**FROM THE PRINCIPAL…**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**WSPS Solar Panel ‘Official’ Opening: Monday 3rd**

On Monday at Assembly both Martin Fergusson, as the Federal representative, and Fiona Richardson, as the local State Government representative will attend to participate in an ‘Official’ ceremony of our Solar Panels. Last year we installed solar panels at our school thanks to a $50,000 grant from the Federal government and $5000 from the Labour State Government the time. We were also able to refit lights to low energy lights with the funding.

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

Next week a group of students, staff and parents are leaving to visit China and our sister school Clear Water No 5 Small School in Haidian, Beijing China. There will be two groups with the 1st leaving on the 4th September – 17th September and the 2nd 18th September – 1st October inclusive. We wish them all the best and hope they greatly enjoy the experience.

**New School Security Arrangements and Student Punctuality**

We have been reviewing the current school security arrangements and decided to make some changes as student punctuality has greatly improved and there is no longer the need to leave the gates unlocked to 9.30. Therefore starting next week the School gates will now be locked in the mornings at 9.05am, except Mondays where the time will remain at 9.30am (because of Assembly). The gates will be unlocked again at 3.15pm.

Students therefore arriving after 9.00am will need to get a late arrival pass. The longer school day and warmer weather should make it easier to arrive at school on time. Yard duty supervision commences at 8.45am.

**Fathers'/Special Persons' Day Stall**

A big thank you to the parents in the Events Committee and other volunteers for helping to organise the stall. You could see on the faces of the students as they made their purchases today that they greatly appreciated the opportunity to find a personal special present to be able to give on the weekend. I hope everyone has an enjoyable Sunday.
Sun Smart Policy Hats to be worn from Monday 3rd September

A reminder that next week from Monday (in line with the Cancer Council recommended dates.) students without a sun smart hat or appropriate clothing coverage will be required to play in a designated area under shelter. 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.

The 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

Wales Street Primary School MUSIC ARTS NIGHT 12th September

I am really pleased to see that the Music Arts program at Wales Street continues to be celebrated with a special event on Wednesday 12th September. The school will hold a Celebration of Music & Arts at Wales Street with 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.

Wales Street Chickens are Coming and Working Bee 9th Sept

There has been an amazing interest in the decision to redevelop part of the school grounds to relocate and develop the composting program at Wales St. Chickens have also been added to the program and both activities linked to PYP Inquiry Units and the School After Care (SAC) program. Derek’s class, as part of their commitment to a sustainable future, will be running a small fundraising activity (a Mini-Café) on Monday 3 September. The money generated will be used to purchase start-up supplies for the forthcoming chickens (and coop).

This week the area was fenced off and a working bee has been organised for Sunday 9th Sept to complete the enclosure. It would be a great opportunity to have a big ‘Spring Clean’ of the school grounds so if you are able please set the time aside to come along.

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

Updated information from last week as Anne’s class will also be affected as well as the listed classes published last week. I also wanted to clarify the note that did go out as some parents understandably found it confusing due to an incorrect date on the return slip. Unfortunately the Stop Work is definitely going ahead on Wednesday, September 5th. 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. As Jenny, Trevor, Jason, Ben Cunningham, Sotiroulla and myself will also be attending. Marie Apostolou will be in charge of the school that day.

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 be operating.

Preps: Rebecca and Rosemary
Year Level 1/2: Louise, David/Kay, Ben C, Kane (Steve’s Class), Helen, Renee, Trevor (Anne’s Class)
Year Level 3/4: Ben J, Sarah (Toby’s Class)
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 have been sent with 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 are to be returned by Monday 3rd September.

Yours faithfully,
Christopher L. Sexton Principal
RETURN SLIP — AEU STOPWORK, WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5th
Please return this slip to the school by Monday 3rd Sept if you are unable to organise alternative care for your child on Wed 5th September.

Name of child: ...........................................................................................................................................................................

Child’s Grade: ...........................................................................................................................................................................

Parent/ Carer Name: .................................................................................................................................................................

Signed: ..................................................................................................................................................................................... Date

OR My child is not attending school on Wednesday, 5th September, 2012.

Name of child: ...........................................................................................................................................................................

Child’s Grade: ...........................................................................................................................................................................

Parent/ Carer Name: .................................................................................................................................................................

Signed: ..................................................................................................................................................................................... Date

Fathers’/Special Persons’ Day Stall
Grateful thanks to the following people who kindly volunteered their time to help at the stall this morning and/or donated items:

Sarah Hamilton, Anne Powell, Fiona Park, Maria Romnios, Helen Elliott, Sue Bedggood, Louise Scally, Henry Timothee, Stephanie Norquay, Kate Le Plastrier, Natasha Kinsman, Sofie Chimonas, Thea Robotis, Kelli Murphy, Mary Tsonis, Mary Papas, Janine Adam, Monica Mason, Anne Roberts, Monica Djiojoiswonto

MINI CAFÉ: Monday 3rd Sept
As part of 34F’s commitment to a sustainable future, we will be running a small fundraising activity on Monday 3 September. The money generated will be used to purchase start-up supplies for the forthcoming chickens (and coup).

The students from 34F would like to invite all students to come to our Mini-Café at Monday snack time in the 34 building. There will be tasty cookies and muffins, and there will be nothing over $3.

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 9.00am.

