

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES



Fri 29th November	Pupil Free Day
Sat 30th November	P&F Bellarine Rail Trail bike ride/lunch in Queenscliff
Thurs 5th December	Helpers Morning Tea
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
Fri 20th December	Last Day Early Dismissal 1.30 pm
Tues 28th January 2014	First Day Term 1 - Teachers & Staff
Wed 29th January 2014	First Day - Students Gr 1-6
Thurs 30th January 2014	First day for Preps

PRINCIPAL NEWS

It has been a very busy time over the last couple of weeks with swimming, report writing, testing etc. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the swimming program you were a real credit to the school. Thanks to Mr Vaught for his organisation of the programs and to the staff for their support and assistance.

Helpers Morning Tea

On Thursday 5th December we are holding our **Helpers Morning Tea**. This is our special way of saying thank you to all those fantastic people who have assisted the school in some way this year. As I have said on many occasions Wallington Primary School functions as effectively as it does through the generosity of people giving up their time to assist the school. We are very grateful for this assistance. If for some reason you have not received your invitation please consider this your personal invitation. It is to be held at 11:00am in the Hall. To assist with catering, please RSVP to the office by 4th December.

RE Service

The End of Year RE service will be held on Friday 6th December at 9:15am in the hall. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Grass Mowing

Whilst we are still working to fill the grounds person position the grass is growing. If any parent has a spare hour or so we would appreciate the grass mown around the school, in particular around the fence lines and under the trees. If you can assist please see Leigh.

Working Bee

The final working bee will be on Friday 13th at 3:30pm. This is a good opportunity to tidy the school up for the end of the year. Jobs include:

- Clean spider webs
- Cover hothouse
- Cover fruit trees with netting
- Gutters on sports shed cleaned
- Trees trimmed

Leigh McLaren
Principal

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- Rabbit proof oval, particularly under gates.
- Rabbits under garden shed blocked up...
- Lawns, sweeping, drains checked
- Erect ball keeper maybe near basketball court
- Remove sink from east side of oval
- Remove cement blocks near bike shed
- Clean behind garden shed, scrap metal collection.

End of Year Finish Time

The last day of school this year is 20th December. We will be finishing the day at 1:30pm with our final assembly starting at 1:00pm.

Term dates for 2014

Term 1: 28 January (school teachers start) to 4 April *

Term 2: 22 April to 27 June**

Term 3: 14 July to 19 September

Term 4: 6 October to 19 December

* **The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day** in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school, so contact your school for details.

** Term 2 starts on Tuesday 22 April as Monday 21 April is a public holiday for Easter Monday. Please note: Friday 25 April is ANZAC Day.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/datesterm.aspx>

Active After School Program

The Active After School Program finished this week. Thank you to all the students who supported the program. Also thanks to Lincoln and Matt for their organisation and implementation of the program. The program will continue in 2014.

Annual Implementation Plan

Each school is required to complete an Annual Implementation Plan. Wallington is no exception. This plan is based on the school's 3 year Strategic Plan and reflects the school's focus. The school Council and staff are currently compiling the Annual Implementation Plan for 2013. Our major focus will be on Literacy and numeracy and in particular number and writing. A draft copy of the plan will be posted on the web in the next couple of weeks.

Bellarine Cuisine Cookbook

The cookbook is now on sale - order forms have been sent home. A special thank you to our parent, Linda Di-Gusto, who did all the artwork for the publication.

All library books are due back by the end of the first week in December (6 Dec). Of course, if you are not quite finished with the book you are reading then finish first, then return it! Many thanks.

Jill Murray
Robina Henry



The CRE Christmas service is on Friday 6 December in the school hall - 9.15am start. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.



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Last Week's

SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PrepK King	JULIAN For writing a fantastic piece about swimming.
PrepK King	ISABELLA For a great effort in all her school work this week.
12B Brisbane	CODY For working well independently in different classrooms this week.
12V Vaught	JACOB For some excellent problem solving strategies in mathematics.
12V Vaught	LUKE For some excellent problem solving strategies in mathematics.
34L Lennon	ANGUS For his great job as lead scientist in the pH testing experiments this week. Thanks for sharing your knowledge with all the 3/4s!
34L Lennon	TOM For getting into the festivities of the Queenscliff Music Festival.
34L Lennon	CASSIE For her enthusiasm, energy, enjoyment and participation at the Queenscliff Fort.
34L Lennon	CHLOE For getting into the festivities at the Queenscliff Music Festival.
34L Lennon	JETT For his enthusiasm, energy, enjoyment and participation at the Queenscliff Fort.
6M Marino	DENYER For his good work habits this week and great organisational skills. Keep it up Denyer!

"Tour de Bellarine" Sat 30th November 2013

Please see notice on our website: www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au



COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAROLS in the Park OCEANGROVE

Supported by City of Greater Geelong

Sunday 8 December 7:30pm

Ocean Grove Park

Come and Sing Your Heart Out

Bring an unwrapped gift for a needy child

Sponsored by **Voice**
www.oceangrovecarols.org

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PARENT PERMISSION FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME TODAY WITH STUDENTS. PLEASE RETURN THESE BY 17 DECEMBER 2013. THANK YOU.

Food for Fines

Starts November 25th

In partnership with Geelong Food Relief Centre Geelong Libraries will once again celebrate Christmas by helping to gather food for people in need of community support.

Between 25 November and 8 December, overdue fees will be waived in return for donations of packaged, non-perishable food items which will be given to our region's largest food charity, Geelong Food Relief Centre.

Please give generously to this worthy cause – xmas puddings, cakes, spreads and breakfast cereals are particularly needed.

**Food items must be best before May 2014 or later. Fines for damaged and lost items are not included in this campaign.*



1. FREE surf and ocean awareness info session, THIS Sunday December 1st at 3:30pm is aimed at wannabe surfers and surfers starting out, beach goers and ocean lovers....

This FREE workshop will be segmented into areas of:

- OCEAN AWARENESS
- SURF SAFETY including correct equipment, being able to assess conditions
- SURF ETIQUETTE
- SURF HINTS & TIPS

Prizes and raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the day!



FREE SURF & OCEAN AWARENESS INFO SESSION.

Sunday, December 1st,
after the movie, 3:30pm
Barwon Heads Community Hall



2: 'Cloudy with a chance of meatballs' PG movie on the BIG screen at the Barwon Heads Community Hall.

THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST @ 11AM

Cost: \$15 per family (any 2 adults and 3 children)

BYO bean bags, mini sofas or a rug and snacks/lunch

<http://www.bellarinekids.com.au/family-movie-screenings.html>



'Cloudy with a chance of meatballs'

PG family movie on the BIG screen at the Barwon Heads Community Hall.

Sunday 1st December @ 11am,
\$15 per group of 5 (any 2 adults & 3 kids).

BYO rug, bean bag, mini sofas, lunch.

www.bellarinekids.com.au
for further details!

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