

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Fri 28th Mar	Yr 5/6s Soccer Fun Day
Mon 31st Mar	Whole School Excursion Sovereign Hill
Wed 2nd Apr	Primary School Golf Clinics
Wed 2nd Apr	Hot Lunch
Fri 4th Apr	End of Term 1 Dismissal 2.30 pm
Tues 22nd Apr	Start of Term 2

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Art Displays

I strongly encourage all members of our school community to view the displays of children's art work in the passageways of the main building. Our school entered many artworks at the recent Bellarine Show and we were fortunate to receive many certificates and awards for these pieces. Thank you to Ms Macmillan for coordinating the display of the children's work.

Head Lice

We have had some recent reports of headlice within our school. We strongly encourage parents to check their children's hair regularly and where necessary treat as required. A guide for treating headlice can be found at the Department of Health on <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/parents.htm>

End of Term

A reminder to all families that school concludes for Term One at 2:30pm next Friday 4th April. There will be an assembly prior to school dismissal in the hall at 2:00pm.

School photos

School photos for this year will be taken on **Wednesday 30th April 2014**. Further information about these photos will be provided to families shortly.

Parent Information

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters the parents section of the DEECD website provides parents with information about schools and what resources are out there to support you and your child/ren through their schooling life.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/default.htm>

Some examples of this information I have included below

Helping your child to read, write, speak and listen

Prep-2

Story Telling

Story-telling is a great way to extend your child's language and listening skills, as well as expanding their imagination. Either you can tell the story, or encourage your child to tell the story.

Reading

Reading with your child will begin when your child becomes familiar with the story and can take over some of the reading. When your child **reads to you**, allow time for working out words and ask questions to see if he or she understands what they have read.

If your child is trying to read a long or tricky word, give your child time and ask questions like these:

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NOTICES

Principal News (continued)

*Look at the picture, what can you see that might start with that letter?
Look at the picture, what word makes sense?*

Grade3-6

Share ideas about texts

Talk to your child about how you select books for your own reading. After your child has read a text, encourage him or her to share insights, feelings and understandings of the text.

Here are some ideas that may suit your child's interests:

Read about the author or illustrator at their website.

Find and read another story by the same author.

These are just some of the ideas that can be found on the DEECD website and I encourage all parents/caregivers to view this website.

PFA

On Monday the Parents and Friends Association held their Annual General Meeting for 2013/2014. Our PFA work tirelessly within our school for the benefit of all children. I would like to thank all outgoing committee members for the work in 2013 and congratulate Mrs Penny Bailey on her reappointment as PFA President for 2014.

Visit to Homestead

Yesterday the grade five and sixes known as the Community Kookaburras went to the homestead near purple duck to perform and sing for the elderly residents. We sang many songs such as Wombat on a Surfboard, My Only Sunshine, Zebra, We Don't Care and other solos by the guitarists in the group. There were many more dance actions that we performed than last time. It was very enjoyable for the elderly residents and it put a smile to their face. After we had finished the songs, we got to have a lovely conversation with the kind residents. We love making a difference in our community and we can't wait to help some more.

By Maddison and Piper

Sovereign Hill Excursion Monday 31st March

All student must be at school by **no later than 8.30 am** as the bus will be departing at 8.45 am sharp!

Bellarine Art Show

A big 'Well Done' to students in grades 3-6. The organisers were very impressed with all the creative and colourful artworks. Please see the display in the main corridor. Our school was awarded second place, for the 'schools with the most winning entries'. We received a \$20 prize for the Arts Program. Some highlights were:

Gr 6 - Decorated Bicycle: 2nd Prize

Gr 5 - Painted Gumleaves:

Luka K	1st Prize & best exhibit		
Bayley H	1st Prize	Annelise J	1st Prize
Anouk M	2nd Prize	Tom B	Special Award

Gr 4 - 'Show' Pictures:

Jack F	1st Prize & Special Award		
Amity L	1st Prize	Cassie W	2nd Prize

Gr 3—Farm Banner

1st Prize

Congratulations everyone!

Judie MacMillan



Congratulations!

