FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP) and Curriculum Days
Wales Street has been officially approved as a candidate school. I have appointed Noel Carter as the school PYP Coordinator who is planning a three day professional development program in March for all staff as a key part of the training. Training days will be the Thursday 1st March to Saturday the 3rd March.

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd will be curriculum days and students will be required to stay at home. Please note that Before and After School Care (SAC) will be closed for these days due to a shortage of staff. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Later in the year we will be holding an information night to outline the PYP and the philosophical background rationale for introducing the program here at Wales street. Information about the program can be found at the website http://www.ibo.org/pyp/.

Information Exchange Interview
Ten minute interviews are planned for Monday 27th February from 3.00pm – 8.00pm. The purpose of this meeting is to share information about your child and for teachers to explain class expectations and program for the year.

Please note that despite the 3pm start students will be supervised at school until 3.30pm.

Please keep the date free and further information on electronic booking details (Compass School Manager) will follow shortly.

School Fete Saturday 24th March
The Fete committee has been has been working around the clock and now needs our support for our School Fete on Saturday 24th March. I encourage all of the Wales Street community to get behind their efforts to make this a truly successful and enjoyable event.

Please contact the school office and leave your details if you are interested in assisting.

Calls for School Council Vacancies and Elections 2012


Please ask at the school office for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do. It is a very good idea to consider initially going onto a School Council Committee rather than School Council itself as a way of ensuring that you are not over committing yourself and are clear about what is involved as a School Council Member.

Yours faithfully
Christopher L. Sexton
Principal
Term Dates 2012

Term 1: 02/02/12 – 30/03/12
Term 2: 16/04/12 – 29/06/12
Term 3: 16/07/12 – 21/09/12
Term 4: 08/10/12 – 21/12/12

Calendar of Events

24/02/12 Nominations for School Council Close 4pm
29/02/12 EMA/SSB Applications close
01/03/12 Curriculum Day
02/03/12 Curriculum Day
12/03/12 Labour Day Public Holiday
23/03/12 National Ride2School Day
24/03/12 SCHOOL FETE

Meeting Dates & Times

21/02/12 Finance Committee – 7pm
29/02/12 School Council – 7pm

Sick Bay Linen Duty

17/02/2012 - Tracey Henderson
24/02/2012 - Amanda Bartley
02/03/2012 - Jenny Marcen
09/03/2012 - Nicki Toulakis

PREP PARENTS: We are asking Prep parents to volunteer once a year to do the sick bay linen. This means that 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.

Could you please visit or contact the Office or email us, wales.street.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to be placed on the roster. Thank you 😊

FRESH FRUIT TUESDAYS

Wales Street Primary School is a Go For Your Life School!!!

As part of this government initiative and to encourage healthy eating, Wales St. receives yearly funding to provide each classroom with a once a week “Fruit and Vegie” treat!

This year we will be providing the fruit and vegie treat on Tuesdays. We need 6 or more parents/carers to volunteer about an hour of their time to exercise their “expert” fruit chopping skills from 8.50am till 10.15 sharp! so students get their fruit snack before recess.

Please leave your name on the volunteers list at the school office or contact Maria Romnios on 0407 999 270. Please come along.

Education Maintenance Allowance & School Start Bonus 2012
(Pension Card & Health Care Card Holders)

If you have a Pension Card or Health Care Card (must be valid on 1st February 2012) you will be eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance 2012. If you have a child starting Prep you will also be eligible for the School Start Bonus Payment.

You will receive a total of $117.50 per child per year for the Education Maintenance Allowance, 70% will be paid in the first instalment in Term 1 ($82.25), and the remaining 30% ($35.25) will be paid in the second instalment in Term 3. The School Start Bonus Payment is a one off $300 payment, you will receive this with the first EMA instalment.

Please come to the school office with your card to complete an application form.
Applications close 29/02/12.
Saturday 24th March 2012
11am to 4pm

From the Fete Committee

5 Weeks to FETE Day!

Key Dates
20/2- Bring a Block of Chocolate for Lob-a-Choc week
22/2- Coordinators Meeting 7pm Staff Room
27/2 - Lucky Jar Week
5/3- Cans of soft drink donations please
7/3- deadline to return Volunteers Request Slips
12/3 - collection of Hamper Donations ends.
23/3- Bring your plant Donations to school

Fete Collection Boxes – smallish items!
Look outside your child’s classroom for our Fete Collection Boxes – clearly labelled – we are ready to receive donations for your classroom’s allocated HAMPER THEME along with any additional goods such as CHOCOLATE BLOCKS, LUCKY JARS, CANS OF DRINK, etc. Please, if you have items fitting another class’s theme, by all means add them too. More donations = Less budget spending = More Funds Raised.

