GET TOGETHER
On Friday 12th February the school will be hosting a BBQ to celebrate the start of the school year. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to socialize and to welcome our new families into the school community. The evening will commence at 6pm. Sausages and hamburgers will be supplied by the school and families will be asked to bring either a salad or a dessert to share. Please bring your own drinks. We hope as many families as possible join us for this fun occasion.

TESTING
It was really pleasing that all of our prep students have made appointments for testing on Wednesdays. Please remember that our Prep students do not attend school on Wednesdays during February.

In Science our students are looking at young to old. Students have been asked to bring a few photos from different times in their short life. These photos will be copied and the original sent home straight away.

We would also like a baby photo from as many children as possible from both grades so we can have a guess the baby completion. Please keep this photo a secret.

HELPING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL
The school will be conducting a series of information sessions on developing school home partnerships and helping your child with their learning. These sessions will be every second Tuesday starting at 3.45pm and will run for about 40 minutes. The first session will be on the 16th February.

PLAY GROUP
We had a fantastic attendance at play group today, and it was wonderful to see some new families joining in for the first time.

HOURS OF SUPERVISION
Class times – 9.00am to 3.30pm
Hours of supervision – 8.45am to 3.45pm

IMMUNISATION CERTIFICATES
Please note that students without immunisation certificates will be excluded from school during outbreaks of serious illness/ infectious disease cases as prescribed under Regulations 13 and 14 of the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001 – Schedule 6.

FOR PREP/NEW PARENTS
If you have not already done so, please provide the school with a copy of your child’s ACIR Immunisation certificate and birth certificate to complete enrolment.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Please advise the school/Jeanette of any changes to phone numbers (home, mobile and work), places of employment, emergency contacts, or medical information as soon as possible. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY, FRONT OFFICE AND NEWSLETTERS
The weekly school assembly will be on Thursdays at 3-15pm.
Mrs Kalinski is in the school office on Wednesday.
Our newsletter will normally be distributed on Thursdays. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email please advise Jeanette.

SUN SMART
All students have received their new hats which will remain at school. Hats are compulsory during terms 1 & 4.

STUDENT BANKING
This year the banking program will be with the Bendigo Bank. For all queries please contact Kellie Petersen.

NOTIFYING THE SCHOOL OF AN ABSENCE
If for some reason your child is absent from school please telephone the school to inform us. When students are absent from school the school must be provided with a reason for this absence. Our Attendance Policy is available on our website. Absent notification forms have been sent out with this newsletter

CLOTHING
Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with the name of current owner. This assists us to return items and also helps us settle disputes as to who is the real owner.

PAYMENTS/RETURN OF FORMS
Parents are asked to make payments to school in a sealed and clearly named envelope. Invoices will be sent out when money is owed to the school if necessary. Foreign coins cannot be accepted as they will be refused by the bank. Please check before payment.
Payments may be made to the school by direct funds transfer or by BPAY Biller code: 87361 Ref: (listed on school statements)
There is a box at the office door where payments and completed forms are to be placed if Jeanette is not in the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

LOSS OF/DAMAGE TO PERSONAL GOODS
Private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors (such as mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises etc) is not insured and the Department of Education and Training (school) does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.
ELIGIBILITY
Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility
To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;

Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

- Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- Submit an application to the school by the due date.

A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

If you believe you are eligible for the above, please request a form from school, complete and return by next Wednesday, 10th February.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Council elections will be commencing shortly and must be completed before 31st March.

There are 3, 2 year parent vacancies & 1 DE&T, 2 year vacancy to be filled.

More information to follow.

Wallan Junior Football Club 2016
Registration Evenings

Wallan Junior Football Club Registration Evenings will take place on Friday February 12th & Friday February 19th from 4pm until 7pm.

The club has separated the Registration Evening into two sessions.

Under 12, 14, 16 & 18 Girls – Friday February 12th 4pm until 7pm
Under 14, 15, 16 & 17 – Friday February 19th 4pm until 7pm
Under 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 – Friday February 19th 4pm until 7pm

The evenings will be held at Greenhill Reserve, Corner of Duke St and Northern Hwy, Wallan
Apparel will be able to be purchased on both evenings.

For more information please call Nadine Christall 0415 299 445

To be eligible to play Youth Girls
- Under 12 Youth Girls: you must be born in 1999 or 1999
- Under 14 Youth Girls: you must be born in 2001 or 2001
- Under 16 Youth Girls: you must be born in 2003 or 2003
- Under 18 Youth Girls: you must be born in 2005 or 2005

To be eligible to play
- Under 9 you must be born in 2007, 2008 or before April 80th 2009
- Under 10 you must be born in 2006
- Under 11 you must be born in 2005
- Under 12 you must be born in 2004
- Under 13 you must be born in 2003

Please read the ordering options/payment options information carefully. If ordering via the school please return your completed order by Tuesday, 16th February.