

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Thur 13th Mar	Strawberry Fair Debrief 7 pm
Wed 19th Mar	School Council & Annual General Meeting
Fri 21st Mar	Yr 2-6 Hockey Clinics
Fri 28th Mar	Yr 5/6s Soccer Fun Day
Thur 31st Mar	Whole School Excursion Sovereign Hill
Wed 2nd Apr	Primary School Golf Clinics

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Every day Counts

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day - missing school puts them behind.

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of Year 6.

Every day counts – school attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

MY SCHOOL WEBSITE

It was pleasing to see Wallington Primary School mentioned in last week's Geelong Advertiser. The article reported how well our school performed in Year Five numeracy and writing in comparison to other schools across the region. In fact our grade five results placed our school in the top five schools in the region for numeracy.

Whilst these results are pleasing, NAPLAN is just one measure of how well our children are learning. Our dedicated staff continue to develop challenging and appropriate activities for students in all year levels and this is vital in keeping our students engaged and

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highly motivated with their learning.

STRAWBERRY FAIR

A reminder that the debriefing meeting for this year's Strawberry Fair will be held this Thursday 13th March at 7pm. Hopefully all parents were able to read the article on our Fair in last week's Bellarine News. This article certainly captured the day's activities positively and reflected well on our school community.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

This year Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and the challenge is celebrating its tenth anniversary. There is a new challenge website which promotes the importance of reading among young children teenagers and families. Further information about the challenge here at Wallington will be provided in upcoming newsletters. For further details about the challenge please use the challenge website at Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge.

Secondary School Transition

Information in regard to 2015 Secondary School placements for our current Grade Six students will be sent home this week. We ask that parents read this information and if you any queries please contact either Mr Wilson or Mrs Lennon. These forms must be returned to school by 23rd May.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Leadership Conference

Last Thursday the 5/6 students travelled to Melbourne to the GRIP Leadership Conference. With over 2,000 students in attendance on the day, it provided our students with a fabulous opportunity to interact with leaders from many different regions whilst participating in engaging and "hands on" activities to promote and enhance their leadership skills. The students' level of enthusiasm, energy and self-reflection throughout the day was terrific and they have all come away with greater insight and confidence in what qualities makes a good leader and the importance of their role within the school and the community.

The students, now keen to put into practise some of what they learnt on the day, have worked diligently since their return, independently planning and organising tomorrow's whole school event to 'kick off' the footy season – "The Footy Colours Fun Day".

*See the attached flyer for more details, it promises to be a great day!

Finally, a big thank you must also go to the Ocean Grove Rotary Club, who kindly donated funds to help subsidise the cost of last week's conference for our 5/6 students. Thank you!

Lisa Lennon, grade 6 teacher

Sovereign Hill Excursion Monday 31st March

Permission notes have been sent home with today's newsletter. This is due back by 24th March together with payment of \$20. Thank you.

Curriculum Committee



Clean Up Australia Day

Recently all grades took part in Clean Up Australia Day - Schools Clean Up Day. This event inspires students to learn about their environment and contribute to their local community. It's a day when students and teachers work together to clean up a site significant to them.

Well done to all students and teachers - the grounds looked great after the event.

EGGS FOR SALE
at the office.

From our very own Wallington chooks! \$5 doz

Community Carnival

South Geelong Primary School

14th March 2014

4pm - 8pm

200 Yarra Street, South Geelong

Ph: 52214047

MANO CARNIVALE

Manifold Heights Primary School
Strachan Avenue, Manifold Heights

Saturday 29 March 2014
11am - 4pm

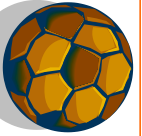
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| * HUGE Silent Auction | * YUMMY Lolly Stall | * LUCKY Jars |
| * MAJOR Raffle | * RELAXING Pop Up Picnic Area | * MYSTERY Wine |
| * SUPER FUN Carnival Rides | * HILARIOUS Dunk-a-Teacher | * TREASURED 2nd Hand Book |
| * AMUSING Side Show Alley | * LAUGHING Clowns | * PRELOVED Toy Sale |
| * SCRUMPTIOUS Food Stalls | * HAUNTED House | * FUN Badge Making |
| * AMAZING Market Stalls | * PEACEFUL Plant Stall | * Plus so much more! |

ON-STAGE
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

featuring 'Very Perry, The Australian Katy Perry Tribute Show' and our very own home grown 'Pumbeables' also the carnival will be officially opened by former Manifold Heights Primary School student Mayor, Cr Danyan Lyons!

Soccer Clinic

The prep to fours had a terrific afternoon on Wednesday taking part in a free Victorian Soccer Association Soccer Clinic, held on the school oval. Some of the students' comments from grade 2V on the soccer clinic:



Samuel from 2V - 'it was great fun'. Poppy - 'it was the best sports day'. Will S - 'I think it was awesome'. Ellie - 'I had the best time ever and I hope it happens again'. Lucy - 'it was lots and lots of fun'. Tait - 'It was the best and I loved it'. Chelsea - 'I had an awesome time playing soccer'. Tyler - 'it was a fun fantastic day'. Ava - 'I had so much fun and I bet the prep to grade 4 did too, it was the best day ever'. Lochie - 'I had awesome fun at the soccer clinic'. Cam - 'I think it was fun'.



Contact the Surfside Waves Soccer Club or your local soccer organisation for further information on how to get involved in this terrific sport .

FREE TO GOOD HOME

2 X miniature goats. Owners have moved and unable to keep! Henry & Lucky are 2 yo boys and have friendly nature. Call Belinda if interested Mob: 0438297944.

National Youth Week

Help us celebrate National Youth Week by recognising the positive contribution young people make to our Golden Plains community. Nominations can be made in the Award categories which include:

- Art and Music
- Sport
- Community Involvement
- Health and Wellbeing
- Adult Award (working with young people)

The closing date for the nominations has been extended until **17th March**. Nominations can be made online at www.goldenplains.vic.gov.au/youth

VIEW OUR NEW SEASON APPAREL RANGE AT

WWW.DRIZABONE.COM.AU



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