FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

Dear Parents and Guardians,

School Self Evaluation Review and Strategic Plan
This year in terms 3 and 4 we will be setting our school’s strategic direction for the next four years. Our primary goal is to provide an excellent education for every student. To do this we will evaluate our progress to date and plan a strategy that is critical to our school’s continued success.

School self-evaluation provides an opportunity for our school community to reflect on our achievements, our strengths, and areas where improvement is needed. After we have completed our self-evaluation, an external reviewer will work with us to offer independent and expert advice on our progress. With their experience and knowledge of Australian and international best practice they will be able to help identify the most effective strategies for us to continue to improve.

Enrolments for 2013 Closing on the 31st July (next week)
Please note 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 that date. Even if you have an existing sibling at the school you need to enrol by that date. I am anticipating next year that we could reach 560 enrolments even if we restrict growth. Enrolments in 2013 therefore will be limited to only those children where Wales Street is the nearest school to their home, or there is an existing sibling at the school.

Christopher L. Sexton
Principal

DEECD School Nursing Program – Prep Grades
Forms are due back at school by Friday 27th July, 2012.

The owl and the pussycat lunch orders
Thank you to all the parents who ordered lunch orders this week. The response was great, we hope all students enjoyed their lunch order.

http://theowlandthepussycatlunchorders.wordpress.com/
Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers
What a great effort to more than double the number of stickers through the holidays. We now have over 20,000 stickers. Keep them coming! Please put the forms in the box to the right of the School Office.

SPORTS REPORT

House Athletics Day: Grade 3-6
The WSPS House Athletics Day is fast approaching! This year it will take place Wednesday 5th September, at Collingwood Harriers Athletics Track, Heidelberg Rd. The day will start at 10am and finish at 2pm, with students being bussed to and from the venue. Students will participate in a range of athletics events, while representing their house teams. (Clyde: red, Speight: green, St David: yellow, Wales: blue.) Any parents, guardians or family members who are able to help out on the day would be greatly appreciated, along with anyone who would like to come and support our students!

Premier’s Active Families Challenge
Due to the high number of WSPS families who registered and participated in this year’s challenge, we have been given a reward through the Challenge School Reward Program. The school has been given $500 to spend on sporting gear for the students. This money will be used to purchase equipment which students can use during recess and lunchtimes. Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Coles sports for school’s vouchers
Thanks to everyone who has been supporting this great initiative, it’s exciting to see so many vouchers piling up in the box in the office! Keep up the good work. We can keep collecting until 14th August.

SCHOOL AGED CARE REPORT
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last term at After Care we experimented with making rockets using bi-carb soda and vinegar. As some of the kids who were involved in this activity found it really interesting we suggested that they could make their own rockets this term. We need bottles of a variety of sizes and shapes that are made from a reasonable thick plastic (no milk bottles). These donations will be greatly appreciated and be the cause of much excitement.

Cheers Kris (educator)

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
Coaches for this term: Socrates from Northcote City Soccer Club will be coming on Tuesdays and Stev from Comic Characters will be a teaching the children some circus skills.

These clinics will run for 7 weeks for Term 3. The clinics are free to children who attend After Care.

INVOICES
Statements will be emailed on Monday 30th July to families who have requested electronic statements. Hard copies of invoices will be in the “statement box” on the information desk for families who have requested them by hard copy.

Families who attend regularly are required to pay fees on a regular basis, weekly/fortnightly 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.

Education Maintenance Allowance
Health Care Card & Pension Card Holders – Instalment 2
Applications for Instalment 2 of the Education Maintenance Allowance close on Friday 3rd August, 2012.
If you completed an application form for Instalment 1 at WSPS at the beginning of the year you do not need to re-apply for Instalment 2, this automatic.
If you did not apply at WSPS at the beginning of the year but are eligible (Pension Card/Health Care Card must be valid at 16/07/12) you will need to complete an application form to receive payment of Instalment 2. Please come to the school office. Applications Close Friday 3rd August 2012.
SCHOOL NURSE

Hello Everyone,

This week I have one of my Grade 5/6 Community Services students leading this newsletter with a very important request.

Hello, my name is Stavros. Last term I was assigned to make sure that the protectors for the goal posts and basketball/netball poles stay in position. We have tried lots of things, including:

* getting up at assembly and making a speech to the Grade 5/6s
* taping the protectors into position
* pulling the protectors back up from the ground back into position.

