From the Principal….

Dear Parents and Guardians,

End of Term Two
It has been a very busy term and in particular the final seven days at Wales Street. We have had a wonderful school Disco, the School of Rock, Cat’s Music Student Concert and today we have student led conferences. However, all good things must end and tomorrow, Friday 29th June will see the end of a very busy but very rewarding period. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and all the parents who so freely give their time in planning and supporting school events.

Please note that due to tomorrow’s weather forecast we will dismiss the students from their classrooms at 2:30pm.

I wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone when the school will recommence at 9am on Monday 16th July.

Monday Morning Assembly
Each Monday the school holds an assembly which provides an opportunity for the school to come together as a community to celebrate and share school activities. It is lovely to see families supporting this event and their presence is very much appreciated by the students and staff. This week’s assembly was a wonderful example of the range of activities that the students of Wales Street engage in. We acknowledged of the achievements of the chess club, interschool sport, Wonky Dragons and we were treated to displays by both the drama and dance clubs. Congratulations to all of the individuals involved and thank you for your willingness to provide these opportunities for our students.

School of Rock
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the School of Rock this week. A big thank you must go to Amy and Steve Mayhew for preparing the students. Thanks also to Sotiroloula and Maria Romnios for their support and encouragement. The event was well attended by other schools participating and families, staff and children that came to watch. Well done wonderful students involved in the performance and for their dedication and commitment towards this great event.

Family Disco
The disco night held last Friday at Wales Street is quickly becoming a ‘tradition’ although it is a bit hard to work out whether it’s for the children or parents. The event this year was even bigger than last year. The dancers did a wonderful job in leading and demonstrating ‘groovy’ moves. Disco Trev hit the mark with the crowd by introducing songs, games and looking fantastic in his costume.

With such a successful night there are always organisers, helpers and supporters who work so hard to bring everything together. I therefore wish to thank Maria Romnios, Natasha Kinsman, Penny Kokkinos, Anne Roberts, Sam Walsh and Tracey Henderson. Thank you also to David Gullotti for making the fabulous Disco Poster.

Also, a big thank you to all the wonderful parents who supported the event and made the evening enjoyable for young and old by lending a very helpful hand decorating, cleaning the hall, selling merchandise, serving pizza and drinks. Thanks also to Pina, Sallie and Maria in the school office who helped with ticket bookings, banking and handling the many phone enquiries.

Christopher Sexton
Hello Everyone,

It’s been such a busy time in the First Aid Room, I’ve been sending many children home ill with either upper or lower respiratory ailments or gastric illness. Respiratory illnesses tend to spread like wildfire – one of the most common reasons is the spread via the hands. Children tend to cough into their hands and then touch surfaces. If we teach each other to cough into the inner elbow then we may reduce that particular mode of spread. Effective hand washing is another equally important hygiene practice to assist this process. Do you know when my boys are ill, I actually go around my house and Dettol all the doorknobs, and well touched wall surfaces – it really reduces the likelihood of spreading the bug (although my sister thinks I’m crazy!) I do love Dettol. Opening up all your windows to blow the viruses away is also a great idea. Hopefully the holidays should put a firm halt to it all, there is nothing like fresh air and sleep in’s to boost up the immune system.

Our Grade 5/6 student will be leading the first newsletter of next term-so you will need to wait with baited breath for the final in our series. This week I thought a few “Wacky” facts wouldn’t go astray (Courtesy of kids and fruit.org.) A lovely way to start the holidays….

10 Wacky, Interesting, Body Facts
1. We are about 1 cm taller in the morning than in the evening. The cartilage between our bones gets compressed by standing, sitting and other daily activities as the day goes on, making us just a little shorter at the end of the day than at the beginning.
2. One out of every 2,000 newborn infants has a tooth when they are born. Sometimes the tooth is a regular baby tooth that has already erupted and sometimes it is an extra tooth that will fall out before the other set of choppers comes in.
3. Sneezes regularly exceed 100 mph. There’s a good reason why you can’t keep your eyes open when you sneeze—that sneeze is rocketing out of your body at close to 100 mph. This is, of course, a good reason to cover your mouth when you sneeze.
4. The aorta is nearly the diameter of a garden hose. The average adult heart is about the size of two fists, making the size of the aorta quite impressive. The artery needs to be so large as it is the main supplier of rich, oxygenated blood to the rest of the body.
5. Nerve impulses to and from the brain travel as fast as 170 miles per hour. Ever wonder how you can react so fast to things around you or why that stubbed toe hurts right away? It’s due to the super-speedy movement of nerve impulses from your brain to the rest of your body and vice versa, bringing reactions at the speed of a high powered luxury sport car.
6. Humans are the only animals to produce emotional tears. In the animal world, humans are the biggest cry-babies, being the only animals who cry because they’ve had a bad day, lost a loved one, or just doesn’t feel good.
7. Every day the average person loses 60-100 strands of hair. Unless you’re already bald, chances are good that you’re shedding pretty heavily on a daily basis. Your hair loss will vary in accordance with the season, pregnancy, illness, diet and age.
8. The fastest growing nail is on the middle finger. The nail on the middle finger of your dominant hand will grow the fastest of all. Why is not entirely known, but nail growth is related to the length of the finger, with the longest fingers growing nails the fastest and shortest the slowest.
9. Women blink twice as many times as men do. That’s a lot of blinking every day. The average person, woman, blinks about 13 times a minute.
10. If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it. In order for foods, or anything else, to have a taste, chemicals from the substance must be dissolved by saliva. If you don’t believe it, try drying off your tongue before tasting something.

