Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome Back
I would like to welcome back all students, staff and parents and hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. A reminder to parents that the school newsletter is the main way that the school communicates with the community. Information is also distributed by our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Please be aligned with these mediums so you can keep informed as to what is happening in the school.

Commencement of Term 3
The third term of the school year is often a time of consolidation and in making solid progress in the achievement of learning goals. I often think of this term as the ‘Championship 3rd Quarter’ where through the planning that has already been completed and hard work we can achieve the goals we set ourselves for the end of the year.

However, it will also be a very exciting time as well this term as a number of activities and events have been planned although not all dates have been finalised but those that have include:

1st August       Prep Melbourne Fire Brigade visit
8th August       Multicultural Celebration Day / Mini Olympics
9th August       Prep Melbourne Fire Brigade visit
20th-24th August Children’s Book Week
24th August      Author Morris Gleitzman school visit year level 3-6
                  Prep Happy Hour
30th August      Fathers/Special Persons Day Stall
3rd September    School Review Panel Day
4th – 15th Sept  Group 1 China Tour
5th Sept         CERES Prep excursion
6th Sept         Alumni Association Morning Tea
14th Sept        District Athletics Championships
18th – 29th Sept Group 2 China Tour
19th Sept        Presentation of School Review to School Council and Staff
21st Sept        End of 3rd Term
8th October      Commencement of 4th Term
Continuation of Industrial Action

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is currently involved in enterprise bargaining with the Australian Education Union in relation to its log of claims covering employees in the executive class, the principal class, the teacher class, the para-professional class and the education support class. Unfortunately the industrial action commenced last term will continue and increase during this term until it is resolved. I apologise in advance and the school will try to minimise the impact on student learning and to parents, however, it appears the police and nurse industrial dispute process is the template the current government has adopted in dealing with industrial matters.

As part of its industrial campaign the Australian Education Union has notified the Department that on and from Tuesday 24 July 2012 its members will ban responding to emails emanating from the Department including from Regional Offices of the Department. Matters impacting the health and safety of the school community, including students, are excluded from this ban.

Christopher Sexton
Principal

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**LUNCH ORDERS ARE BACK**

The Owl and the Pussycat come to Wales Street Primary School.

Lunch orders are back every Tuesday starting on TUESDAY THE 24TH OF JULY. Orders must be placed on Monday mornings.

Our aim is to provide little growing bodies with yummy wholesome homemade food. Menus were sent home with students this week. Any queries contact Thea or Anna 0411 418 610.

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**Education Maintenance Allowance**

**Health Care Card & Pension Card Holders**

**Instalment Two**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with educating their children. Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is due to be paid into bank accounts from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who chose the EFT payment option on their application form. Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August/early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to WSPS after 28 February 2012 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close **3 August 2012**.


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**Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers**

What a great effort to more than double the number of stickers through the holidays. We now have 12,900 stickers. Keep them coming! Please put the forms in the box to the right of the School Office.

**Coles Sports for Schools 2012 Vouchers**

Please collect these vouchers and pop them in the box to the left of the school office.
Hello Everyone,

I hope your holidays were fabulous! It's Term 3 and we have another exciting period of learning, playing and fun. To finalize our 5/6 students’ series, we have Freyja Kendrick Johnson leading our newsletter topic this week. She has chosen to discuss the steps we need to take when a child is choking.

Choking and what to do when someone starts choking. Signs of choking:

- Ask them if they're choking. If they nod or try to say yes help them by getting them to stop and sit down.
- They may still be able to cough or speak.
- They may also seem really anxious and agitated.
- The best way to help someone who's choking are......
- Encourage them to breathe in gently and cough vigorously to remove the object that may be logged in the airways.

According to the Royal Children’s Hospital Safety and First aid book a partial blockage is when the child can breathe, speak, cry or cough.

What to do:

1st. Reassure the child. Encourage the child to keep coughing to remove the foreign material. DO NOT try to remove the object, as this may totally block the airway.

2nd. Place the baby or child over your lap, with the head in a downward position. This will help the coughing child clear the blockage. If the child turns blue, becomes limp or unconscious or can’t clear the blockage in a few minutes call an ambulance.