AFTER SCHOOL CHINESE PROGRAM
Learn mandarin Chinese while having fun! Chinese painting, crafts, cooking, games...
Listening, speaking, reading and writing basic Chinese

When: 3.45 – 5pm, every Tuesday
Where: Reading Room, Wales Street building
Cost: $100 / per term

Contact: Xinjinshan Chinese Language and Culture School Inc. Program Coordinator: Jeanine Ma: 9888 1688, jeanine.ma@xjs.vic.edu.au Teacher: Ms Yan Wu 0430 125 536. Please go to our website: www.xjs.vic.edu.au/html/AfterSchool/
Wales Street Primary School

is hosting an 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.

Should you have any queries please contact the Principal, Chris Sexton using the above school contact details

SCHOOL NURSE REPORT

Hello Everyone,

It’s been incredibly busy in our First Aid Room-lots of chesty coughs, scrapes & knocks, upset stomachs and headaches. Hence, no newsletter from me in the last weeks. It’s always a very busy time in the winter season, the wet and cold have a great deal to answer for!

To continue on with our discussion re: Fever. What are the Pros and cons of Fever, and how do we manage it? As mentioned last week, Gerry Silk’s book “Care of Sick Children: A basic Guide” tells us clearly:-

**Pros:** - “A raised temperature assists the child’s defences against infection. It increases the activity and distribution of white blood cells in attacking bacteria and viruses, and stimulates antibody production. A high temperature also limits the replication of some viruses. Some antibiotics also work better at a higher temperature.

**Cons:** - “On the other hand, there are some harmful effects of a high temperature. It increases metabolic rate, heart rate, and respiratory rate. This can cause problems especially in a child who already has heart or lung problems. A high temperature also increases fluid loss from sweating, and this can cause dehydration. Children are more prone to dehydration than adults, and a fever can make this worse. A rapid rise in temperature can also be associated with febrile convulsion (a whole other topic). Finally a fever can cause discomfort and make a child feel unwell.”

Looking at these pros and cons-the aims and methods of treatment are “to prevent dehydration and reduce discomfort (although discomfort may be due to the underlying cause of the infection, rather than the fever itself)”

“The most important thing is to assess is the general wellbeing of the child. If the child appears well and happy, and if the child does not have any significant medical problems (such as heart disease) there is usually no need to treat the fever itself. However, if the child is miserable, or if the child has other medical problems that might be made worse by the fever, it is appropriate to lower the fever.”

To achieve the above aims, i.e.; prevent dehydration and discomfort, “the common method of treatment is to administer paracetamol “(Panadol). Careful understanding of Panadol is required; one needs to strictly follow your Doctors instructions and the guidelines to safe administration. “No more than four doses should be given in 24hrs”

“Paracetamol can cause liver damage. Because of this risk, the maximum daily dosage should not be exceeded, and children should not be given paracetamol for more than two days without being assessed by a doctor.”

“Special care should be taken with obese children. Although these children have a ‘heavy’ body weight, most of this extra weight is in fat. Their livers are usually no bigger than those of children of normal weight. This means that a dose of paracetamol calculated on body weight alone might be too much for the liver of an obese child. These children should have a dose of paracetamol to match their age, not their weight.” For any more information on paracetamol please ask your Doctor.

“The child should also be given fluids and encouraged to rest.” A warm blanket is useful for the chills and light clothing for those hot and sweaty.

If you are interested in reading further about this topic-you are most welcome to briefly borrow the book I’m quoting from - or alternatively I can photocopy the chapter for you. In the Chapter “Fever & Febrile convulsions” Gerry Silk goes into much more detail than this space allows, and is a handy knowledge base for all carers of children.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Until next week

School Nurse (RN) - Catherine Fisers
Wales Street Primary
Trivia with a Twirl Night

Saturday 15th 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

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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 10th September

LIMITED TICKETS SO BE QUICK!!!!
FLAT OUT ATHS

Hit the track at full tilt this school holidays with Flat Out Aths!
If you’re aged between 5 and 12, Flat Out Aths is a great chance to improve your athletic skills, meet new friends and have some flat-out fun
Book your spot now!!

When: Thursday 4th October 2012
Where: Lakeside Stadium, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park
Age Groups (ages taken as at 31/12/2012)

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Age Groups & Sessions

A. 9.30-10.30am 5 & 6 Yr Olds
B. 11am – 12.30pm 7, 8 & 9 Yr Olds
C. 11am – 12.30pm 10, 11 & 12 Yrs Olds

All athletes will receive a Flat Out Aths show bag and there will be a free BBQ (12:30pm – 1:30pm) for everyone!

For further information visit www.athsvic.org.au or contact Athletics Victoria on 03 8646 4500

Click the ONLINE ENTRIES button to book your spot! Registrations close 5:00pm Friday 21st September. Get in early, places are limited...

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LOST, Size 12 school windcheater with zip & hood. Named – Michael Tsetsos. If found, please ring Sophie, 0423 100 317

LOST. Red & black children’s reading glasses in Wales Street building. If found, please return to the Office.

Go Away Mr Worrythoughts! Thursday 30 August 6pm at Northcote Town Hall. FREE places for students and their parents for tomorrow night's performance. Just in case you are interested … have a look at the trailer, more information, quotes etc… here. http://artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats_On/2012/september_2012/go_away_mr_worrythoughts/index.aspx

Art4All at Fairfield Primary School. Fri 7th Sept, 7 – 9pm, Preview Night — first chance to purchase art; Sat 8th Sept, 7 – 10pm, Opening Night — bookings essential!; Sun 9th Sept, 10am – 3pm, Art Show & Family Day. Purchase wide range of contemporary artworks through-out the weekend, take part in workshops, performances & activities, Enjoy our café, Contribute to our community art project, Buy artisan goods from the shop, & much more... For tickets & information visit … www.artforall.com.au