

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 28th Feb	Swimming Sports District Qualifying Rounds
Sunday 2nd Mar	STRAWBERRY FAIR 
Thur 6th Mar	Parents BBQ (Rescheduled from 20th Feb)
Thur 6th Mar	Grip Leadership Conference Yr 5 & 6s

PRINCIPAL NEWS

School Council Elections

Nominations Close for School Council tomorrow (Friday at 4:00).

Preps

Next week Preps will commence full time at school. Up until now they have not had to come on a Wednesday.

Strawberry Fair

Promotions

Thanks to all who have put up posters, delivered flyers and liked our Facebook posts. There are more posters and flyers at the office – it's never too late to put some more up!!

We have lots of great Fair photos on our Facebook page. These can be viewed at https://www.facebook.com/wallingtonstrawberryfair/photos_albums - (you don't need to be signed up to Facebook to view them) - check out some of the great Auction and Spinning wheel items that have been donated! Also, look out for articles and pics in our local newspapers and tune in to Pulse FM at approx. 1:00pm tomorrow to hear an interview about the Wallington Strawberry Fair.

Procedures for the fair

Saturday: 8.00 start

On arrival at the school sign in the book at the office. This is for emergency and insurance purposes
Proceed to the area you are working on.
Coordinators will allocate a task for you.
If you are a team leader, set up what you can in your area. The site staff will assist.
Your children are welcome, but they are your responsibility.
Please do not allow children to enter the school other than when you are here.
When you leave please sign out again.

Sunday: From 7.00 start

- Sign on at the Managers at the shed!
- Radios will be issued to key personnel and must be signed in and out.
- All area leaders should be at the school by 8.00 and ensure that your area is set up.
- All others should be here by 8:30am.
- Cholley will bring around your float.
- Runners will collect money and provide change throughout the day

Principal's News (contd)

Sunday: From 7.00 start

- After you have finished your area see if you can help someone else.
- After the fair all areas are to be packed away as directed by Dean and Howard
- When all is clear we can start the debrief.

Cake Stall

Cakes can be handed in on Saturday or early Sunday. Please ensure that ingredients are listed on the label.

Eskies and Shade Shelters

If you have either of these that you are willing to lend on the Sunday could you please bring it on Saturday or Sunday. Please make sure that your names are on them (including the lid)

Leave

I will be on sick leave for the rest of the term as I have to undergo surgery. I have informed regional office of this and have asked for Mr Craig Wilson to take over in my spot for the duration of the term. This is unfortunate but for me necessary.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Some of our teachers & kids promoting the Fair at Pako Festa last week!



Last Sunday Josh (6L) competed in the District Junior CFA Championships with Mannerim Fire Brigade. Apart from winning several trophies, the Mannerim team became overall 11-13 year old champions for the district. Next stop the State Championships in April.

Well done Josh!



Leigh McLaren
Principal

Saint Ignatius College Geelong

Families are invited to join us on our

2014 OPEN DAY**Sunday March 23rd****11am-2pm.****Information sessions at****11am and 12.15pm****&****"SEE THE COLLEGE AT WORK"****Wednesday 7th May****9am-11am****Applications for Year 7 enrolment 2015 close****Friday 23rd May 2014.****Online applications for a place supported by an Academic Scholarship for new students entering Year 7, 9 and 11 in 2015 close Friday 11th April, 2014.**Visit the college website to download an Application form for Enrolment, apply for a College Prospectus and to submit an online Academic Scholarship registration.**A Jesuit Partner School****Saint Ignatius College Geelong****27 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale. 3222****Phone: 5251 1136****Email: info@ignatius.vic.edu.au****Website: www.ignatius.vic.edu.au****Lost Basketball****If anyone has found a black basketball please return to Josh Smith 6L.****The Geelong College Middle School****Parent Cyber Information Evening****Wednesday 12 March 2014****Robertson Hall, 399 Aberdeen Street, Newtown**

Leading Senior Constable Mr Robbie Noggler and Margaret McArthur, The Geelong College Junior School and Middle School eLearning Coordinator, will share their expertise. You will have the opportunity to speak to presenters following the presentation in Robertson Hall, when refreshments will be served.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

7.00-7.10pm – Mrs McArthur, eLearning Coordinator – what the students are using

7.10-8.10pm – Talk from Victoria Police – legal issues on cyberbullying

8.10-8.30pm – Opportunity to talk to presenters

This free event is open to parents of Year 6 students. We warmly invite you to attend. To book your place please email the number of parents/guardians attending and the school your child currently attends. Parking is available from the Aberdeen Street and Minerva Road entrances. MSHOS@geelongcollege.vic.edu.au

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Finland, Norway and Denmark will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

GIRLS ROCK!!!! - Girl Guides Australia

Guides is for girls with a sense of adventure! It's for girls who want to have fun and make new friends at the same time! AND you're invited to attend your first Guide meeting absolutely free!!

Barwon Heads / Ocean Grove Dolphin Girl Guides (for girls in Grade 3 to grade 6) meet on Mondays from 4.30pm to 6 pm at the Uniting Church Hall, Hitchcock Ave., Barwon Heads.

Come along!!!! contact Vicki 0438 554 251 or Melissa 0423 155 460

Girl Guides say; "together we can change the world"

EMA applications close 28 February 2014.**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 student is:

\$200 for prep students

\$150 for students in years 1 – 6.

\$300 for year 7 students

\$250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

- A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

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

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