Dear Parents and Guardians,

School Sun Smart Policy Hats to be worn from Monday 3rd September

The Wales Street Primary School Sun Smart policy has been developed to ensure that all students and staff of the school are protected from skin damage caused by harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun see http://www.walesstps.vic.edu.au/image/ak9t/WSPS_Sun_smart_policy.pdf. It is implemented throughout the year but with particular emphasis from September 1st until the first of May. (In line with the Cancer Council recommended dates.)

To help implement this policy we ask parents to assist by ensuring their children have a labelled school broad brimmed or bucket hat (with a brim of at least 6cm) which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside e.g. recess, lunch, sport, excursions, camps and the Out of School Hours program.

Could parents and carers also:

- Encourage children to wear sunglasses.
- Encourage children to bring and apply a broad spectrum water resistant sunscreen, SPF 30+.
- Encourage the use of available areas of shade for outdoor activities, the drinking of water and appropriate play activities on hot days.
- Act as role models by practising Sun smart behaviour.

Children without a sun smart hat or appropriate clothing coverage will be required to play in a designated area under shelter.

Parents will be notified if their child continually fails to wear a sun smart hat or have inappropriate clothing coverage. If this does occur could you please follow up and emphasise with them the importance of being Sun Smart. Thank you for your assistance as it has become a most important issue.

Book Week

Congratulations on a fabulous list of book characters in the Book Week parade on Wednesday organised by the Junior School Council and Rob. Thank you to all of the parents and staff who helped out, dressed up, took photos, helped dress younger children or supported the book character fundraiser in any way. As always, there were some very impressive costumes and it was a lot of fun. The gold coin donations will go to the State Schools Relief.
The visit by Morris Gleitzman tomorrow for the Year 3-6 levels will add to the Book Week activities. With the theme being "Champions Read", Sallie has taken an Olympics theme, with students voting on the picture story books that have been shortlisted for various Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards. You can find them on the 100 metre sprint track displayed in the Library.

**Cyber Safety & Bullying Information Night - Tues 21st August**

The Cyber Safety & Bullying Information session presented by Sally-Anne McCormack – a clinical Psychologist and a former teacher – was attended by over 30 parents and staff on Tuesday. Sally- Anne provided a number of experiences and highlighted a range of strategies parents can adopt to minimise the potential risk to children. Crucial to dealing with this problem was minimising exposure and the importance of parents/carers in building a strong relationship with their children.

**Wales Street students, staff and parents to visit our sister school in Beijing China.**

This year will be our 5th Trip to our sister school Clear Water No 5 Small School in Haidian, Beijing China. However, because of the numbers involved there will be two groups participating. The dates of travel are:

- **Group 1:** 14th September – 17th September
- **Group 2:** 18th September – 1st October inclusive.

There will be 19 5/6 year level students, 3 staff and 15 parents travelling on the first trip and 17 5/6 year level students, 4 staff and 13 parents travelling with the second group. Both groups will stay at Beijing Sports University in Haidian, Beijing as this provides them with a real-life experience of China rather than a tourist view and it is the venue we have used very successfully on our previous trips. I wish them all the best and feel sure that they will enjoy the experience.

**Wales Street Primary School MUSIC ARTS NIGHT**

On Wednesday 12th September the school will hold a Celebration of Music & Arts at Wales Street. There will be a Gallery Opening at 5.00pm-6.30pm (Clyde Street Building) followed by a Music Concert by instrumental music students and the Wales Street Primary School choir at 6.30pm in the hall. A Gold coin donation will be appreciated which will go towards the supporting of Music & Arts at Wales Street.

**30/08/12 Fathers'/Special Persons' Day Stall**

This is being held next Friday 30th August with gifts ranging in price from $2 - $10. Thank you to the parents in the Events Committee and other volunteers for helping to organise and prepare for this activity. I know that they are looking for additional helpers so if you are able to help out please contact the school office.

**AEU Stop Work action, September 5th Information for Parents and Guardians**

On Wednesday, September 5th, the Australian Education Union has called on its members to stop work for 24 hours (a full school day). Members of the school teaching, office, education officers and SAC staff are participating in this action and as a consequence Wales Street will not be able to run a full program as normal for the students attending.

**Classes / Year levels NOT required at school on Wednesday September 5th**

Parents of students in the following classes are asked to make alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of their children on the day of the stop work as these classes and programs will not operating..

