FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Student Led Conference Information
This year all teachers, students and parents will be involved in student led conferences which will be held on June 28th between 12pm and 8pm. School council has approved this as a Variation of Attendance Day which means the students will be dismissed at 1pm. The School Aged Care program (SAC) will operate on this day for parents requiring student supervision from this time.

Student led conferences reflect the belief that students should be actively involved in their learning and assume responsibility for the learning process. Through student led conferences, students become more motivated, reflective and evaluative. They also become more critical in their approach to learning.

During the student led conferences students will present their portfolio and demonstrate their academic growth to parents and show their progress toward becoming lifelong learners.

During the conference all parties will be able to ask questions during and after the student’s presentation. Benefits of Student-Led Conferences:
Student benefits:
- Accountability for their learning
- Students learn to evaluate their own progress
- Students gain greater commitment to school work and learning
- Builds self confidence and self-esteem
- Encourages student/parent communication
- Builds communication and critical thinking skills
- Allows students to become involved
- Puts students in charge of their learning
- Time allowed to share and celebrate in learning environment
Parent benefits:
- Increases the amount of information given to a parent
- Learn more about their child’s learning and skills
- An opportunity to help their child set positive goals
- Active participant in their child’s learning
- Allows for more time in their child’s learning environment to see what the child has worked on over a period of time
- First hand opportunity to see their child in charge of the learning process

All students will be participating in student led conference this year instead of parent teacher interviews. It is **vital that your child attends and leads the Student Led conference.**

Each student led conference will be 15 minutes long so please be prompt and allow for a 15 minute break between siblings. Bookings for conferences can be made online but if you are unable to do so, please contact the office.

**The process for booking Student Led Conference Appointments**
The online booking system that we used in Term One (COMPASS) will be open on Friday 15th June and will close on the 22nd June. Details on how to make an appointment will be distributed tomorrow. If you do not have access to a computer bookings can be made at the school office.

**Midyear Reports**
Mid year student reports will be sent home on Friday 22nd June.

**Congratulations to Catherine our School Nurse**
On Monday The Age Newspaper featured an article highlighting the importance of Catherine’s work in the school. If you missed it here’s the link.


Catherine’s work at the school is very important and it wouldn’t be possible without the financial contributions made by the families at Wales Street. I believe that all primary schools should have a registered school nurse, but then few schools have the same community support as we do here at Wales Street.

Christopher Sexton  
Principal

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**SICK BAY LINEN DUTY ROSTER**

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**PREP PARENTS:** We still need more Prep parents to volunteer for sick bay linen duty. Please leave your name at the school office. Thank you 😊

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**Cross Country**
Congratulations to our school cross country team! Two weeks ago we had 54 children represent Wales Street at the District Cross Country, held at Bundoora Park. Of those children, nine went on to compete at the Divisional Cross Country on Wednesday this week and seven have now made it through to the Regional competition. This is a fantastic effort from all our students, all of whom demonstrated determination and good sportsmanship throughout the events, well done!!

**Coles Sports for Schools**
It’s that time of year again! Anyone who shops at Coles can contribute to this great program. Collect vouchers each time you shop and then drop them in the box near the School office. Last year’s efforts resulted in brand new basketball uniforms, new class sets of basketballs, footballs and hacky sacks, as well as a range of inter-school sports equipment for the older grades and striking equipment (bats and tees) for the younger grades.

All contributions are much appreciated!

Thank you,

Anna de Vos
Just a reminder that school photo day is next Monday, 18/6/12

Photo envelopes were given out to all children last week, sibling photo envelopes (siblings photographed together) are available from the school office.

Please return all photo envelopes and money ASAP (Monday morning at the very latest).

HOW TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS
Advancedlife

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS On – Monday 18th June 2012

Dear Parents,

On the above date, School photos will be taken at your school. Order envelopes either have been or will be distributed to all pupils. It is important that instructions are followed in order to save confusion and disappointment.

PLEASE NOTE: All orders received after photography day will incur a reorder fee.

1. Select your preferred package from the options printed on the flyer provided (which is enclosed in the order envelope). A class photo is included in all packages.

2. You must complete a separate order envelope for each purchasing child. Clearly mark the package and gifts you wish to purchase in the space provided using a black or blue ball point pen, complete all your contact details and enclose the correct payment using one of the options listed below.

