

# WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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## DIARY DATES

<b>Fri 6th December</b>	CRE Christmas Service (in the Hall)
<b>Wed 11th December</b>	Evening Christmas picnic (Santa in attendance)
<b>Thurs 12th December</b>	P&F evening meeting 6pm followed by dinner 7pm (venue TBC)
<b>Fri 13th December</b>	Working Bee (from 3.30 pm onwards)
<b>Tues 17th December</b>	Year 6 Graduation
<b>Thurs 19th December</b>	Hot Lunch
<b>Fri 20th December</b>	<b>Last Day Early Dismissal 1.30 pm</b>
<b>Tues 28th January 2014</b>	First Day Term 1 - Teachers & Staff
<b>Wed 29th January 2014</b>	<b>First Day - Students Gr 1-6</b>
<b>Thurs 30th January 2014</b>	<b>First day for Preps</b>

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

### Class Structure and Staffing for 2014

Prep/1 M	Mrs Murray
Prep/1K	Mrs King
Grade 2	Mr Vaught
Grade 3	Yet to be confirmed
Grade 4	Miss Jones
Grade 5	Mrs Duckett
Grade 6	Mrs Lennon
The Arts/ Cultural Studies	Ms MacMillan
Integration Aide:	Julie Laird
Office:	Cho Lay Thomas

### Last Day Arrangements

Final assembly will begin exactly at 1:00pm as we have many awards to present.

Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm.

**PLEASE NOTE: Parents are asked to ensure that their child/children are picked up on time on the last day.** Teachers will be involved in the setting up of the school for 2014.

### Term Dates 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. You will be notified in the newsletter by the end of the year of the precise dates for pupil free days in 2014.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Don't Forget The Picnic next **WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER**

The school picnic will be held next Wednesday in the school grounds from 5pm onwards. BYO picnic.

Santa will arrive at 6pm. Please leave a book wrapped and labelled for your child with a value up to \$10.00 at the office.

The Parents Club would like to extend the invitation to the 2014 Grade Preps and their parents, in an opportunity for them to get to know the current families attending Wallington PS.

### Lost Property

The lost property is starting to accumulate again. If your child is missing a jumper or shirt it might be in lost property. If it is named then it will be returned to its owner.



Today we had the Helpers Morning Tea. This is our way of saying thank you for your help throughout the year. We greatly appreciate your time and effort to assist our students in their learning.

### Request for Video footage

We are looking for any video footage of the assembly on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. David McIntyre is after any video of the Awards presentation on that day. If you have any please contact the office and we will put you in contact with David.

### Strawberry Fair

The last strawberry fair meeting for the year will be on 18<sup>th</sup> December in the staff room.



### Swimming Program

Another successful swimming program has come and gone. All students' efforts and achievements were excellent and the feedback from instructors was high of praise and appreciation for the effort and behaviour of all students from Wallington PS. Thank you to all who let their children take part for your children will be wiser around water. For children such programs can be very challenging so well done children with your perseverance. The teachers have noticed a marked improvement with the personal growth, personal confidence and independence of students. Thank you to all the staff who assisted in anyway and whose normal programs were disrupted but helped without complaint. A special mention to parents who helped with transport.

**Mr Vaught and Miss Jones**

**Swimming coordinators**

### School Working Bee

The final school working bee will be held next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 till approximately 5:30. There will be icy poles for the kids. Jobs will be to prepare for the fire season, clean grounds for the school break and prepare some areas for the 2014 school program. Please bring tools if you are able to help in one of the jobs listed below.

Term 4 working bee jobs list includes:

- Clean spider webs.
- Cover hothouse.
- Cover fruit trees with netting.
- Gutters on sports shed cleaned.
- Trees trimmed.
- Rabbit proof oval, particularly under gates.
- Rabbits holes under garden shed blocked up...
- Lawns cut, sweeping around buildings and netball court, underground 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.
- Gutters on main building need to be removed and cleaned of grass.

**Mr Vaught, Environment Coordinator**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### "Tour de Bellarine"

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November nearly fifty riders comprising of students and their families, participated in the inaugural bike ride from Drysdale to Queenscliffe. Spoilt with a beautiful sunny afternoon, everyone enjoyed the breathtaking peninsula whilst attempting the quiz that was aimed to increase the appreciation of our surroundings whilst curbing the overzealous riders amongst us!!!



Some families joined enroute, but it was terrific that everyone waited at the "PITSTOP" at Suma Park to wait for the young and OLD!!! The refreshments, posters, and cheer squad provided by the Hughes Family here contributed to a fabulous atmosphere, we could have easily been in the Alps!!

Generous sponsorship from Hendry's cycles, Bellarine Railway and Ponderosa Winery contributed to over \$200 of prizes.

The family section was won by the Vaughts and the pairs section by Seamus and Joe.

The event cumulated with a picnic, fish and chips and games of cricket in the park at Queenscliffe. It proved to be a precious window of fun and relaxation before the "Silly Season" takes too much hold. I'm sure it will be the first of many!!

A huge thank you to Michelle Hughes and Tracey Frigo for all your help and to all the families that came and supported the afternoon.

