FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

Dear Parents and Guardians,

End of Term
Tomorrow, Friday 21st September, is the end of Term 3 with a final assembly at the flag pole at 2.20pm. Parents, please note that the students will be dismissed early at 2.30pm after this assembly.

For those interested, a Holiday program will be conducted at our school and bookings can be made through the City of Darebin. Go to http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/page/Page.aspx/Page_Id=150&h=0 for more information.

I wish everyone a safe and happy break. School will resume on Monday 8th October.

Presentation of School Review Report
Yesterday, the School Reviewer presented her report on the School’s Current Strategic Plan and what has been achieved by both the staff and School Council. Over all, it’s a very pleasing document that notes the progress of the school and highlights some areas that we can address in the new Strategic Plan. I will publish a fuller account of their report next term.

Hearing Testing at Wales Street
Last Saturday, the 15th September, the Lions Club of Northcote organised with Melbourne University Audiology Hearing and Speech Sciences Department, a free hearing test for children 3-6 years of age. Over 60 children were tested and about 7 have been referred for further follow up. The event has been held annually at Wales Street for over 5 years, so I would like to pass on my thank you to the Lions Club for their great work.

District Athletics Competition
Congratulations to all our School competitors at the District Athletics Competition. I was particularly pleased to hear about the excellent behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by the students. Thank you to Anna, the staff and the parents who supervised and helped out on the day. Wales Street students performed very well and 11 children will be going on to the Regional level next term on the 9th October (Tuesday the first week back). The event will take place at the Meadowglen Athletics Track, McDonalds Road, Epping. Any parents/family members wishing to come and support our Athletics team are most welcome.
Parent Help Needed from a Land Surveyor or Builder
Currently we are looking at the St David Street Buildings with a view to carrying out building and landscaping works in the future. I have asked Ken Seakins, an architect and a parent of our school community, to develop some concept designs but he needs help. Is there anyone within the school community, maybe a land surveyor or builder that could shoot some levels for this work? If you are able to help out could you get in touch with Ken, email: ken@harmer.com.au, so he could brief you about the project? I would be very appreciative if anyone could help out.

Chess Tournament
Next term, Wednesday 10th October, Wales Street will be hosting a district chess tournament. It should be a very exciting event for all the students involved and we wish them all the best.

Yours faithfully,
Christopher L. Sexton

Uniform Orders for Term 1, 2013
Uniform order and payment forms were handed out to all children this week. Parents are asked to place & pay for orders by Thursday 1st November 2012.

Uniform orders will not be accepted after this date. The uniform shop will close for the year on Thursday 29th November 2012.

Orders will be processed over January and are to be collected from the school hall:

- Tuesday 22nd January 2013 from 12:00-3:00pm  OR
- Wednesday 23rd January 2013 from 12:00-3:00pm

IMPORTANT NOTE! We cannot guarantee uniform items will be available from the uniform shop at the beginning of 2013 if you have not pre-ordered in 2012.

EMA CHEQUES: Please collect from the school office. EFT payments have been deposited into bank accounts.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
Congratulations to the 314 students that completed the Challenge by the closing date of September 10th.

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL
Just a reminder to obey the parking signs around the school, especially around the School crossings and street corners. It has been mentioned that it can be very dangerous turning from Alexandra Street into Speight Street in the afternoon, with cars parked right to the corner!

DISTRICT ATHLETICS
On Monday this week, we had 60 students from Grades 4-6 represent Wales Street PS at the Northcote District Athletics Day. All our students had a great day, participating in a range of events in both track and field. Well done to everyone who participated and good luck to the 11 students who will go on to compete in the Darebin Division Athletics in the first week next term. A big thank you to all the parents and family members who came and helped out and supported the students on the day.

Thanks... Anna
SCHOOL NURSE’S REPORT

Hello Everyone,

Here we are at the end of a very busy and invigorating term – ready for some quiet sleep in’s and lazing in the sun.

Here in First aid I have some statistics for you. Thus far this year approximately 2,100 students have visited the Sick bay. Term 1 saw the least @ 500 and Term 3 the most at ~900, even though term 2 was the longest Term. This generally follows the yearly pattern as winter is by far the busiest time. I have sent home over 120 children, and treated just over 100 children for Asthma. We are also collating data to show us the areas where children receive the most cuts/scrapes and knocks-and will be using this to further improve our safety measures. These data collections have proven very useful in the past.

Due to the rising asthmatic numbers I thought it pertinent to share this article with you from Ambulance Australia:-

**Asthma and allergy sufferers urged to be prepared. 10:00 17 Sep 2012**

Ambulance Victoria and the Asthma Foundation of Victoria are urging people with asthma to make sure they have their reliever medication with them at all times in preparation for what is expected to be a severe allergy season. Robin Ould, Asthma Foundation of Victoria CEO said that it wasn’t unusual for people to be caught out and risk their lives with an asthma attack.