Yesterday Kyle M (6L) represented the school at the Western Metropolitan Region Swimming Championships in the 50m Free-style and 50m Backstroke events. After another two impressive swims and placing first in both events, Kyle's times have also qualified him for State Level Championships early next term. Well done Kyle!

Hockey Clinics

Last Friday Grades 2-6 were lucky enough to have a representative from Hockey Victoria visit the school and introduce the students to the sport of hockey via fun and interactive drills, skills and activities. It's been great to see some of the students enthusiastically "show off" their new skills this week and put into practice what they learnt from Gillian.

**Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge 2014**

This Year Grade 2 – 6 students have the opportunity to take part in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge. This is another way that the students here at Wallington Primary can further develop their reading skills and literacy appreciation. There will not be any payment involved.

PLEASE NOTE: You can register your own child at home or complete the consent form attached and we will register your child at school.

Students will be issued with a username and password to the challenge website, where they can record the books they read on their own page. Or they can record the books they read in a list on paper and we will upload the information for them.

Thank you and happy reading.

Emily Duckett

Hand Drumming Lessons with Scott McCutcheon

Hand Drumming will be offered again at Wallington Primary School this year as a lunch time activity through term 2. Classes run for eight weeks from the 30th of April until the 18th of June. The classes will run from 1.40 pm to 2.10 pm. The cost for the eight weeks all inclusive will be \$120.

A minimum number of 6 students will be needed for the class to commence.

Please return this slip to the office by 24th of April. Parents will be contacted by Scott McCutcheon should there be enough numbers to start the class.

I give permission for my child in grade..... to take part in the Term 2 hand drumming program. Should there be enough students to go ahead with the classes please contact me on to arrange payment.

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Next week as a special Easter treat, there will be Cadbury chocolate frogs on sale for 50c each with the lycopoles at lunchtime.

AFL Visit

Yesterday Matthew Stokes and Jackson Thurlow, two members of the Geelong Cats, visited Wallington Primary to give a talk about Leadership and football. The presentation was both informative and insightful, with the Year Five and Six students able to make many connections to what they have already learnt about Leadership. They also came away with a few new facts about football and how hard it is to be an elite athlete!

**Working Bee**

A big thankyou to everyone who has helped with school maintenance and working bees so far this year. The date for the term 2 working bee is **Friday May 16th** with terms 3 and 4 to be announced later in the year. Please see roster attached for terms 2, 3 and 4. This roster is to ensure that we have helpers to complete the jobs. If you are able to help on any of the working bees please feel welcome to come and join in. More details to follow next term.



Environment Committee

Active After School Sports Basketball

Please note that there WILL BE NO After School Basketball on Monday 31st March. The program will recommence in Term 2.

Parents and Friends

Congratulations and thank you the 2014 P&F Executive Committee who were elected to the following positions at the AGM - Penny Bailey (President), Amanda Howard (Vice-President), Diana Lacey (Treasurer). Thanks also to Kerstin Willey (Book Club) and Lisa Mitchell (Secondhand Uniforms). The position of secretary is still vacant – if you are interested please speak with one of the Executive or with Craig Wilson.

A big thank you to our outgoing Executive members – Michelle Hughes (Vice President 2013) and Jo Leydon (Treasurer 2013, President 2010).

At the General Meeting that followed we discussed a range of school-based issues (inc building works, school excursion, the current curriculum focus and the school music programme) alongside student and social activities planned for this year – if you would like a copy of the P&F minutes, please email tracey@pondaestate.com.au.

Our next meeting will be in Term 2 on Monday, 28th April, 9am in the School Hall.

Lost & Found

A set of keys have been handed in. Please claim at office.

Please claim all items in Lost Property by the end of term. Any unclaimed items will be thrown out or donated to charity.



bookgrove

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Bookgrove has an exciting event scheduled for 1pm on the last Saturday of the month, March 29, for children aged 5-9 years, with the author and illustrator of the "LuLu Bell" series coming for an in-store visit, reading and a chat. Details & RSVP at www.bookgrove.com.au

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