VOLUNTEER!! AND SUPPORT YOUR CLASS
Fete stalls and Hamper themes have been allocated to your class. See the attached list for more details!!!
Funds Raised For...
This year our fundraising efforts will go towards continuing the implementation of our school Masterplan. Specifically, upcoming projects will include the veggie garden, asphalt marking in the P-2 area and maintenance of the playground equipment.

HELP!
We are still looking for volunteer stall coordinators for the Souvlaki and volunteers with RSA certificates for the bar. Please contact a Fete Committee Member if you are willing to give it a go. You will be well supported. We will NOT have a Souvlaki stall this year, if someone doesn't volunteer to coordinate it soon.

Home-made preserves and lemonade
We sell a wide range of home-made preserves (jams, chutneys, sauces, pickles), much of it made from home-grown organic produce.

We also serve fresh home-made lemonade over ice, with fresh lemon, and mint... perfect if its a hot day!

We are looking for people to make preserves for the stall and to help out on the day.

Please contact Cath Chamberlain (9480 5035) if you have any queries or need any help with recipes, jars etc."

Thanks

Craft Cave
The Craft Cave is a hive of activity. There will be sand art, painting plaster moulds, you can get your hands sticky moulding dough and painting book/library bags.

All activities are affordable and any age group is welcome. Come and have some creative fun at the Craft Cave during the school fete.

Icy Poles and IceCreams
Yum! Who doesn't love a refreshing water icypoles, or ice cream cone with 100s and 1000s on a busy Saturday afternoon. Come to our stall for these and even more - spiders (remember them) and iced coffee are also for sale. Drop by once or twice, or even more for a refreshing affordable treat.
GOING, GOING, GONE!

The silent auction is back again this year. We are looking for donations from businesses and individuals.

If any of our school families have contact with, or own, a business that is able to donate an item or service voucher for auction, please contact:

Sarah Williams  0410 557 357
sarah.hwilliams@optusnet.com.au

OR

Maria Romnios  0407 999 270
mariaromnios@optusnet.com.au

The fabulous items donated by the school community for the hampers will also be a big feature again at this year’s auction.
Handcraft Stall

Love buying handmade, then you'll love the handcraft stall. There's toys, clothes, soaps, bags, craft kits and loads more, all made by the busy hand of our Wales St community.

Feeling Crafty?
We are looking for helpers for craft projects of all kinds. If you can spare an hour or two for some sewing, cutting, gluing, or packaging, we would love your help.

Give me a call:
Deb Allen 0422 915416 or email dearsomeonemail@gmail.com

LUCKY JARS

It's like a lucky dip – with the treasures in a jar. Kids buy a ticket for $2, then match their ticket to their lucky jar. The thrill is in discovering what treat matches with your ticket.

Here's how to help: fill a jar with your favourite things (new or pre-loved). Donations of made up Lucky Jars can be left with your teacher in the Fete Box at your classroom.

This is a very popular stall! Every year we've sold all jars by 2pm! Start collecting stuff now & get making with your kids!

Here are some Lucky Jar suggestions:

- Hair ties
- Make a puppet
- Face paints
- Clips
- Badges
- Spinning tops
- Erasers
- Stamps
- Coloured pens/ textas
- Lollies
- Glitter
- Recipe & ingredients
- Stickers
- Balloons
- Matchbox cars
- Beads
- Trading cards
- Super balls
- Tattoos
- Marbles

If it fits in a jar & likely to delight a child – PERFECT!

Contact Penel Anderson with any questions, suggestions or offers to help:
penelope@urban.net.au
0466 205 983 / 9499 3453

Stall for Plants, Flowers and Seeds

This year the Plant Stall will feature some indigenous plants from the Victorian Indigenous Nursery Coop and flowers donated by Floral Creations of Tullamarine. Any other donations in a similar vein are welcome. Feel free to propagate any good plants for gardens and even harvest known seeds and package them up and label them.

