Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Commencement of Term 2**
I would like to welcome everyone back to 2nd term and hope everyone has had a wonderful and relaxing holiday. This term will be a very busy time at Wales Street. There will be School Photos 9th May, NAPLAN testing 15th – 18th May, a camp for 3/4 Year level students from 23th – 25th May, Education Week 20th – 26th May, Mothers Day Stall, Book Fair, winter interschool sports, Mid Year Reports and Student Led Conferences for all students on the 28th June. Please make a note of these activities and dates.

**Prep Enrolments for 2013**
School tours for prospective prep 2013 families commenced this week. Tours are conducted every Monday and Tuesday morning (9.30 -10.30am) up until the 31st July 2012 (excluding May 21st & 22nd). I encourage you to pass this information on to families who you think will be interested. Please contact the school office for bookings. It is important to note that as the school needs to monitor and manage the enrolment intake, parents who are considering enrolling at Wales Street are asked to have completed the enrolment procedure by 31st July. Enrolments have grown significantly since 2006, when we had 364 students, to 538 this year. I am anticipating next year that we could reach 550 enrolments even if we restrict growth by only forming 3 prep classes.

**Parents who have an existing child/ren at the school please note after the 31st July enrolment applications will be restricted to only those children where Wales Street is the closest school regardless of whether you currently have a child at the school, so please enrol by this date.**
2012 Education Week 20th-27th May

This year Education Week is being held on the 20th – 26th May and it is an opportunity for the community to visit the school. The theme this year will be On Inquiry Learning through the Primary Years Program (PYP) at Wales Street. There will be with an Open Morning 9.15-10.40am Thursday 24th to see Wales Street in Action with student tours and a parent Information Night about the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program from 7:00-8:30pm in the Clyde Street building. On the Friday 25th the Preps will also be holding a Prep Happy Hour from 2.30-3.30pm.

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2012

In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program continues in 2012 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 being assessed using common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the assessment program. This year the tests are scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May. All schools across Australia complete the tests on the same days. If students are absent on the test days wherever possible, we will organise for individual students to complete a catch-up test at another time during the week. Students who are absent on test days can only sit tests until Friday 18th May.

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by class teachers. Tests will be marked by expert, independent markers. The content of each test is informed by the National Statements of Learning in English and Mathematics, which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Test questions cover aspects of Literacy (Reading, Writing, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) and Numeracy. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a narrative or story.

If your child is involved in the testing program you will receive a NAPLAN report which is issued later in the year to the school. The same report format is used for every student in Australia and we will notify you when the reports are being sent home. Your child’s results are strictly confidential.

The report is only one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and does not replace the more extensive and informed judgments made about your child by the teaching staff. NAPLAN results provide an important measure of how all Australian students are performing in Literacy and Numeracy. The performance of your child on each test is shown on national achievement scales. Six bands are reported for each year level. One of these bands will represent the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic Literacy and Numeracy skills needed to participate in that year level. The performance of your child can be compared to that of other students in your state or territory and across Australia.

Further information can be found on the NAPLAN website http://www.naplan.edu.au/

Christopher L. Sexton
Principal

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SICK BAY LINEN DUTY ROSTER

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PREP PARENTS: We are asking Prep parents to volunteer once a year to do the sick bay linen. This means everyone gets 1 turn at washing the linen during their time at Wales Street. Parents are asked to collect the linen from sick bay, Friday afternoon, launder over the weekend and return to school Monday morning.

ANZAC APPEAL

Badges available for $2 & $5 and wristbands available for $3 from the Office. Children will be sent around to classes next week to sell these items.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL

10th May

We are looking for volunteers to help on the Mothers’ Day stall, ideally, to start before 9am ‘til morning tea.

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LIBRARY NOTES..... It’s Showtime!

Your ticket to read!

Our Library Scholastic Book Fair will be open on Tuesday afternoon May 15, at 3pm, and run daily until Monday May 21.

Please put these dates in your diary. More information and a brochure will appear in coming weeks...

See you there, Sallie McCleery
Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to Term 2!! I hope your Easter was fabulous; with all that gorgeous weather anything would be great wouldn’t it?

A couple of students were recently diagnosed with Glandular fever over the holiday period. As there is quite a long gestation time – “symptoms usually develop four to six weeks after infection with the virus” – I thought it pertinent to share some more information on the subject.


Glandular fever (or kissing disease) is the common term used to describe an acute viral infection called infectious mononucleosis. The virus that causes glandular fever is known as Epstein-Barr virus. Glandular fever mainly affects young adults. A chronic form of glandular fever is one of the suggested causes of chronic fatigue syndrome.

**Fever and sore throat**

Fever and sore throat with exudate (deposits of fluid) around the tonsils and pharynx are typical symptoms. Other clinical features are:

- Enlarged lymph nodes (lymphadenopathy)
- Enlargement of the spleen (splenomegaly) – this occurs in 50 per cent of cases
- Jaundice (yellow discolorations of the skin and eyes) – this affects approximately four per cent of people with glandular fever.