CASH - Please enclose exact monies as no change is available. If paying for additional siblings in one envelope, please make note which envelope payment was made.

CHEQUE - Please print name, address and telephone on rear of cheque. If payment is declined by your bank, then dishonour fees will apply. Please allow 60 days for your cheque payment to be finalized.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: ADVANCEDLIFE

CREDIT CARD - payments can only be made on-line. An order envelope must be completed and returned to your school prior to photo day.

If paying for more than one student or additional family photos, one transaction can be made by adding up the total of all order envelopes and recording the receipt number on all ordering envelopes.

Online Instructions: Go to: www.advancedlife.com.au
   Click on online payments and re-orders, click on proceed
   Enter the three letter online payment code (ie: SCH), then click OK
   Enter your information and payment details
   Click on next to process payment.
   Check your payment details, then click on submit payment,
   A confirmation page will appear, record receipt number on order envelope
   where indicated under payment details: “online receipt number”

**Please note that a $1 surcharge will apply to the transaction.

SIBLING ORDER ENVELOPES CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND RETURNED BEFORE PHOTO DAY

Kind Regards,

ADVANCEDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY
21 Bridge Street, Bulleen, 3105     Phone 03 9852 1133     Fax 03 9852 1433     Email : info@advancedlifevic.com.au

EARN & LEARN WOOLWORTHS VOUCHERS

Keep the stickers coming. As you fill in a sheet, please send it to school. We have about 1,000 stickers so far.

CLASSIFIEDS School Council accepts no responsibility for goods / services offered here

HELP NEEDED IRONING. $15 per basket – 2 baskets per week. Will pick up and deliver!! Call Ian 0403 009 541
Wales Street Family Disco
Friday 22nd June
6.00 – 8.00pm
School Assembly Hall
All tickets $6.00

Tickets selling fast, get in quick otherwise you won't get to wear your old flares, platforms and boob tubes till next year.

Please return Ticket & Pizza order forms by Monday 18 June

Limited tickets available – Strictly no door sales

We need a few groovy disco-dancing mums & dads to help during the disco & at the end of the night. Are you groovy enough?

Spread the 70’s disco vibe and offer to help for half an hour on the night.

Contact: Tracey on 9443 7742 or see Natasha & Maria

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SCHOOL NURSE REPORT

Hello Everyone,

Today is the first of our 3 newsletters written by a Grade 5/6 student within their role as a community support person. Their articles’ are brief, concise and informative. I will then discuss the subject matter a little further, respecting the day’s theme.

Henry Robinson chose to talk about the removal of Bee stings, a not uncommon occurrence in our lives. His reference book was “The Royal Children’s Hospital: Safety and First Aid book”

How to remove a bee sting:

1. Calm and reassure the child. Try keeping the child or adult still.
2. Flick the sting off with a finger nail or edge of a knife.
3. Get an ice pack and put it on the stung area.
4. If pain and swelling continues, take the child to a doctor.

Thank you very much Henry.

The Royal Children’s Hospital fact sheet tells us that “All insect bites are allergic reactions and the size of the reaction depends on the degree of allergy you/your child has.” So most importantly,...if you or your child has a known anaphylactic allergy then 000 is to be called immediately whilst you administer the Epipen and remove the stinger from the injured person. “The symptoms of anaphylaxis include hives, itching, stomach cramps, coughing, wheezing, difficulty breathing and swallowing, choking and fainting.”. The royal Children’s fact sheets elaborate further on this topic. http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/factsheets

Another reason for calling 000 is if you have been stung inside the mouth or throat. Protection of your airway is mandatory.

Removing the stinger removes the source of the poison, flicking it out ensures you don’t squeeze more of the poison into the person as you do so., washing the area with soap and water will also help reduce the amount of allergen left behind. We then apply ice packs to relieve the pain and swelling. If the pain and swelling continues then you may require your doctors’ advice: – sometimes this can be due to a moderate reaction and sometimes it can be due to cellulitis of the stung area. If you are concerned then seek medical attention. The Austin Hospitals “Bites and stings “page puts it succinctly: - http://www.austin.org.au/Page.aspx?ID=534

“Even if you have never been stung by a bee before, watch for the following symptoms, they may indicate a serious allergic or anaphylactic reaction, which requires urgent medical attention:

- Red blotches on the skin or an itchy rash over the body
- Swelling in parts of the body away from the stung area, especially the lips and around the eyes
- Feeling faint, light-headed or dizzy
- Breathing difficulties such as wheeze or shortness of breath
- Chest tightness.