Donations of plants can only be brought to school on Friday afternoon or morning before the Fete as they need care and watering; a drop off location will be announced closer to the Fete. Any queries please feel free to ring me at the number below.

Thanks, Lincoln Kern 0417 517 011
Saturday 24th March 2012
11am to 4pm

Wardrobes bursting at the seams?
Clothes too big or small?
Kids don’t stop growing?
Last seasons clothes too daggy?
Time to change the corporate wardrobe?

THE CLOTHING STALL wants all this and more.
If you can wear it we want it!

Clothes, shoes, bags, scarves, hats, belts, ties, school uniforms, jewellery, fairy dresses, character costumes etc. Linen will also be accepted.

BUT…..please send only clean items in good condition. No crusty, dirty or worn out clothes (there have already been bags of these delivered to school)

Please leave bagged donations in the fete collection box in your child/s classroom.

We also need sturdy clothes racks. If you can provide a rack (on loan or permanently) we would need them delivered a few days before the fete. Please contact me if you can help. Anne Roberts 0408 148 263 art@kewgallery.com.au

Hampers
Hamper/Auction was a very successful fundraiser last year, so please donate items for your class' chosen hamper theme and please feel free to donate towards any other hamper theme. Place donations in the fete collection boxes.

This year hamper item collection will cease two weeks before the fete to allow for some creative hamper making.

Please call Maria if you would like to create with cellophane, curling ribbon and black boxes.

Maria 0407 999 270
HAMPER THEMES

Here are some suggestions of what you may wish to donate towards your class' allocated hamper theme. The hamper items will be collected and arranged into wonderful theme hampers which will be auctioned/raffled on Fete day. You may like to ask family, friends, and work colleagues to donate items for your hamper theme. Multiple items will be welcome. Please feel free to donate items which can be used in other classrooms' hamper themes as well.

Please ensure that all items are in date and packaging is intact. Thank you.

Please note: all hamper donations must be in by Monday, 12th March to allow time to assemble the hampers.

| GARDENING | Tools for adults and Children, Garden Ornaments, Gloves, Seeds, Bulbs, Pots, Buckets, Hose, Gardening Books, Plants, Straw Brooms, etc…Children’s gardening toys, |
| BATH LUXURIES | Soaps, Towels for hand body and face, Lotions, Bath Mats, Essential Oils Shower Curtains, Shower Caps, Children’s Bath Toys, Dispensers, Massage oils |
| GAMES / PUZZLES / BOOKS | Games, books and puzzles suitable for all ages. Cards, Board Games, |
| OFFICE / COMPUTER / STATIONERY | Discs blank, DVD s suitable for whole family, educational computer programs, special stationary for all ages, pens pencils highlighters, pencil cases desk lamps Yearly planners, desk calendars, Children’s diaries, Picture / Painting to go on the wall of an office, Picture Frame for a desk, paper clips, assorted clips, lap top cases, etc. |
| KITCHENWARE / TEA / COFFEE | Assorted teas, tea canisters, teapots, tea plungers, cups, mugs coffee pots, percolators assorted coffee blends Coffee beans, coffee grinder, mats, Teaspoons tablecloths cake plates cake platters etc.. |
| WINE / TREATS | Assorted wines red, whites sparkling dessert etc …. Chocolates, Biscuits, crackers, olives, dried fruits, cheeses, fig and quince paste, nuts, Wine glasses plates and platters etc….. |
| CONDIMENTS / JAM / RELISH | Pesto’s and olive pastes, fig quince pastes, Indian Chutneys Marmalades and Jams, Beetroot , Tomato Relish, Mustards, Sundried Tomatoes, Pickles etc… |
| GOURMET FOODS | Cheeses, Different types of Pasta, Special Oils Olive/ Macadamia , Oils infused with herbs spices, couscous, Cans or Jars of preserved Seafood, Organic products etc…… |

Thanks Very Much, Maria mariaromnios@optusnet.com.au 0407 999 270
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SCHOOL AGED CARE

Welcome to all new families who are using the Before and After School Age Care (SAC) service for the first time and also welcome back to past users. The service is operated by a team of “educators” with both qualifications, and years of experience in the early education and care of children. We believe that this is our time and our place. Our program is geared toward enabling children to join with us to make our service a place where they feel they belong; a place where they can be who they are, and become who they want to be.