The symptoms usually develop four to six weeks after infection with the virus. In young children, glandular fever usually causes mild or no symptoms.

Most people are infected with glandular fever at some time in their lives.

**Spread by close contact**

Glandular fever spreads through close, personal contact and is transmitted by saliva. About 50 per cent of people who are infected with the Epstein-Barr virus will develop symptoms. It is most common among high school and university aged students, but young children can also become infected by saliva on toys, shared cups or the hands of carers.

**Blood tests confirm the diagnosis**

If you think you have glandular fever, blood tests can show whether you have the infection.

**You can remain infectious for over a year**

Excretion of the virus from the pharynx (throat) can occur for months, or even longer, after infection. Some healthy adults can become long-term carriers.

Excluding children from childcare is generally not advised because:

- Most people are infected by asymptomatic (show no symptoms) carriers.
- It would be impractical as the virus is excreted for many months after the initial illness.

**No specific treatment**

There is no specific treatment for glandular fever. You will not have to be isolated from other people. Once you have had glandular fever you will develop a high resistance to further infection. However, if your immune system is weak, the virus may be reactivated.

**You cannot be immunised against glandular fever**

To prevent the spread of glandular fever:

- Ensure proper hygiene, including handwashing.
- Avoid sharing drink containers.
- Disinfect articles soiled with nose and throat discharges, for example handkerchiefs.

*Where to get help*

- Your doctor
- Nurse-on-Call Tel. [1300 60 60 24](tel:1300%2060%2060%2024) – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)

So, while there is no school exclusion, preventative measures can help ensure this virus is kept to itself. Maintaining good hygiene and using only our own water bottles etc can assist greatly. It can also help reduce spread of many other bacteria and viruses that like to linger on surfaces. I hope that was of some interest and assistance to you in our quest for good health and knowledge!

A gentle reminder for all students going on Camp this year (especially the Grade 3-4 camp coming up) – please have any medical plans updated and documented as early as possible. To assist this process, I’ve handed out all the Camp Asthma forms to the 3-4 students who are Asthmatic, please have these signed and reviewed by your doctor so we can continue best and safe practice for your child. If I’ve missed anyone – camp asthma forms can easily be downloaded from the internet, or from me!

Until next week, lov’n this sun!!

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse


Testing for Northcote High School ACE Program 2013 (Year 7)
The select entry Advanced Curriculum Extension (ACE) Program caters for highly able students. In 2013 the program will only be available to students. In 2013, entry at Year 7 is only available for students who live locally to the school or who will have a sibling in the school. Eligible Grade 6 students are invited to participate in the NHS ACE Test Program. The cost of testing is $65, payable with registration. Applications Close: Tuesday 1 May, 2012. 1.30 pm. Test Date: Saturday 5 May, 2012

Northcote High School Open Morning 2012: Wednesday 18 April, 9.20-12 noon
Join us for a tour and talk. See our school at work. Information sessions are held at 10.00 am, 10.45 am, 11.30 am (there is a repeat session at 7.00 pm for parents who were unable to make the morning)

Northcote High School Day Tour Dates Term 2, 2012:
Friday 20 April, 9.15 am; Monday 30 April, 9.15 am; Wednesday 2 May, 9.15 am; Friday 4 May, 9.15 am; Wednesday 9 May, 9.15 am; Friday 11 May, 9.15 am; Mon 14 May, 9.15 am; Wed 16 May, 9.15 am; Friday 18 May, 9.15 am; Monday 21 May, 9.15 am; Wednesday 23 May, 9.15 am; Friday 25 May, 9.15 am. Please ring the office to book your place. (9488 2300). Primary parents and students of all ages are welcome. The tour generally lasts for one hour.

For Sale
School desk X 2 avail.@ $20 each Contact Marie, 0408 054 107.

Collingwood College Open Day: Thursday 3rd May 9:30am-4pm & Information Evening: Thursday 10th May at 7pm
This is a whole school event (Prep to Year 12) and a fantastic opportunity for families to experience all that Collingwood College has to offer. While touring the school’s open classrooms, families will have access to the school’s leadership team, teachers, and current parents to chat with and ask questions throughout the day.
9:30am Morning tea in the garden
10:00am Tour
10:40am Meet the teachers
12:00pm Tour
12:40pm Meet the teachers
1:00pm Lunch in the library
2:20pm Tour
3:00pm Meet the teachers & community

There will also be an Information Evening on Thursday 10th May at 7pm. This evening will include information sessions with leadership and teachers for Secondary School (Year 7 focus).

William Ruthven Secondary College: Open Night Expo Wednesday 2nd May 6:30-8:00pm
2013 Enrolments open now. William Ruthven Secondary College, 60 Merrilands Road, Reservoir. Ph: 9462 2177. Ring for school tours with the Principal every Tuesday.