

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Mon 28th - 30th October	Grade 5 and 6 Camp
Thurs 31st October	School Council Meeting
Thurs 7th, 14th, 21st Nov	Prep Orientation
Mon 11th November	P&F meeting 9am (school hall)
Fri 29th November	Pupil Free Day
Sat 30th November	P&F Bellarine Rail Trail bike ride/lunch in Queenscliff
Wed 11th December	Evening Christmas picnic (Santa in attendance)
Thurs 12th December	P&F evening meeting 6pm followed by dinner 7pm (venue tbc)
Tues 17th December	Year 6 Graduation

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Grounds

While we continue to search for a new grounds person, we need to keep the grounds looking as good as possible. If anyone has some spare time to mow can you please let me know.

Melbourne Cup Holiday

Just as a reminder that the 5th November is a regular day at Wallington Primary School. We do not have the Melbourne Cup day off.

5/6Camp

The Grades 5 and 6 are off to Melbourne on their camp next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We hope that they really enjoy themselves. I will be attending the camp along with Mrs Marino, Mrs Duckett, Ms Laird and Mrs Peter.

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 over-emphasize 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.
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- 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/>



P-3 SWIMMING PROGRAM IMPORTANT NOTICES

Notice 1

Swimming begins on Mon 18th Nov. In order to finalise the program we are asking for all permission forms and program costs of \$100 to be returned by Friday 10th Nov. The school program for Prep - Year 3 will commence on Mon 18th Nov and run over the following two weeks with Fridays being rest days. Fees cover transport, entry and eight 45 minute swimming lessons by qualified instructors at Bellarine Aquatic Sports Centre (BASC) Ocean Grove. Get organised and don't forget to label your clothes, bathers and bags for wet clothes etc. This program is an important part of students gaining not only a life skill of swimming but also independence, organisation, responsibility and confidence. This program is part of the schools extra curricula sports educational program and it is expected that all children will participate. If there are any concerns please see your classroom teacher.



Prep-2 Athletics

Dear Parents,

Prep, one and two athletics will be held on Wed 30th Oct at 2.00—3.30 pm. Events will include high jump, shot put, long jump, sprints and team relay. Students will need to wear their sports shoes and team house colours of red, green or blue. It will be a fun afternoon with a focus on all kids competing in and completing the events. If you are able to assist on the day please see your class teacher. Hope to see you there.

Thank you.

Prep-2 staff

Children's Fair

The children's fair last Friday raised a total of \$1,107 which will go towards our World Vision sponsorship of a child. Well done everyone!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUGAR...SUGAR...SUGAR...SUGAR

- For strawberry fair jams...
- We aim for approximately 65kgs of white sugar (packets unopened) each year. We currently have 56 kgs..... Any donations gratefully accepted.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

LEOPOLD UNITING CHURCH
CNR ASH ROAD & BELLARINE HWY
Saturday 26th October 10am-1pm
Dazzling Dan the Magic Man
10:30-12 noon

Plants and Garden	Rose Show	Silent Auction
Barbeque	Games	Cake and craft Stalls
Jumping Castle	Produce Stalls	Show Bags
Gourmet Café	Gymnastics display	\$2 Pony Rides
Homemade Devonshire Tea	Face Painting	
And much more		

Better Gnomes & Gardens Fair

Saturday, November 2 - 8.30am onwards
 Queenscliff Uniting Church
 cnr of Hesse & Stokes Sts
 Big breakies, lunches, jumping castle,
 white elephant and loads of gnome activities.
unitingqueenscliff@iinet.net.au
 03 5258 2854

So Long Surfside Kindergarten

Tickets are selling fast to the over 18's Cocktail party at Ocean Grove Cricket club on Saturday 26th October to celebrate Surfside Kindergarten. Tickets are available from Hayden Real Estate, Surfside Primary School or online via "the friends of Surfside Kindergarten" Facebook page, or SMS 0417 531 718. (Only \$10 per person.) Don't miss out on a great night of music, finger food and catching up with old friends.

An open day at the Kindergarten is planned for the Sunday (Oct 27th) from 12pm to 3pm with music, sausage sizzle, coffee van, and loads of fun activities. So come along for a last look at Surfside Kindergarten before it closes at the end of the year.

The friends of Surfside Kindergarten Committee



For teachers and parents

"Understanding Adolescent Boys" (Presented by **Dr Ian Lillico**) Cost: \$15

When: November 11th, 2013 7pm to 9pm

Where: St Bernard's College, 40 Rosehill Rd, Essendon

How to Raise Happy and Resilient GIRLS ! (Presented by **Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**) Cost: \$20

When: Monday November 18th, 2013

Where: Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School,
 123 Marshall St, Ivanhoe (Filling fast!)

When: Tuesday November 19th, 2013

Where: Sacred Heart College,
 Retreat Rd, Newtown (Geelong)

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE:

Please email rick@criticalagendas.com.au

Include Your **NAME**, **Event Date**, and **No. Tickets** required.

Collect and pay for tickets on the night (No EFTPOS).

Teachers will receive a Certificate of Participation (2 PD hours)

Geelong Marlins Water Polo Sunday Junior Competition and Flippa Ball

Please find attached flyers about exciting opportunities for juniors to play water polo in Geelong.

The Geelong Marlins are seeking registrations of interest from junior players or teams to play in a Geelong based competition. The games would be 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 will 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.



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Parents and Friends

Thanks to all who attended our October meeting. If you are unable to attend meetings but would like to keep up to date with discussions/agendas/minutes, please email tracey@pondaestate.com.au to go on our mailing list.

At our October meeting discussed a number of upcoming events including a planned family bike ride along the Bellarine Rail Trail on November 30th to be followed by a lunch/fish and chips at the Queenscliff Rotunda. Please save the date and stay tuned for more information.

**We had asked for expressions of interest from families interested in participating in a Car Boot sale – thanks to those who responded but overall we didn't have enough responses to go ahead with this.*

Bellarine Cuisine Cookbook

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FAMILY PERSONAL DETAILS

If you have changed ANY details:-

i.e.: Address

Phone Mobile

Emergency Contact Work Place

Doctors etc.

Please advise the school office if any of your circumstances have changed.

There is nothing worse than an injured or sick child and not being able to contact anyone. All information are held confidentially as part of the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) privacy policy.

Thank you,