

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Thur 27th Feb	Strawberry Fair Meeting 7 pm
Fri 28th Feb	School Council Nominations Close
Fri 21st Feb	Working Bee
Fri 28th Feb	Swimming Sports District Qualifying Rounds
Sunday 2nd Mar	STRAWBERRY FAIR 
Thur 6th Mar	Parents BBQ (Rescheduled from 20th Feb)

PRINCIPAL NEWS

School Council Elections

Nominations for school Council close on Friday 28th February at 5:00pm. Nomination forms are available at the office. This is a good way to be part of the decision making process at Wallington Primary School. For more information see the school's website under School Council.

Religious Education (RE)

RE will commence on 7th March. At the end of last year a form was sent home to allow you to indicate if you wished your child to participate in religious education. (For prep parents this was on the enrolment form). If for some reason you have changed your mind or the form was not returned please let the school know in writing of what your decision is. If what you indicated on the form last year is unchanged then you do not have to do anything. RE is purely voluntary and is the decision of the parent/carer.

Strawberry Fair

As the Fair quickly approaches, there are still many last minute jobs to do. Our next meeting is an important one as we will be having our emergency/safety briefing. All area managers and co ordinators need to be at this meeting so that we can do a thorough briefing.

Wrist Bands for Rides: As a Special offer for Wallington Primary School Families only, we are offering wrist bands for \$15.00. These will allow unlimited rides on Giant Slide, Laser Tag, Chair o Plane, Activities, and the Animal Farm. Please note that the Pony Rides and Monty's Express are not covered by the wrist bands. Orders and payment for wrist bands need to be done by 27th Feb.

Working Bee

This Friday at 3:30pm bring whipper snippers, blowers rakes etc. Jobs to do include:

- * Whipper snip the fence line
- * Clear out door tracks on hall
- * Remove goal posts
- * Weed native garden
- * Clean cobwebs off hall
- * Sweep paths

Pako Festa

On Saturday 22 Feb we have children in Grades 3 – 6 involved in the Pako Festa. They will be representing Wallington Primary School, and the theme will be (of course) the Strawberry Fair. Mrs Lennon, Mrs Duckett, Miss Jones, and Mr Stevens will be walking with the children in the parade.

Swimming Sports

We have a number of students who are competing in the Geelong Schools Swimming Sports on Friday 28th February. This is the largest contingent of swimmers that we have ever had competing. Each of the competitors have met the qualifying times for their particular events. Congratulations on reaching the sports and we wish you well in your event.

Principal's News (contd)

Road Works

Please be aware that there are road works on Wallington Road. This has been causing long delays. As we have not had any notification of these works I can't tell you when they will be completed. We understand if students are late to school because of hold ups with the traffic.

Wallington Strawberry Fair - Promotions

In addition to upcoming stories and ads in our local newspapers we've been having lots of success promoting the Fair on Facebook this year. Wallington Strawberry Fair Facebook posts reached over 3,200 people in the last 7 days, 6000 in the last fortnight - and this is all through everyone liking, commenting and sharing our posts so a big thank you to everyone that is helping out online – let's keep it going.

You can also spread the news about the Fair through Facebook by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/events/524725960960094/> and then clicking 'share' to invite your friends to come along.

There are still lots of posters and flyers up at the office. Please take a couple of posters - one for your car, one for your workplace and some flyers to drop off to your neighbours. If you are able to help with extra poster/flyer deliveries, please mark on the list at the office where you will be delivering so that we can make sure we have all bases covered!

Tracey Frigo, Parents & Friends

SCHOOL NOTICES

Bellarine & North Geelong Division Swimming Championships - Friday 28th February

We have had a fabulous response to the upcoming swimming sports, with 12 students qualifying in 16 events. We wish all the students good luck in their respective events!

PakoFesta Parade

This Saturday 22nd February representatives from grades 3-6 will be taking part in the PakoFesta street parade to promote the Strawberry Fair. Thank you to all the families for their enthusiasm and commitment towards this event. For those participating in the parade, information regarding assembly points and position in the parade were sent home earlier this week – if you have not received this please see Mrs. Lennon. For others wishing to come and see the Wallington students in action, the parade will be from 11am-12pm with further details available on the website – www.pakofesta.com.au

Lisa Lennon

A big **THANK YOU** to Bellarine Secondary College for our new bike racks and fantastic to see lots of students riding to school.

