

# WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

Principal: Leigh McLaren School Council Pres: James Watson

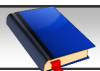


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## DIARY DATES



<b>Thurs 7th, 14th, 21st Nov</b>	Prep Orientation
<b>Thurs 7th November</b>	Strawberry Fair Meeting
<b>Mon 11th November</b>	Remembrance Day P&F meeting 9am (school hall)
<b>Tues 12th November</b>	Curriculum & Environment Sub Committee Mtg
<b>Fri 15th November</b>	Resources Committee Meeting
<b>Wed 20th November</b>	School Council Meeting
<b>Thurs 21st November</b>	P&F Morning Tea Welcome New Parents
<b>Thurs 21st November</b>	Hot Lunch
<b>Fri 29th November</b>	Pupil Free Day
<b>Sat 30th November</b>	P&F Bellarine Rail Trail bike ride/lunch in Queenscliff
<b>Thurs 7th November</b>	Strawberry Fair Meeting 
<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>Tues 17th December</b>	Year 6 Graduation

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome to the middle of the final term. Today we welcomed out 2014 preps and their parents to Wallington Primary School for the first time as a group. This is the first of 3 orientation sessions.

### Remembrance Day

On Monday 11 November the school leaders will be representing Wallington at the Drysdale RSL ceremony. Thanks to Julie Laird and Kirsten MacDonald for transporting our leaders to this event.

### The School Buildings

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have informed the school that we need to rationalise our classrooms as we are over entitled. The choice is either remove B Block and retain the portables or vice versa. We need to make a decision within the week. I have discussed this with the staff and at School Council and Parents and Friends Meeting. There is no initial costs to us as the removal and subsequent landscaping (in the case of B Block removal) will be paid for by the Department.

### Sub Committees

The next meeting of the Curriculum and Environment Committee will be on Tuesday 12 November at 3:45pm. The resources will meet on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. These will be the final sub committee meetings for 2013. The next school Council will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### Strawberry Fair

This afternoon the rosters will be posted on my office window. All families need to put their names down against a stall or job. If a stall is oversubscribed please add your name to an area that isn't full. The next meeting of the Strawberry Fair is tonight at 7:00pm

### Parents and Friends

The next Parents and Friends meeting will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 9:00am in the hall.

## SCHOOL NEWS



## P-3 SWIMMING PROGRAM IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Notice 3

A reminder that swimming payments are now due. The prep to grade 3 program, at Bellarine Aquatic Sports Centre Ocean Grove, starts Monday 18th November. Please start to prepare by organising a pack with 'labelled' bathers, towel and dry plastic bag for wet gear. Please see your class teacher if you have any concerns or questions regarding the swimming program.

Thanking you.

**Mr Vaught and Miss Jones**  
Swimming coordinators

**THANK YOU** *A special thank you to Brett Kapitelli for putting up the signs in the vegie garden!*

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



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Newington Uniting Church, Wallington Road, is holding their 150th Anniversary on Sunday 17th November at 10 am. For Further details contact Marjorie Barry 52502268 or Carol Lascelles 52563034.

### Remembrance Day

Poppies and wristbands can be purchased at the office \$2-\$5.



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*Leigh McLaren*  
**Principal**



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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.

**Closing Date:** You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by **28 February 2014**.

**Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** is seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in February for a stay of one term, one semester or two semesters.

#### 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 February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico 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](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaustr@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaustr@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!

#### Genevieve Eyre

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Children With Type 1 Diabetes - Are You Challenged by Your Child's Diabetes?  
**Research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes.**

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with type 1 diabetes. Parenting a child with diabetes presents many challenges (everything from the regular blood glucose monitoring and insulin intake, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood diabetes particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child's diabetes.

If you are a parent of a 2 to 10-year-old child with type 1 diabetes, we would love to hear from you!

By sharing your experiences (confidentially), you will be making a valuable contribution to the development of much-needed childhood diabetes management strategies for parents. To complete the online survey, please log on to: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/type1diabetes>

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Aditi Lohan ([aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au](mailto:aditi.lohan@uqconnect.edu.au)) or call (07 3365 7689) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

Thank you for your time and participation.

Aditi Lohan, Alina Morawska, and Amy Mitchell  
UQ Parenting and Family Support Centre

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**RUN GEELONG**  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Are you involved?

The countdown is officially on and we simply can't wait. The annual event presented by the Cotton On Foundation, which will be held on **Sunday 17th November**, will be the 5th Run Geelong event and will conclude the Run Australia calendar for 2013.

Our aim is to break all the records from last (11,792 runners equalling \$503,000) year and put a massive dint in the \$3.5 million redevelopment of **The Geelong Hospitals Special Care Nursery**. The vision continues to be simple and clear ... we want the **BEST** health facilities for the youth of Geelong.

As supporters of this incredible event we are shouting out to **YOU** the people of **Geelong** to get involved and show your support. With **100% of every registration fee goes directly to the redevelopment of the Geelong Hospitals Special Care Nursery**.

And remember the event doesn't end when you cross the finish line, there will be something for everyone. With live entertainment, kid's activities and food, it is sure to be a great morning for everyone!

So please, jump online and visit [www.rungeelong.com.au](http://www.rungeelong.com.au) and 'get involved' today.

This is our community we are supporting and our goal is break all previous records and continue to make this event the biggest on the Run Australia calendar, but we can't do that without the support of our wonderful community.

**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND 'GET INVOLVED'**

**COTTON ON  
FOUNDATION**

empowering youth

[www.cottononfoundation.org](http://www.cottononfoundation.org)

Buy your **Christmas Tree**  
**From Ocean Grove Scout Group**  
**this year!**

Supporting our Cubs and Scouts



**Ocean Grove Park**  
between Presidents Ave & Hodgson St.

When: **Saturday 30th Nov &**

**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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**Pre-order your tree NOW... the first 200 trees pre-ordered receive a \$5 discount!**

[www.OceanGroveScouts.com](http://www.OceanGroveScouts.com)



**Thank you for supporting Ocean Grove Scouts**



The Ocean Grove Surf Lifesaving Club 'Surf Ed' Program is the perfect introduction to surf lifesaving activities for Children. Online registrations are now being accepted for the 2013/14 summer season. Contact [membership@oceangroveslsc.asn.au](mailto:membership@oceangroveslsc.asn.au) with any queries.



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