

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Thurs 21st Nov	Prep Orientation (last session)
Thurs 28th November (Pls note change of date)	Hot Lunch
Fri 29th November	Pupil Free Day
Sat 30th November	P&F Bellarine Rail Trail bike ride/lunch in Queenscliff
Fri 6th December	CRE Christmas Service (in the Hall)
Wed 11th December	Evening Christmas picnic (Santa in attendance)
Thurs 12th December	P&F evening meeting 6pm followed by dinner 7pm (venue TBC)
Fri 13th December	Working Bee (from 3.30 pm onwards)
Tues 17th December	Year 6 Graduation

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Class Structure for 2014

I am pleased to announce the class structure for 2014. This structure takes into account the needs of the children on a social and academic level. The staff have considered the structure very carefully. The structure reflects the needs of the school for next year only. We base the structure also on the current number that we have enrolled at the school, and may need to change if the number of students changes. Each year the structure will change depending on the needs of the students and the school.

1x Prep Grade
2x Grade 1/2
1x Grade 3
1x Grade 4
1x Grade 5
1 xGrade 6

Carparking

The drop off zone only operates in the mornings. This zone allows for student to exit the car within the drop off area. No parking is allowed. This ensures the free flow of traffic through the area.

In the afternoon students are not allowed in the carpark area without a parent/carer present. Please do not pull up in the drop off zone and have your child come out to you. We do this for safety. The children are reminded that the carpark is out of bounds and should not be there without the direct supervision of an adult.

Last Day of term 4

The students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Friday 20th December. We will finish with the assembly on the oval if the weather is favourable.

Pupil Free Day

On Friday 29th November we are having our final pupil free day for the year. The students are not required at school on that day. Teachers will be looking at Rich Assessment tasks in numeracy and report writing and mediation in the afternoon.



SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs Marino to Retire

Mrs Marino has informed us that she will be retiring at the end of the year. Mrs Marino has had a long a distinguished career in Education and she is looking forward to the next phase in her life.



What is AusVELS

In the past the Victorian Essential Learning has been the curriculum that schools use to drive their programs. This curriculum was developed by the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Over the next few years the curriculum will be changed to reflect the Australian Curriculum.

AusVELS is the Foundation to Year 10 curriculum that provides a single, coherent and comprehensive set of prescribed content and common achievement standards, which schools use to plan student learning programs, assess student progress and report to parents.

AusVELS incorporates the Australian Curriculum F-10 for English, Mathematics, History and Science within the curriculum framework first developed for the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS). AusVELS uses an eleven level structure to reflect the design of the new Australian Curriculum whilst retaining Victorian priorities and approaches to teaching and learning.

WOORABINDA CAMP

We wish the group of 10 grade 3-5 students going to Woorabinda Camp a wonderful camping adventure as they set off next week.



Last Week's

SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

12B Brislane	TAIT For working enthusiastically during Numeracy and whilst solving tricky division problems.
12B Brislane	TEGAN For using terrific strategies in reading and trying her best to work out tricky words.
12B Brislane	MOLLY For writing a very reflective and honest student comment.
34J Jones	ABBEY For always trying her best and putting in one hundred and ten percent.
34L Lennon	ANOUK For a consistently conscientious approach to all her learning.
5D Duckett	ISABELLA For being a responsible student who sets goals for herself and then works hard to achieve them.
6M Marino	CLAIRE For being well organized with all her activities this week.

The Drysdale RSL would like to thank everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal which raised a total of \$24.00



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Parents Club

"Tour de Bellarine" Sat 30th November 2013

Please see notice attached to last week's

Newsletter or on our website: www.wallington.ps.vic.edu.au



Wallington PS's Tour de Bellarine

Get those bikes out, dust of your helmet, done the lycra if you're game....and get ready to join in our 'Tour de Bellarine' which will take place on Saturday, November 30th.

WPS Parents & Friends invites you to an afternoon of bike riding, games, picnicking and a chance to catch up with the school community outside school gates. The full bike ride will commence in Drysdale and progress along the Bellarine Taste Trail – families are welcome to start in Drysdale or to join in at any point along the way.

All up, the whole bike ride takes around 2 hours – if you commence in Drysdale at 1pm, you should aim to be in Queenscliff at around 3pm. We'll all meet up at the Queenscliff rotunda for a late afternoon picnic or fish & chips, games and other activities. Notes have gone home with information about the day and a request that you let either the office or P&F know if you will be attending so that we can get an idea of numbers see Penny (Kieran's Mum 3/4J)- 0407891599 or Tracey (Sophia's Mum 3/4L).

Bellarine Cuisine Cookbook

Hooray!!! Our very own professionally published Bellarine Cuisine Cookbook has arrived – thanks to all who have contributed and supported the committee in producing the book. The turnaround has been amazing with an idea floated sometime back in April and a call for recipes, recipes submitted and sorted, sponsorship obtained, photographs taken and the whole thing professionally designed, assembled, edited and printed – and it's only November. The process has been exhausting but well worth the effort.

The cookbook will make a great Christmas present for your family and friends and remember that 100% of all proceeds from the book will go straight to our Wallington PS kids!! The book will soon be on display at the office – look out for your cookbook order form (in your child's bag and soon to be online) and keep up to date with all things Bellarine Cuisine on our Facebook page.

Linda, Michelle, Kerri and Tracey



PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.
FireReady Victoria

CFA Sunday 24 November
10 am - 12 noon

WALLINGTON FIRE STATION
1400 Bellarine Highway

This is a great opportunity to:

- * Find out more about what Wallington CFA Brigade does in your community.
- * Meet and chat to your local firefighters.
- * Check out the station, the fire trucks and other equipment.
- * Ask questions about preparing for summer and volunteering.
- * Have a bit of fun with the activities planned.
- * Free sausage sizzle.



A pair of prescription glasses found in the carpark last Friday. Please claim at the office.



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Jan Burton

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Web: www.janburtoncivilcelebrant.com.au

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SALE**



Ocean Grove Park
Sat Nov 30th & Sat Dec 14th
10-4pm
Delivery and pick up available

www.OceanGroveScouts.com
Pre-order online - receive \$5 discount for first 200 orders

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Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; **uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery**. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; **or**
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; **or**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per primary student is:
\$200 for prep students
\$150 for students in years 1 – 6.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by **28 February 2014**.

For more information about the EMA, visit

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/financial/Pages/default.aspx>

Geelong Marlins Water Polo Sunday Junior Competition and Flippa Ball



Exciting opportunities for juniors to play water polo in Geelong this Summer.

New players are welcome at anytime. The games are played at Geelong College on a Sunday afternoon 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

We are happy to accommodate club and school based teams.

Geelong Marlins is also be running a Flippa Ball program for children 12 and under.

This modified non contact version of water polo is played in the shallow end of the pool. It is suitable for players of all swimming abilities.

John and Julie O'Callaghan

Junior Player Coordinators, GEELONG WATER POLO CLUB

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