"What a fantastic day it was.....We loved the opportunity to hang out with some great families and Penny your quiz actually got us learning something!! Please do it again" (Tracey V)

I had lots of fun on the ride. I didn't know that Phar Lap was once hidden "at Suma Park" (Sophia F)



### PARENTS & FRIENDS DINNER

The next Parents and Friends get together will be on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> – a 6pm meeting followed by 7pm dinner. If you can't make the meeting, you are more than welcome to come along for the dinner only.

**\*\*Could you please RSVP** if you will be coming for dinner (alone or with partner) so that we can plan for numbers and make a booking, either to the office or to Penny (Kieran's Mum 3/4J – mob 0407 891599) or Tracey (Sophia's Mum 3/4L – tracey@pondaestate.com.au).\*

### BELLARINE CUISINE COOKBOOK

Exciting news!! All of the hard work to get our cookbook out before Christmas has paid off – we've been on sale for just over a week, have almost sold out and are planning for a reprint. A big thank you to all of our sponsors for contributing to/supporting the book:

#### Restaurant/café sponsors

13th Beach Golf Course, Annes Provide, At The Heads, Athelstone House, Bistro at Banks, Café Maritana, Curlewis Winery, Driftwood Café, Drysdale Cheeses, Elkhorn Roadhouse, Elvis Parsley and Grapesland, Ginger Mai's, Manzanillo Olives, Napona, Noble Foods, Oakdene Vineyards Restaurant, Parkers Steakhouse, Ponda Estate Vineyard, RAW, Saltbush Fine Foods, The Dunes, Van Loons Nursery Café, Vue Grand, White Fisheries, Wildings, Werruna Wines.

#### General Sponsors

Wild Bear, Wilson Kapitelli Constructions, Newtown Natural Fertility & IVF Support Centre, Belmont Bulkbilling Clinic, Drysdale Removal & Storage Parkside Motel & Conference Centre Geelong, Southern Dental Specialists, Body Recon Cosmetic Clinic.

We'd encourage all Wallington PS families to let our sponsors know how much we appreciate their support – and in turn, to support these local businesses over the festive period when eating out and/or purchasing gifts or vouchers to give as Christmas presents – and please let them know you're from Wallington!

**\*\*In addition to sales at the school, Bellarine Cuisine is being stocked and sold at at Annie's Provide, Bookgrove Bookshop, Driftwood Café, Drysdale Cheeses, Elkhorn Roadhouse, Oakdene Cellar Door, Ponda Estate Vineyard, and Van Loons Nursery where 100% of proceeds from sales are going back to our kids! Check out our Facebook page to keep up to date with our growing list of stockists\*\*.**

Dear Emily

I would like to congratulate you on your great group of students after your visit to our Centre yesterday. Our teachers said your students were a pleasure to teach and the best behaved group they had taught in their years at the Centre. They were also impressed with their focus, enthusiasm and knowledge of sustainable behaviours.

Thank you for visiting and we hope you enjoyed the Barwon Waste Wise Education Centre.

Regards  
Barwon Waste Wise Education Centre.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Victorian Primary School's Golf Championships Regional Event



On the 22nd of November **Lucy McEvoy** competed in the Victorian Primary School's Regional event at Curlewis Golf Club. Lucy had qualified earlier in the year at a District event at Ocean Grove. Lucy is not a golfer and therefore her efforts to get to this tournament were fabulous. On the day Lucy finished eighth in the girls event – an amazing effort. Well done Lucy we are proud of your efforts and your willingness to give anything a go.

### 2013 SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDERS

**An order form for the 2013 school magazine went home with the eldest in the family today. Please ensure you have your orders in by the due date – due to cost we only print the number ordered.**

**Magazines are given out after final assembly on the last day.**

**\*Please note there are no exceptions to this.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



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### CLEARANCE SALE!

#### Melbourne's Ward Sagar Booksellers

Specialists in Children's Literature (babies to Teens) & Primary School Library Stockists is continuing it's **CLOSING DOWN**

**CLEARANCE SALE** on the Bellarine Peninsula out of QUEENSLIFF PRIMARY SCHOOL this Summer.

**SALE BEGINS: December 9 2013 until all stock sold out!**

**10AM-3PM Mon-Sat**

**HUGE DISCOUNTS UP TO 30% OFF ALL STOCK**

**PICTURE STORY, LITERATURE CIRCLE, FICTION, FANTASY, NON FICTION, POSTERS, TEACHER RESOURCES, BABY BOOKS, STUDENT WORK-BOOKS, EARLY CHILDHOOD, & LOTS MORE!**

**ALL STOCK MUST GO!!**

We are located at QUEENSLIFF PRIMARY SCHOOL, Rear Portable. Enter via Stokes Street, Queenscliff 3225.

Contact: Caitlin Ogdon on 0404086901

**Ocean Grove Park**  
between Presidents Ave & Hodgson St.  
**When: Saturday 14th Dec 10-4pm**  
**\*unless sold out prior**

**Tree Sizes: Up to 6' for \$45,  
6'-7' for \$55 and 7'-8' for \$85**  
**Extras: Stands \$29, Silver Tinsel \$2**  
**Delivery and pick available for a fee**  
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