

WALLINGTON P.S. NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

Thursday 13 th June	Strawberry Fair Meeting
Wednesday 19th June	School Council Meeting
Thursday 20th June	3 Way Interviews
Friday 21st June	Parents Club—2:00pm (before assembly)
Thursday 27th June	Jump Rope For Heart
Friday 28th June	Last Day of Term 2 - 2.30pm Dismissal
Wed 21st August	School Council Meeting
Mon 9th September	Indonesian Excursion

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Long Service Leave

Next term I will be away on Long Service Leave. My replacement is Mr Craig Wilson. Craig is an Assistant Principal at Thomas Churnside Primary School in Werribee. Please make him feel welcome

Bellarine Secondary College.

Through Bellarine Secondary College Year 9 Applied Learning Program, a class of Year 9 students are learning about group management, teamwork, leadership and game theory. On Tuesday the Grade 5 and 6 participated in this program and enjoyed the experience. Next week the Grade 3 and 4's will have a similar experience.

Tips for Internet safety

Here are some key messages around internet safety that could help parents help their children.

In addition to following these tips, parents might want to install filters on their home computers.

1. Don't let potential problems stop you from letting your child use technology for their education and personal interests.
2. Put computers in a communal area of the house and don't allow portable internet devices (laptops, phones, tablets etc) in the bedroom.
3. Find out what your child is doing online. Talk to them regularly about what websites they visit and take the time sit with them as they use the internet. Make sure you're familiar with how the sites that they visit work.
4. Encourage your child to tell you if they ever have a problem on the internet or if they're ever unsure about anything. Reassure them that you won't take away their connection to the internet if issues occur.
5. Remind your child to keep personal information private.

YAPPY is a useful acronym to remind children of the personal information they should not share on public online spaces (blogs, forums etc.) – Your full name, Address, Phone number, Passwords, Your plans.

6. Remind your child that not everything on the internet is true and not all internet users tell the truth.
7. Don't support your child to sign up for sites that are 13+ if they are under age (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram etc). Make sure your child sets their online accounts to private to limit access to people they know well (when they are old enough to sign up).
8. Encourage your child to balance their leisure time so they're not spending all of their time online.
9. Create your own internet rules for your household and have your child agree to adhere to them.
10. Explore government resources for parents so you can educate yourself and protect your children on the [Cybersmart website](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au).

Lost Property

The amount of lost property is mounting up again. I regularly go through the box and return labelled items. However there are many items not named.

Head Lice

This is a topic we all do not like to hear about, but none the less we have had a few cases reported. Notices have gone home to the grade/s affected, but I thought a timely reminder to all parents to be vigilant about this and check the hair on a regular basis. Here is a website that I have found useful in gaining information about this issue:

http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/resources_pages/parents.htm

End Of Term

The final day for term 2 is 28th June. We will be finishing at 2:30 on this day.

3 Way Interviews.

The note for that is going home tonight (Thursday) and is due back on Monday. Reports, along with your interview time will go home on Thursday. Students are only required at school at their allotted interview times. Can Parents also return to school the student report folders ASAP?

Topics for Next term

The classes will be investigating the following topics next term

Prep—2 My Environment—local /Mini beasts

Grade 3/4 Australian History

Grade 5 and 6 The Global Environment—Energy / Endangered Species



SCHOOL NEWS



Our happy Chooks

Library - Helpers Needed

Dear Parents,
We have lots of lovely new books in the library that need covering before they can be put out for borrowing. If you are happy to take a few home with some contact please let me know.

Many Thanks,
Jill Murray



Family Information Updates: All families with students between year levels 1 - 5 would have received statements of students full information details. Please read these carefully and amend any changes and bring them into the office.



Lost Property:

There are still many items in the lost property that have not been collected, including numerous uniform items such as jumpers, hoodies and t-shirts. There are also a lot of Tupper wear containers and drink bottles. If

something has gone missing please see if it is in lost property. The lost property boxes are out the front of Mr McLarens Office. There are also a few valuable items kept in to office for safe keeping.

Items include:

Black sunglasses
\$5 American dollar note
Key
Hearing aid piece
Cabbage patch kids wallet

Found: A pair of green and pink dragonfly earrings were found in the Hot Lunch draw.



Newsletters Via Email

It is easier and better than ever to get the school newsletter online. Did you know....

1 ream of paper = 6% of a tree and 5.4kg of CO2 in the atmosphere.

3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water

Think Before You Print

Its time we considered our environment before printing off the newsletter. Receiving your newsletters As we are a Waste Wise school this will be your contribution to assisting our environment. This is also an excellent way to insure you actually receive the newsletter weekly and it is not at the bottom of a school bag.

It's simple all you have to do is open our web site

<http://www.wallington-ps.vic.edu.au/>

Click on the News Tab - Newsletters - then follow the prompts

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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**SCHOOL
HOLIDAY
PROGRAM**

WINTER 2013

Programs in Belmont, Leopold, Newtown, North Shore & Ocean Grove!
Activities include: Melbourne Museum, IMAX, Footy Day, Reptile Zoo, Roller Skating, Drama Day, Arts and Crafts, Cooking, Science Experiments and MUCH MUCH MORE!!!

Dates: Monday 1 July 2013 to 12 July 2013 TIMES: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm

School Holiday Club is an educational child care service for children currently attending Primary School aged 5 to 12 years. The School Holiday Program offers a range of activities, experiences and excursions appropriate for primary school aged children, including children with additional needs aged 5 to 12 years.

FEES: Range from \$15.50 - \$50.50 per child per centre based day depending on Child Care Benefit eligibility. Please note excursion/incursion days incur an extra cost. Please call the FAO on 13 61 50 for more information about Child Care Benefit and Child Care Tax Rebate.

Enrolment application forms available at your Before & After School care centres and all City of Greater Geelong Customer Service Centres or you can enrol online here www.geelongaustralia.com.au/shp

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

All enrolments due by 5pm Thursday 20 June 2013

For more information please contact School Holiday Program Team Leader on 03 5272 4443 or kpont@geelongcity.vic.gov.au