“Having an asthma attack can be scary and people can panic which can make the attack worse. It’s important to have an asthma action plan in place. Your GP or the Asthma Foundation can provide you with guidance on how best to do this.

“A written asthma action plan can help to recognise when an asthma attack is worsening, explain what to do in response and help to keep the patient or person assisting calm.

“People should speak with their GP or pharmacist to ensure they are carrying the right reliever medications and are using correct technique and a spacer. We know that 90% of people with asthma do not use their medications properly” Mr Ould said.

Associate Professor Tony Walker, Ambulance Victoria General Manager of Regional Services said: “The allergy season seems to have started earlier than normal this year and we’ve already starting to see a number of severe asthma and related breathing cases across the state. These could be related to the high winds and thunderstorm activity recently experience throughout Victoria”.

“We know from experience that when we have a period of high allergy risk, we will see an increase in the number of breathing problems which are more severe. It is important that people have a good understanding of their asthma triggers, have an up-to-date asthma action plan and take their preventer and reliever medication as per their plan”.

“People with asthma who experience asthma symptoms should enact their asthma action plan. If you see someone having an asthma attack, you can help by following four simple steps.

1. Sit the person upright
2. Give four puffs of their reliever medication via a spacer if you have one
3. Wait four minutes, if there is no improvement repeat step 2
4. If there is still no improvement, call Triple Zero (000)

Download the asthma first aid steps at [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)

“‘If you don’t already have Ambulance Victoria membership, join today and make sure you’re 100 per cent covered. 1800 64 84 84 or visit www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/membership,” Mr Walker said.

Thank you for yet another lovely term with your children- it’s the Parents of Wales Street who provide for me, your Registered Nurse, in First aid. It’s always a pleasure to care for your children.

Thank you too for the lovely Prep mums who so consistently keep our linen washed-it makes such a difference.

Until next term, the warmer weather, the beach, the fun. Take care.

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse. (R/N)
Thank you to everyone who attended the Music and Art Evening last week. We were delighted with the event. Keep your eyes peeled for some of the fabulous artworks from the gallery as these have now been placed in various locations around the school.

Early next term there will be another instrumental music concert for students who learn privately outside of school hours. Please see Amy if interested in this performance. The concert will be on Wednesday 17th of October at 5.30 and will be for students in Grades 3-6.

All are welcome to attend.

Please Donate!
Next term we will be requiring household packaging that can be recycled and reused. If you have cardboard containers, glass jars, shoe-boxes, plastic containers, bottle tops or card/paper tubing rolls please bring them to Georgina in the art room.

- No items that may have contained nuts, nut products, nut oils
- No toilet rolls
- Please ensure packaging is washed where appropriate
- All containers of dairy origin (milk containers etc) to be washed thoroughly

We would greatly appreciate your donations. Happy Holidays!

Amy and Georgina

TRIVIA WITH A TWIRL 2012

Despite the permeating “doof doof”, the muffled distorting sound infiltrating from the adjoining venue... Reports have it that: WE DID HAVE FUN and a great old time @ Ydance Trivia with a Twirl. We were challenged with trivia, bean bingo, spaghetti and marshmallow towers, given prizes for the “best spread”, having a birthday... we even had a “fashion parade!!” A great silent auction, great lucky envelopes, dancing and footy updates. Yes we did it all!!!

Thank you to all the wonderful friends who came along who got into the "spirit of things". A big thank you to David Gullotti, Mary Beacham and Jenny Clark for their creativity and assistance. A very special thank you to Sarah Williams for driving that silent auction successfully once again!!

Well done to the Events Committee, Natasha, Anne, Penny, Sam and Maria for organising a great night.

We would love to thank all the local businesses and parents who donated vouchers to support Wales Street. Continue to support businesses, let them know your children attend Wales Street - we are all part of the same community.

Happy Holidays!!

More students required for Chinese language school!

We are writing as parents whose children currently attend the Tuesday afternoon Chinese classes. Unfortunately, the Chinese school won’t be running these classes from next term. The main reason for this is the lack of students.

The classes are held on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:45 to around 5:15. The kids currently attending are Year 1 and 2s. Our kids have really enjoyed the classes and learnt so much already. It is a real shame they cannot continue. We feel that Chinese is such a beneficial language for them to learn in addition to giving them early exposure to the culture and language which will complement their future China trips.

We are asking parents to consider enrolling their kids next term. If we can get enough numbers, at least 10, then the Chinese school can continue to run. The cost per term currently is $100 per child.

If you wish to enrol, please register your interest with Jeanine Ma on 9888 1688. If we can get enough numbers for next term, the Chinese school has assured us that they will try and find a teacher asap.

