will be coming around to grades over the next 2 weeks to gather up any returns you may have.

Many thanks

Happy reading and book hunting!

Jill Murray and Lisa Hunter

## Library

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



Last Weeks SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS	
Principal's Award	JULIAN S For demonstrating tolerance, understanding and good sportsmanship during Chess Club.
P1K King	AIDEN M For writing a good "Who Am I?". POPPY H For writing a clever "Who Am I?".
34V Vaught	MATTHEW L For being a responsible and reliable monitor at swimming.
56D Duckett	JULIAN S For showing determination and persistence to complete challenging tasks.
56M Marino	JASMINE W For her excellent presentation on the Australian author Morris Gleitzman. Well done Jasmine! BEN T For his excellent presentation on the Australian author Andy Griffiths. Well done Ben!

## Christmas Service

A Christmas Service arranged by the R.E. teachers will be held on Friday 14th December at 9am in the School hall. Some of the children will be taking part in this Service. Parents are most welcome to attend.



# Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

## Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including **textbooks, stationery, uniforms** and **excursions** for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of \$150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of \$250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of \$200 and \$300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, \$62 million over four years will be redirected to the State's most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

## New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account **or**

Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection **or**

*Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses*

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

## Eligibility:

To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**

be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*\* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a temporary foster parent.

\* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at **29 January 2013** (Instalment One) and **15 July 2013** (Instalment Two).

## Payment Amounts - 2013:

	Prep	Years 1 - 6	Year 7	Year 8 – Age 16
Instalment One	\$140	\$105	\$210	\$175
Instalment Two	\$60	\$45	\$90	\$75
Annual Total	<b>\$200</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>\$250</b>

\*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will determine the amount payable. Parents of students turning 16 years in 2013 are paid on a pro rata basis. **Contact:** School Office for an EMA application form and to lodge your application. The closing date for EMA application forms to be submitted to the school is **28 February 2013**.

# Community Notices

On **Friday 21st December** at the **Newington Uniting Church** there will be a Carol Service at 7:30pm with children taking part and singing lots of Christmas carols. Refreshments provided afterwards, and everyone is welcome to attend.

## BELLARINE COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET

**Saturday, 15th December**

Ocean Grove Park, Cnr Presidents Ave and Draper St, 9am-1pm.



Come along to our Christmas market with a huge variety of fresh Bellarine produce, great coffee, sausage sizzle, buskers and a chance to win a fabulous gourmet hamper of market produce, with all proceeds going to local charity group ASK, supporting Bellarine families with breast cancer.

A great family day out where locals support locals!

All enquiries: Sally Waites - 0418141208

1st / 2nd Ocean Grove Scout Group  
Cubs meet  
Tuesday 7.00 pm  
Scouts meet Wednesday 7.00pm  
Scout Hall, The Avenue, Ocean Grove  
Cubs meet Tuesday 7.00 pm  
Enquiries: 0422 700 951



**Bellarine Community Health** offers a School Dental program for all primary school aged children. This service is government subsidised and offers families access for their children to dental services at a very affordable cost of \$30 for all treatment, or free for those children who are dependants of a healthcare or pension card.



For an appointment contact the dental team at Point Lonsdale on 5258 0828

### FREE KITTENS

Do you have room in your home for a new addition? Have you been wanting to get your kids (or yourself) a new pet?

**Alan Lomas has 4 kittens that are approx. 7 weeks old.**

If you are able to provide a loving home to one of these kittens, please call Alan on 0438 503 993.



**"MAD ABOUT THE BUOY"** - Thursday 7th February 2013—7pm start—\$190 per head black tie event. 3 course dinner, show and wine at The Prince of Wales Hotel, The Deck, 2 Acland Street, St. Kilda. Tim McKew (Australia's 21st century Noel Coward) presents this *Naughty Nautical Romp by the Sea*.

For bookings, call 9536 1122 or dining@circa.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.