NATIONAL QUALITY FRAMEWORKS, EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL LAW ACT 2010 (National Law) and National Regulations 2012 (the Regulations)

As of the 1st January, 2012 childcare services across Australia are required to operate under

- the National quality Framework (NQF),
- The Framework for School Age Care “My Time, Our Place” and new Regulations including the 7 areas, 18 standards and 58 elements of the National Quality Standard (NQS)

Our service needs to meet the requirements of National Law, the Regulations and NQS when assessed by the Regulatory Authorities. Australians Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority ACECQA, are the new national body responsible for providing oversight of the new system and ensuring consistency of approach. Visit www.mychild.gov.au or www.acecqa.gov.au for more information.

The idea is that ALL childcare services across Australia will be covered by the same Quality Accreditation system and that childcare services aren’t regarded as a “babysitting services” but educational institutions. Childcare workers are now called “Educators’ and the word “Childcare” will be replaces by the term “Early Education and Care” and we no longer use the word “industry” but “profession”.

Each state & territory has its own Regulatory Authority. In Victoria, we have been moved to the “Department of Education and Early Childhood Department” (DEECD). I will inform families about these changes as I and all other educators work our way through the changes over the next few months. Please collect the Family Kit at the service on the information desk, which will help explain the changes that are happening in the school age care sector.

FEES

As of 2nd February 2012 there was an increase in fees. The new fee structure is as follows:

Before Care: $10.00, After Care: $14.00 and all early finishes: $16.00

Changes in the way the fee statements will be issued.

In the past statements were placed in families individual pockets up along the wall, this year they will be placed in a “Payment/receipt Box” beside the attendance roll on the information desk. The change was due to the service not having enough pockets for each individual family.

I have printed off statements for usage for the period of 2nd February to 10th Feb families can collect them in the “Payment/receipt Box” for payment. Accounts are calculated on a fortnightly basis.

Personal fee payment may be made during Before and After School Age Care hours to Cangie or Vanessa and at the main school office between 9.00am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

- Fee payments are to be made on a regular basis, weekly/fortnightly or monthly and need to remain up to date or in advance throughout the year. Accounts must be brought to a nil balance within 2 weeks of the account date.
- Casual or emergency users attending should bring the payment with them when collecting the children on the day or pay fees within one week.
- Payments may be made using EFTPOS, Visa, Cheque or Cash.
- Receipts will be issued upon payment of fees.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

We have been given another grant 2012 from the Australian Sports Commission to continue with After School Sports activities from 4.00 to 5.00pm. This terms sports activities are basketball on Mondays and Lacrosse on Thursdays. The Active After School program is free to children who attend on the nights the coaches are booked in.
MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

A reminder to all as to how the school crossings work..

(1) All children and adults should stand at the yellow line indicated at the footpath.

(2) Supervisor proceeds to the centre of the school crossing. When all traffic stops, the school crossing supervisor blows two whistles enabling children and adults to cross. Children and adults cross the road. Running, roller blades, scooters or bikes should not be used on the school crossing. Remember to stay within the lines.

(3) As indicated on parking signs, NO PARKING on the school crossing between the times of 8.15am- 9.15am and 3pm – 4pm.

SCHOOL NURSE REPORT

Did you have a lovely Valentine’s Day? I’ve been hearing lovely stories from children who have given their mum a little gift on the day – too beautiful.

Last week I inundated you with information! Chicken pox/scarlet fever/medical histories/sun smart news and more – thankfully this week is simpler. One topic: Asthma. Wales street is an official “Asthma Friendly school” – which means, amongst other things (i) all of our staff are trained in Asthma First Aid, (ii) we have the necessary asthma first aid equipment and (iii) we receive Term Newsletters from the Asthma Foundation keeping us abreast of the latest in asthma.

I have assisted a fair number of asthmatics with their Ventolin inhalers in the last week or so, due to a spike in their asthma symptoms. The Asthma Foundation has an excellent newsletter insert dealing with this subject...

Back to School 2012 – Tips for Parents and Carers

A significant ‘spike’ in asthma symptoms, and subsequent hospital admissions of children occurs during the first few weeks of Term 1. While there have not been direct links established, the February ‘asthma spike’ is believed to be largely due to children coming into contact with triggers that they have had time away from now that they have returned to school.

What can parents and carers do to help their children avoid asthma exacerbations at school?

- Ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (eg. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir or Bricanyl) as well as a spacer. Also ensure that you provide medication to the school or preschool that your child attends if required
- Ensure that you have provided the school or preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan that has been signed by a medical practitioner
- Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early asthma symptoms, and can self-administer their reliever medication properly
- Encourage your child to seek assistance from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au

Generally when I treat an asthmatic, I discuss with the student the correct method of administration using their ventolin with a spacer. This helps to ensure re-enforcement of effective technique. I also provide them with a note for their parents. If a child were to have repeated asthma aggravation over a few days then I’ll be calling parents to discuss the episodes. I also have excellent Asthma Information Pack’s from the Asthma Foundation that are invaluable – please don’t hesitate to ask for one if you are interested.

That’s all for this week!
Until next week, breathe easy.
Catherine Fisers. School Nurse.
Next Blue Light Disco Friday 24th February 2012, Preston Town Hall: $6 entry for ages 8-14. 6.30pm til 9pm. Great prizes & giveaways, dancing & competitions. Run by Police. No pass outs. For information ring Jo 94030262, 0418144446.


Does your child love to sing? A few vacancies exist in a children's choir that rehearses in Northcote on Mondays from 4.30 - 5.30. Suitable for mid to upper primary school ages. Run by soprano Sophie Viskich & pianist Deviani Segal. Have fun & improve your musicianship at the same time! Call Devi on 0427 834 027 for further information or email me@deviani.com

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students (from Italy, Belgium & The Netherlands) arriving in July 2012. For more information, call Chantel Woods, 1300 884 733, wep@wep.org.au or www.wep.org.au

Darebin Falcons are looking for girls to play junior soccer in the Under 7, Under 9 and Under 11 age groups during school terms two and three. Soccer is so much fun, good exercise and a great way to meet new friends. We are holding a free "come and try" day prior to the start of the season. If you are a girl between 4 and 11 years old, come down to A.H. Capp Reserve, Halwyn Cres on Sunday February 19th between 10.00am-11.30am and give soccer go! Contact Jasmine jazhirst@yahoo.com.au for more information or visit www.falcons.org.au.

Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2012 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.sscc.com.au, email ssceaust@sscc.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Northcote Junior Football Club registration day is on Saturday 18th February between 10am and 1pm at the clubrooms in Clifton Street Northcote (corner Wilmoth and Clifton Streets). For all players a copy of your birth certificate, passport or school ID is required. The registration fee is $180 for first child, $160 for second child up to a cap of $400 per family. For health care card holders registration is $160 for first child and $150 for second child and is also capped at $400 per family. If you have any queries please email info@njfc.com.au or visit our website at www.njfc.com.au. This year we are fielding teams in every age group from under 9s to under 17s. You need to aged 7 or above on 1st January 2011 to be eligible to register

Clifton Street Children’s Centre has vacancies in their Kindergarten/Preschool Programs. We are committed to all children having the opportunity for a funded Kindergarten year prior to starting school. Both of our programs offer a minimum of 15 hours per week with an experienced and qualified Kindergarten Teacher. Enquiries: Joan Gains 9486 3299 Bookings: Kindergarten Centralised Waiting List Office Ph: (03) 8470 8105 or (03) 8470 8100 Email: kindergarten.waiting.list@darebin.vic.gov.au

Yarra Jets Soccer Club have created a new team for girls this year to make a total of 7 junior girls teams, one of the highest participation rates for girls in the area. We still have places for U12 girls coached by Shelley. Players new to soccer are welcome. Participatory environment. U12 boys vacancies also available. Contact Nick on 9430 164 417, yarrajets@gmail.com, website www.yarrajetsfc.org.au if you want to know more.

Sprout Harvest Market on Thursday March the 1st from 3-7pm. It’s the time of the year when there’s lots to pick in the garden after a summer of growing time… so come along to Sprout and help celebrate the bounty at the next market. Great food, chai, craft and design stalls, plants, seedlings, herbs, preserves, local fresh produce, local made treasures, great music, Sim Sala Bim kids wizard and much more. Sprout Community GardensCnr Watt & Clapham Streets, Thornbury (Melways 30 F4)9484-5565 or zwaldstein@mindaust.com.au

For Sale. Toddler girls bike, with training wheels. Excellent condition. $30.00 o.n.o. Dog Kennel, suit med-lg dog. Excellent condition $45.00 o.n.o.. Contact Helen: 0422 116 062