By Freyja.K.J

Thanks very much Freyja- Freyja looks at how we may assist a partial blockage and makes some very valid points about reassurance, encouraging the person to cough, and to lean forward when doing so, so as to enable the object to cough out.

When an object remains in the airway, continuing to obstruct and cause further distress then the situation becomes quite urgent. The Raising Children Network references St. Johns in their recommendations for assistance.

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/pip_choking.html

Clearing a blockage - children over 1 year

- Bend your child forward and use the heel of your hand to give a sharp back blow between the shoulder blades. Check to see if the blockage has cleared before giving another blow. If the blockage hasn’t cleared after five blows, try the chest thrusts.

- Place one hand in the middle of the child’s back and the other hand in the centre of his chest. Using the heel of the hand on the chest, perform five chest thrusts – like CPR compressions but slower and sharper. Check to see if the blockage has cleared between each chest thrust.

- If the child is still choking, call 000 and alternate five back blows and five chest thrusts until emergency help arrives. If at any point the child becomes unconscious, start CPR.”

*Remember: - Don’t slap a choking person on the back while they are upright – gravity may cause the object to slip further down the trachea (windpipe).

I hope the information from all of our Grade 5/6 led newsletters has been of some assistance to you. It’s always a worthy thing to review basic First Aid and jog our memories somewhat. I’ve enjoyed the Grade 5/6 involvement – thanks very much to Rebecca, Henry and Freyja for their admirable efforts. Next week I hope to keep you riveted to this page whist I begin a review of the conference I attended last term on Common Childhood Illnesses. Stay tuned! Until then, take care.

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse
School Council Report

Our last school council meeting was held at the end of term 2. Below is a brief summary of what was covered:

- Approved the financial statements for May
- Congratulations to Catherine Fisers our school nurse, for her article in The Age newspaper about her work at our school. Unfortunately many families have still not paid their school nurse levy and this puts extra financial strain on the school. If you are able to pay the nurse levy, please do!
- Approved a trial of school lunch order day commencing term 3. This is going to be provided by The Owl and the Pussycat catering which is operated by a WSPS parent.
- Electronic payment options for aftercare families was requested – BPay and EFTPos are being investigated.
- Discussed the proposal by PSW Uniform suppliers to enter into a 5 year contract whereby uniforms would be purchased directly through their shop in Kew. Decided against this as it would raise the cost of uniforms and be inconvenient for families. The operation of the WSPS uniform shop will be reviewed at the end of 2012.
- The school in undergoing a Continuous improvement Review by the Department of Education in Term 3. This occurs every four years. Chris will be writing a report and a Departmental Reviewer will be visiting the school. At the end of the review our school will be provided with a report about what we are doing well and how we could improve.
- Further discussed the problem of the school oval surface and options for replacing grass with synthetic turf. A financial options document was provided, outlining the costs associated with a loan which could be taken on by a Parent Co-Op.
- If you are interested and can contribute to the school oval working group (eg, experience with grants, sponsorship, donations or the technical side/turf side of things, please contact the school office wales.street.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or 9484 3949.

School council meets again on 15th August.

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.

Natasha Kinsman
President, School Council
Cert. of Education. Integration Aide. RMIT University 2012 Brunswick Course. Rev. shorter format: 6 Saturdays: 18 Aug to 13 Oct (miss school hols) Total course = 42 hrs. Designed for those seeking work or already employed in schools as Integration Aides. Contact: 9925 6617 or 0402 465 028, email: cdu@rmit.edu.au, www.rmit.edu.au/education/integration-aide

BLUE LIGHT DISCO. Fri 27th July 2012. Preston Town Hall. $6 entry. For ages 8-14. 6.30 til 9pm. Great prizes & giveaways, dancing & competitions. Run by the Police. No Passouts. For Information ring Jo 9479 6103 or 0418 144 446

DAREBIN Community Band Youth Group. Interested in music? Youth training program for ages 9 & up. Brass instruments provided & Group tuition is $15/term. Weekly class cnr Mary St & Cramer St, Preston. Wed 7-8pm. Contact: Jack Kelly OAM – 9459 1329