Thank you,

Ros Pach
“Trivia with a Twirl Night”

Gullotti Creative                              david@gullotticreative.com.au
Thornbury Theatre                            High St, Thornbury
Ivanhoe Aquatic Centre                        Waterdale Road, Ivanhoe
Otsumami Japanese Restaurant                 257 High St Northcote
Merricote Restaurant                         81 High St Northcote
Shellac Print Gallery,                        306 High St Northcote
Chill Restaurant, Rydges Bell City Preston   Rydges Bell City Preston
Fairfield Community Pharmacy                 Station St Fairfield
Dean’s Art, St Georges Road Northcote        St Georges Road Northcote
Sam & Sons Grocers                           Preston Market
Fish Rock Fish & Chippery                    341 High St Northcote
Bakers Delight                               Northcote plaza
Wesley Anne                                  High St Northcote
Palomino’s                                   236 high St Northcote
French Home Cooking                          www.frenchhomecooking.com
Lam Lam Vietnamese Restaurant                209 High St Northcote
The Fruit Pedaller                           97 High St Northcote
Penny Farthing Café                          378 High St Preston
Raccoon Club                                 145 Plenty Road Preston
Café Fiano                                   85 High St Northcote
United Arab Eatery                           487 High St Northcote
For the love of pizza                        493 high St Northcote
Aquarium Café                                382 High St Northcote
Gourmet Meat Rack                            Shop 32, Northcote plaza
Wild Yak Restaurant                          350 High St
Lowlands Café                                923 High St Thornbury
Westgarth liquor Grocery                     97 High St Northcote
The Old Fire Station Café                   378 High St Preston
Kau Café                                     541 High St Northcote
Bisetto Café                                 229 High St Northcote
café Kebab King                              348 High St Northcote
G. Camuglia & Son’s Fruit                    Preston Market
Sahj Bakery & Café                           717 High St Thornbury
Going Nuts                                    Psaraksos Market, Clarendon St Thornbury
Fresh Co Deli                                Northcote Plaza
Peacock Hotel                                Cnr Bastings & High St Northcote
Northcote Bake Shop                          571 High St Northcote
Brother Alec                                 719 High St Thornbury
Northern Soul                                843 High St Thornbury
Pizza & Vino                                 232 High St Northcote
Degani Café                                  Shop 90 Northcote Plaza
Albi Imports                                 Chifley Drive, Preston
Chocolatier                                  Waterdale Road, Ivanhoe
Buddha Thai                                  53 plenty Road Sth Preston
Mario’s Café                                 Brunswick St, Fitzroy
My Mates Pizza  
Westgarth Cinema  
Orange Power  
Gringo Vibes  
Andi McCann Personal Stylist  
Telechoice  
King of Rugs  
Plaza Deli  
Fairfield Pizza  
Beermasons  
Otto and Spike  
Tracey Henderson & Paul Montgomery  
Kitty Somerset  
Melbourne Snowboard Centre  
Station St Thornbury  
High Street Westgarth  
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www.andimccann.com.au  
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**Rock to Classical Guitar Lessons.** Beginners to Advanced, Prep to Grade 6. Call Steve on 0405 715 626

**Darebin Music Feast for Kids.** Looking for entertainment for the kids these coming holidays. “The Shivering Timbers”, part of the Melbourne Fringe Festival, will be playing at the Northcote Town Hall on Oct 4th at 11am and 1pm. Tickets now on sale at the Northcote Town Hall box office.

**School holiday program at Furlan Club** for kids 6yrs & over. Tues 2nd Oct – Cooking Class & Wed 3rd Oct - Bocce Clinic. Time: 10.30am – 3pm each day. Cost: $25/ child – 2 days incl. lunch. Address: 1 Matisi St., Thornbury. Contact: Furlan Club, 9484 0477 or Adelia, 9480 5979 or info@furlanclub.com.au or www.furlanclub.com.au

**Banyule Hockey Assoc. & Yarra Valley Hockey Club.** Term 4 six week program, starting Oct 20. Ideal for newcomers & those with some experience. Sat., 10-11.30am starting October 20th, (excl. Cup day weekend Nov. 4th) at Cyril Cummins Res. Nth Ivanhoe, Melway 31C/D4; Yarra Valley HC ground. Different skills level groups to cope with all levels. Your first session try out is free. Cost: Rego fee of $50 for the 6 week program, incl. starter pack of stick, shin pads & ball or $25 for the program only (own gear). Gear is also available for loan. Own mouthguard essential. Register now at bha@yarravalleyhockey.com.au

**Music lesson enrolments open for Term 4** with Cat Canteri are now open. Lessons on Drum-Kit (1 place only), Keyboard & Guitar are available. These 20 or 30-minute group or individual lessons are held on Monday & Wednesday during school hours. m: 0432339255 e: catcanteri@yahoo.com.au Bachelor of Music (Improv), VCA, The University of Melbourne. Ad. Dip of Music Performance, NMIT.