I hope this information is helpful to you. Until next week, have a lovely one.

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse
SCHOOL AGED CARE

Accounts
As we are fast approaching the end of the term can I remind families to settle their account in FULL by Thursday 28th June

New name for Family Assistance Office and Centrelink
We have been advised the name “Family Assistance Office” is being phased out over the coming months. The organisations previously known as Family Assistance Office and Centrelink will now be known as the Department of Human Services. From this point onwards we will no longer refer to the “Family Assistance Office” in our publications but will use the term Department of Human Services or DHS for short.

New website for family services
Family and income support services together with information about Medicare, Child Support services and Centrelink are moving to a single online entry point. For more information visit www.humanservices.gov.au or call 13 61 50.

Information for Families about CCR
What are my Child Care Rebate (CCR) payment options

| Option 1 | CCR paid to your service. This allows your service to reduce your child care fees and means the amount you need to pay to your service (the gap fee) will be less. CCR payments will be made to your service weekly or fortnightly after your service submits a report with the details of the care they provide to your child. |
| Option 2 | CCR paid to your bank account weekly or fortnightly after your service submits a report with the details of the care they provide to your child. |
| Option 3 | CCR paid to your bank account every quarter (3 months). |
| Option 4 | CCR paid to your bank account (every year). This option is now only available when claiming Child Care Benefit as a lump sum after the financial year. |

When can I change my payment options?
If you would like to change your payment option for the next financial year 2012-2013 you must do it soon. The cut off date is 30 June 2012. Please contact the Department of Human Services (DHS) to change your payment method.

How do I contact the Department of Human Services (DHS)?
The easiest way to change your payment method is to go online. Updates to the CCR payment choice can be made online from April to June. Follow the link below to the Human Services website. If you are using Online Services for the first time, you need to register to get a Customer Access Number (CAN) and password. Once you have registered, you can logon and select Child Care then Update Child Care Rebate Payment Frequency. The option you choose will apply for the full financial year (July 2012 to June 2013) unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you are unable to use the online service you can call 13 61 50 or go to your nearest DHS Office.

What if I don’t want to change my payment method?
If you don’t want to change your payment method you do not need to do anything. Your current payment method will apply again for the next financial year. If you are unsure about which payment method you currently use, DHS will be able to help.

How do I know if I’m eligible for Child Care Rebate?
Child Care Rebate is not income tested. However, you must be eligible for Child Care Benefit (CCB) and pass the Work, Study, and Training Test for CCR. To pass the test you must have a work, study or training related commitment at some time during the week. There is no minimum number of hours required. If you and your partner are working, looking for work, training, studying or doing voluntary work to improve work skills you may be eligible. For more information about the work test for CCR contact DHS.

What do I need to do to get Child Care Rebate?
If you haven’t already done so, contact DHS to claim Child Care Benefit. Even if you are not eligible to receive any CCB payments because your family income is too high you may still be able to receive CCR payments. You may be assessed as a zero rate customer for CCB but still be eligible to receive CCR.

How much Child Care Rebate will I receive?
The Child Care Rebate payment is up to half of your out-of-pocket child care costs. You may receive up to $7500 per child per financial year.

Do I have to make a payment choice every year?
No. If you are happy with your current payment option, you don’t need to do a thing. Your chosen payment option will continue until you decide to change.

Should I change my payment choice?
If you are still receiving your CCR as a quarterly or annual payment, and thinking about switching to weekly/fortnightly payments, now is the time to do so. Choosing this payment option will make it easier to pay your child care bills during the year. If you choose the ‘direct to service’ option, the service will use your CCR entitlement to reduce your fees.

How will my child care service know I am eligible for CCR?
After you have been assessed by DHS for Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate you need to give your details to your service. The details you need to provide are the Customer Reference Numbers (CRN) and dates of birth for your child and the parent who was assessed for child care payments. Your service will report attendance information for your child. This information allows the calculation and payment of CCB and CCR.