The best we can do now, is write a newsletter. Keeping the protectors up is very important for kids safety. If kids pull them down, other kids could run into them and have a serious injury. If you see a kid pulling the goal protectors down, or climbing them, could you please give them a reminder not to do it? Thank you.

Thank you very much Stavros. Stavros worked continuously on our pole protectors, every Tuesday afternoon, pulling them back into position. His work on this project has been invaluable and most appreciated!

It would be of huge assistance if all children stay off the protectors and allowed them to do their best at protecting us all from potential injury.

Next week I shall be discussing “Fever” - what it is, why does it happen? and how best to respond. Until then, give those pole protectors a pat, they’re doing a great job. (And so are my 5/6 students!)

Take Care,

Catherine Fisers – School Nurse

Mobile Muster

Dear Parents and Friends,

Three years ago, Wales Street Primary School (WSPS) became involved in Mobile Muster, an industry led mobile phone collection and recycling program. The WSPS community was very supportive of the program and we collected many old mobile phones and chargers. Monies raised from the school’s last involvement in Mobile Muster contributed towards fencing the destroyed areas from the Kinglake bushfires.

In 2012 WSPS is again participating in Mobile Muster. If you have any old mobile phones lying around the house, please ask your child to bring them to school and drop them in the box at School reception or outside the teachers’ office in the Clyde Street Building. Also, talk to your friends, colleagues and other family members and encourage them to clean out that bottom drawer and donate their old mobiles.

Further information can be obtained at www.mobilemuster.com.au.

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EDINBURGH CRICKET CLUB, NORTH FITZROY Registration day for new jnr players. Sat. Aug 18, 10am - 11am at Club nets, Edinburgh Gardens, Freeman St., Nth Fitzroy. Junior teams will play in the U10, U12, U14 and U16 age groups in the Eastern Cricket Association (ECA) in the 2012-13 season. Contact: Mick Symons 0425 689 131, email m.symons@psychology.org.au or Stuart Whiley 0423 023 399, email stuart.whiley@orica.com

MILO in2CRICKET. Boys & girls, 5 to 8 yrs. Edinburgh Cricket Club runs a twelve week program, which starts in mid to late October, on Saturdays 10.00 am - 11.00 am at the Brunswick St Oval. The Edinburgh MILO programme is designed to link into our junior cricket programme which starts at U10. Registration details will be posted later. Further info.: Ted Sussex, 0409 135 285

Wanted: Female tennis player to play section 12 competition night tennis on a Wed. for Clifton Hill Tennis Club. Wales St mums & a few others, have fun playing together & getting some exercise. Matches at Clifton Hill & Northern suburbs. Need an ability to play reasonably well (maybe some experience in competitive tennis), need to join the club (annual fee & insurance) Call Sharon 0409 806 987.

2012 Parents Victoria Annual Conference. How to... at the Zoo. How to on “kids that bounce, cyber safety, bullying, I pads, youth mental health”. 2nd-3rd August. Contact: www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

Is your child starting prep in 2013 at Wales Street PS? Come along to Penders Park on Friday morning, 3rd AUGUST, 9.30-11am. Contact: hvanBalen1968@gmail.com

Dear Parent/s,

Wales Street Primary School will be holding a Mini Olympics on Wednesday 8th August as part of Multicultural Day.

Students will be participating in a range of fun sporting activities. We encourage all children to wear comfortable sports gear. Some suggestions include: a cyclist, a runner, a gymnast.

A whole school performance of African Drumming will conclude this wonderful event. The cost of the performance is $4.00 per child which will be deducted from the Excursion Levy.

If you have not paid the Excursion Levy please forward payment of $4.00 per child to your child’s class teacher.

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Multicultural Luncheon

As part of our celebrations all students will be taking part in a Multicultural Luncheon from 12:00-1:00pm. Each student is invited to bring a plate of finger food (sweet or savoury) from any cultural background. Students will also be able to order a Gelato cup each, separate note to follow shortly.

Taking into account the various food allergies students may have, it would be greatly appreciated if the attached form could accompany your plate listing the ingredients used.

Thank you for your participation.

Regards,

Specialist Team

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Multicultural Luncheon

Wednesday 8th August - Please return this slip with your plate of food to share

Child’s Name & Grade:__________________________________________________________

Name of Dish:_______________________________________________________________ Country:___________________________

Please tick either:  Sweet ☐ OR Savoury ☐  Date Baked: ___________________________

Ingredients:____________________________________________________________________

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