- **Preps:** Rebecca and Rosemary
- **Year Level 1/2:** Louise, David/Kay, Ben C, Steve, Helen, Renee, Anne
- **Year Level 3/4:** Ben J, Toby
- **Year Level 5/6:** Clare (Shannon’s class), Dan, Noel/Trevor,
- **Specialists:** Amy (Music), Georgina (Art), Luisa (Italian) and Jason (ICT)
- **Principal Class:** Chris, Jenny and Trevor
- **Office Staff:** Maria and Sallie
- **Education Support Staff:** Sharon, Skye, Mary, Helen and Steve
- **School After Care Staff:** Vanessa and Joshua

All other classes should attend school as normal.

*Notes were sent home this week to students in classes that have been affected by the stop work action. If you did not receive a notice and your child is in one of the classes listed above, please contact the office. All notes to be returned by Monday 3rd September.*

Yours faithfully,

Christopher L. Sexton Principal
SOLAR PANEL LAUNCH
at Assembly 3rd September

On Monday 3rd September there will be an official ‘launching’ of our Solar Panels. Martin Ferguson, Federal Minister for Resources, Energy and Tourism as well as Fiona Richardson MLA for Northcote, will be attending.

All parents are invited to attend the assembly in the Multi-purpose Hall at 9.00.

FATHER’s/SPECIAL PERSON’s DAYSTALL
THURSDAY 30TH AUGUST

PARENT HELPERS required for stall on Thursday 30th August 8.45am - 11.30am.
If you can help on the stall please notify the Office or Fiona Park (1/2C), 0418 249 595 or Sarah Hamilton (1/2C), 0408 920 022

* Gift Bags: $5, $10, $15
* Children need to bring money in a named envelope or purse.

Wales Street Primary School
is hosting a
Alumni Morning Tea - Reconnect & Reminisce,
for Past Students & Staff,
on Thursday the 6th of September.
Morning Tea will be served from 10.40-11.10, followed by School Tours.

Please RSVP your attendance to the School Office on 9484 3494 or by email to wales.street.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by Friday 31st of August for catering purposes.

School Council Report

Our last school council meeting was held on Wednesday 15th August. Below is a brief summary of what was covered:

- Approved the financial statements for June & July
- Received update from Oval Re-development working group. We are waiting to hear the outcome of a grant which was submitted for the supply of natural instant turf. Given the huge cost of artificial turf and its limitations for multi-purpose use, the working group is looking at a combination of natural and artificial turf. A storm water drainage audit is being conducted by a Wales St. parent (a big thank you to Andrew Green for taking on this task!) who is also an engineer. It is expected that the planning stage for the oval re-development will take several months.
- Approved the travel plans for the China Trip. This will be occurring in September 2012, with two separate groups travelling to China with Ann Graham.
- Approved the following updated policies: Head Lice, Anaphylaxis and Medication. Also approved the following new policies: Teaching & Learning, Emergency Management, Language Learning. Copies are included on the school website.
- Approved in principle the amendment of the Volunteers Policy to include a compulsory Working With Children Check for regular parent volunteers. This is in line with other primary schools in our local area. Details will be determined prior to the next school council meeting in September.
- Received an update on the construction of a chook yard which will be located next to the boat playground. A major overhaul of this area will include an upgrade to composting facilities. This is planned for the next working bee on the weekend of 8th & 9th September. Interested parents please contact Trevor Robinson via the school office.
- Thanks to Lincoln Kern (Treasurer, School Council) for his role in gaining funding from the Tree Logic Trees for Schools Program. This involved removing Desert Ash trees from the school ground and replacing them with fourteen Chinese Pistachio trees.

School council meets again on 19th September.
If you are interested in joining any of the sub-committees or would like to find out more, please contact me at: martintash@internode.on.net or leave your details at the school office.
Wales Street Primary

Trivia with a Twirl Night

Saturday 15\textsuperscript{th} September 2012
Ydance Ballroom
909 High St Thornbury (upstairs)

Doors open 7.30pm, Trivia starts 8pm, dancing & music until 1am (& regular football updates)

Games, lucky envelopes, silent auction and more
Don't forget to bring gold coins.

BYO Drinks & Food
Tickets $20

Please return order form to your child's classroom or the Office.
Either buy individual tickets and we will place you on a table, or fill your own table – 10 seats per table.