VEGIE growing workshops. Ivanhoe Garden Club. Designed for the home gardener, esp. those starting out. Covers all aspects of growing organically. Dates: 29 Jul, 12 Aug & 19 Aug., 10-12noon at Clyde Street Community Hall, 64 Clyde St, Thornbury except 19 Aug (home visits) $20/person in advance. Contact: Allan Pullyblank 9457 2209, Susan La Marca 9459 2147, Julie Stafford 9499 4659


For Sale - Girls GIANT 24" bicycle. Current owner has outgrown it! In excellent condition, this bike has a 3 speed internal hub gear system, coaster brake, and front suspension forks. A lovely bike that is easy and fun to ride. $80 ONO. Please contact Clare or Andrew or 9495 1282 or 0420 959 407.

Dance Oz for kids. Introduction to the fundamentals of the dance language; movement, time, space & energy. Flyers were sent home Wednesday 18th July to Prep –Gr. 4. Spares at the Office.

Kelly Sports. Olympic & Footy fever with hockey in Term 3. Flyers sent home Wednesday 18th July to Prep –Gr. 4 Toby & Derek’s grades missed out. Spares at the Office.


Giant Northcote Variety Show
Looking for a great night out this Friday? The Giant Northcote Variety Show is the place to be! Join lots of Wales Street parents and came and support Susan Rennie, mother of Hannah (G2), Xavier (Prep) and Anouk (starting next year), in this fundraiser event. Details as follows: Friday 20th July 7-11pm, Uniting Church Hall, 251 High Street Northcote. Tickets $20 ($15 concession). For flyer go to: http://www.susanrennie4cazaly.com/uploads/1/1/9/5/11951702/giant_northcote_variety_show_20_july_2012-3.pdf or book directly at www.trybooking.com/BPTC . Fantastic entertainment including Christos Tsiolkas rading from his yet to be published new book, comedian Anne Edmonds, performance poet Santo Cazzati and more
CHESS 2012
TERM 3

✓ Think
✓ Concentrate
✓ Gain confidence
✓ Make friends
✓ Have FUN!

Coach: Jim Cannon – Qualified teacher (Dip Ed, UMelb). Jim has two sons –
David Cannon – 2012 Australian Lightning Chess Champion (U12)
Jonathan Cannon – U19 Victorian State Champion (2010) and Chess coach

WHEN: Rookies: P/1/2/3: Tuesday lunchtime. Advanced: Tuesday lunchtime

New to Chess Club? Try two classes OBLIGATION FREE. Parents welcome to sit in.

I would like my child ________________________________ in grade ___________ to participate in Chess Club in Term 3, 2012, commencing Tuesday 17th July till Tuesday 18th September. I enclose $50.00 Cash / Cheque (payable to J.F.Cannon) or direct deposit (JF Cannon, Westpac, BSB + A/C#: 037-138 56-4211. Thank you) *

Signature of parent / guardian ________________________________ Date / /

Name of parent / guardian ________________________________

Phone: Home___________________________ mob___________________________

Email ___________________________________________________________________

* Please leave form with payment at the office
Dear Parent/Guardian,

There is an exciting Interschool Chess tournament coming up! Here is the chance for your child to participate in a fun, safe activity. But, as there are only limited places available, first in gets to play! The event is fully supervised, but parents are required to deliver and pick up their child from the venue. Car pooling is greatly appreciated!

**Date:** Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} August 2012  
**Time:** 9.00am – 2.00pm  
**Venue:** Preston Primary School, 240 Tyler St, Preston  
**Cost:** $16.00 Cash only (no cheques, sorry).

Please leave payment and completed registration form in an envelope at the school office by Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} July. Unclaimed reservations must be surrendered on this day. Your child will lose the chance to play if not registered via this form and paid by the deadline.

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I give permission for my child _______________________________  
\hspace{1cm} (name)  
in Grade_______ to play in the Preston Primary School Interschool Chess tournament on Thursday 2/8/12.

Parent’s Name__________________________________________

Phone_________________________________ Mobile_________________________________

Email address__________________________________________

Date / / Signed_________________________________________________