Environment committee



SCHOOL NEWS

The Defence of Darwin- RSL Visit 18 Feb 2014
On Tuesday, four men from the Drysdale RSL came to talk about the Defence of Darwin. Geoff Wisbey is a retired war veteran who survived the bombings on Darwin. His role was to shoot down any zero planes with an anti-aircraft gun and spot any planes with his binoculars. He had six medals and they looked very shiny. He also told us what he got them for. Geoff usually disliked his spotting job because the radar would pick up any planes before him. One day six Japanese planes flew underneath the radar and Geoff spotted them with his binoculars before the radar did.

Ronan and Matthew 5D - Feb 2014



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Students can purchase icy poles every lunchtime for 30c, 50c or \$1. All money goes towards the gr 6 graduation and other activities.



Book Club

We had an outstanding order of \$1,269 for our first issue this year. This meant that we received \$254 towards our Rewards account to purchase more books for the school! Last year's total Rewards was \$640 (excl Book Fair).

If any parents would like to order books for birthdays, please write a note on the order so I can hand the books to parents, not to your child. Any queries please contact Kerstin Mob: 0409097227 (Jett 5D/Jade 2V).



SCHOOL NEWS



Last Weeks SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS



PIK King	RHIANNON H For a wonderful start at her new school and being a co-operative class member.
PIM Murray	JAKE S For being a great role model for his Prep buddy and looking after him really well.
2V Vaught	SEBBY B For being persistent and improving his listening skills.
3S Stevens	MAYLEE H For fitting in very well to her new class and showing her organisation skills by remembering to bring in classroom materials for our upcoming environmental stall.
4J Jones	SOPHIA F For showing persistence during project work. You showed great organisational skills when re-writing your information.
5D Duckett	NATHANIEL H For great getting along skills. You have had a wonderful start at Wallington and developed lots of new friendships.

ART ROOM - HELP NEEDED

If any parents can help out with some wood cutting, please see Judie Mac. Thank you!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sacred Heart College Open Day Tuesday 25 March 2014

Option 1 - Tour 1: 3.45 - 4.45pm
followed by information session 5 - 5.30pm
Option 2 - Tour 2: 5.30 - 6.30pm
followed by information session 7 - 7.30pm

For more information, please contact our Registrar, J
Judy Smith on 5222 0490

Closing date for Year 7 2015 enrolments is Friday 23 May 2014.

Karen Feldman's Dance Studio

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 2014

DANCE CLASSES 10 LOCATIONS ACROSS GEELONG



GEELONG CITY STUDIO

Geelong Performing Arts Centre (GPAC) - Alcoa Studio 2 (upstairs), enter via Ryrie St

Class	Time	Age
Toddlers 1	Saturdays: 9:45am - 10:15am	2 - 3 years
Toddlers 2	Saturdays: 10:30am - 11:00am	3 - 4 years
Tinies	Saturdays: 11am - 11:45am	5 - 7 years
Juniors / Inters	Saturdays: 11:45am - 12:30pm	8 - 12 years

CLASS PRICES: \$9 per class (pay per week)

Family discounts apply: 2 dancers from the one family pay \$15 or 3 pay \$20.

Mixed Style Dance Classes (Jazz, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Cheer)

Contact Karen: (03) 5276 1357 or 0432 493 527

karen@karenfeldmansdancestudio.com

www.karenfeldmansdancestudio.com

Wanted teams or individuals for the following:

TUESDAY NIGHTS

NET SET GO PROGRAM

5-7y/old 8-10y/old and 11 & under 's

Junior mixed (game times TBC)

Senior mixed (game times TBC)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Junior intermediate (7.30 and 8.20 game times)

THURSDAY NIGHTS

Junior girls (4pm, 4.45pm, 5.30 and 6.15 game times)

Senior ladies (7.05pm, 7.50pm, 8.35pm and 9.20 game times)

Contact: Kerry- 0404 011 635 or

E-mail- surfsidenetball@hotmail.com

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