Tickets will be sent home, seating lists available on the night

Money raised will go towards our playground
Enquiries: 9482 7883 or 0407 999 270

Order Form – Trivia Night Tickets 2012

Name:

Phone Number:

Year level & grade of child/children at WSPS:

No. Tickets @ $20 each:

Payment by cheque, cash or credit card (Visa/Mastercard – in person at the office)
Please return to the classroom or office by Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} September

LIMITED TICKETS SO BE QUICK!!!!
VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE

There are only a couple of weeks to go until the Challenge finishes. Please check to see if you have put all your books online and just what you still need to read. A special reminder to the Grade 3-6 students, that a new book strategy... a couple of thinner books, rather than Book 5 of Harry Potter may get you over the line. Grade 3-6 students need 15 books read, with up to 5 of those as Choice books (not on the Challenge list). Prep – Grade 2 students need to have 30 books on their list, with up to 10 of those as choice books (not on the Challenge list) Please note that the Prep to 2 area has been reading books in class that will be added to the students’ lists.

CBCA BOOK WEEK

Our students are continuing to read a variety of Picture Story books that were Shortlisted for the CBCA awards. We will be running a student vote at the end of August but the official winners were announced over the weekend. They included Crow Country by Kate Constable (Younger readers); The runaway hug by Nick Bland & ill. By Freya Blackwood (Early Childhood); A bus called Heaven by Bob Graham (Picture book) and One Small island: The Story of Macquarie Island by Alison Lester and Coral Tulloch (Eve Pownall Information Book)

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

Junior School Council organised a wonderful Book Character Parade on Wednesday this week with all gold coin donations going to State Schools Relief Fund. There were a variety of imaginative costumes paraded around the Hall during lunchtime. It was great to see the enjoyment had by all the students.

Woolworths Stickers

Thank you Wales Street community. Great job! We have 46,009 stickers. Please have all stickers in by Friday, as the stickers need to be tallied and sent off next week.

Coles Vouchers

Thank you to all who have brought in Coles Vouchers. Any still sitting on the kitchen table need to be in this week so that they can be sent off.

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Holy Trinity Cricket Club welcomes new junior players (under 11-17). Training & home games - Hayes Park Flinders St, Thornbury. All skill levels catered for, emphasising participation & enjoyment. Majority of coaches, level 1 or 2 accreditation with Cricket Aust. All junior club officials have current working with children checks. Registration: 2nd Sept. Contact Chris Scott 0408 511 344

Collingwood Little Athletics. Children 5-15yrs. Fun, fitness & friendships. At George Knott Athletics Track, Heidelberg Rd, Clifton Hill. Incl. summer athletics & winter cross country. Register from 1st Sept. Contact: registrar@collingwoodlittleathletics.org.au or Rohan Jones (Treasurer), 0400 217 700 or, Scott Lovell, 0438 015 398 or Emma Hunt, 0405 137 833

Darebin City Council. Community Forums to inform the new Council in the dev. of the Council Plan 2013/2017. Workshop based, with community members given ample opportunity to comment and discuss a range of topics. The Forums will be held: Mon. 27 Aug. 1.30 to 5pm - Northcote Town Hall, Thurs. 30 Aug. 5.30 to 9pm - Preston City Hall, Fri. 31 Aug. 2.30 to 6pm - Reservoir Civic Centre

‘Organisational skills in Years 5-8’. Presented by James Golds, Coord. of Learning Enhancement, Xavier College. Talk is 1.5 hours, followed by questions. All parents, carers, primary and secondary teachers are invited to attend. The Merri Creek Parent Support Group invite you to attend. Wed. 5 Sept., 7.30pm. Venue: Merri Creek Primary School, cnr Miller & Ida Sts, North Fitzroy. A gold coin donation greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to Sally at sallylousemoore@hotmail.com

Single parents Active kids. Family Fun Day. Sun. 16th Sept. 12pm at 1st Reservoir Scout Group Hall, Edwardes Lake, Cnr Leamington St & Griffiths St, Reservoir. Melways 18 E4. RSVP ASAP for catering, Moush 0430 504 119, 9484 8970, info@singlesparentsactivekids.org or www.singleparentsactivekids.org

MARKET – Preston Town Hall. Saturday 25 August, 9 am - 12 noon. Children's and baby items for sale; pre-loved and handmade; clothes, toys, manchester and more!

Sprout Community Market. Thurs. Sept 6th. 3-7pm. Fresh produce & preserves, kids activities, art & craft, organic seedlings & plants, & live music to celebrate the beginning of Spring. Cnr Watt & Clapham Streets, Thornbury (Melways Ref 30F4) Ph: 9484-5565 or email zwaldstein@mindaustralia.org.au for info or a stall.

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