I hope you have a fabulous and relaxing holiday with your children.

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse
Wales Street Groove Family Disco Raffle

Congratulations to:

1st Prize: Vicky Geles
2nd Prize: Prousha Paris
3rd Prize: Natasha Petrevski
4th Prize: Anna Kalomallos

A GREAT BIG GROOVY DISCO THANK YOU!! The Events Committee would love to thank all of the families that attended the event and helped to make the night groovy and successful. We raised $5,000 - these funds will be used towards improving the school grounds.

Events like the disco can only happen and be successful when we all band together and support each other. Grateful thanks to all who helped to decorate the hall, serve pizza & drinks, for setting up and packing up.

Extra special thank you to Tracey Henderson for organising the Disco once again. To all who provided vouchers for raffle prizes, to David Gullotti for design/posters, Sam Walsh & Jenny Clark for sourcing great decorations and to Reveal Productions for lending, once again, that Red Dazzling Curtain.

Missing School Uniform Items

Short-sleeve school polo shirt was taken home by accident after football interschool sports on Friday a couple of weeks ago. It is size 8 and has “Mila Norquay-Whitford” written on the tag. Could the school football team please check at home and return if found. Thank-you!

ALL PARENTS : PLEASE CHECK LABELS ON SCHOOL UNIFORM CLOTHING. Many named items have gone missing, it may simply be that your child has picked up and taken home another child’s clothing by mistake.

PLEASE CHECK LABELS ON CLOTHING. IF YOU DO HAVE ANOTHER CHILD’S ITEM OF CLOTHING, PLEASE RETURN IT TO LOST PROPERTY PROMPTLY. Thank You 😊

WONKY DRAGONS

CHINA CAFE
Many thanks to all the children and parents who came along to our Fortune Cookie Cafe. Group One ran a very smooth little operation. Many thanks to all the Wonky Dragon parents who baked, those who helped at the event & the teachers who assisted. A special thanks to Georgina who just appeared & helped even though she’s not involved. The children raised around $1,000 towards the administrative costs of the trip.

BUNNINGS BBQ
On Sunday 24th June we had a very successful BBQ at Bunnings in Preston. We were very lucky with the weather. Many thanks to Hector Cavalieri for initiating the fundraiser. Thanks to Toby for organising the day. We all went home smelling of sausages but had raised approximately another $1,500 towards administration costs.

The Wonky Dragons leave on September 4th. Thirty-six children are going this year, so we are running two groups. The second trip leaves on the 18th September. This group will have a cafe next term.

We couldn’t raise the administration costs of the trip without the support of the school community, so on behalf of all the 2012 Wonky Dragons,

Thank you,
Anne Graham

**Red Nose Day Blue Light Disco.** Friday 29th June. Preston Town Hall, Gower St Preston. 6.30pm until 9.00pm Ages 8-14 $6 Entry. Amazing prizes to be won! ‘Dance Thru Culture’ hip hop crew will be performing and will show you some great moves!! Wear Red to the disco to support Red Nose Day or wear a red nose, buy merchandise on the night. Proceeds will be donated to SIDS and KIDS. Contact Jo Parsiss for info. (Darebin Police) 0418 144 446.

**Anglicare Foster Care Information Session.** Thurs 19th July, 7pm – 8.30pm. 239 Murray Road, Preston
Have you ever thought about fostering children or young people? Anglicare Victoria is looking for couples or single people who have experience with parenting & can provide a safe and secure home environment for children needing care for weekends, short term and long term. To book or to receive an info. Pack, please contact Anna Jones on 8470 9951 or email anna.jones@anglicarevic.org.au

**The Yarra Valley Railway’s School Holiday Special Offer! Present this ad for 10% discount on railway rides.** We operate Wed & Sun. throughout school holidays. Rides depart Healesville station hourly 10am to 4pm. For more info. visit website at [www.yvr.com.au](http://www.yvr.com.au)


**Big 5 sports.** Dance program for Term 3 at Wales Street PS. 26 July – 13 Sept. 3.40-4.40pm for Yrs Prep –Gr. 4. Cost $109. Brochure sent home in last week of Term 2. Enrolment forms to be sent to Camberwell address NOT School Office. [www.big5sports.com.au](http://www.big5sports.com.au)

**Great Northcote Variety Show**
"Wales Street parent Susan Rennie is running as an independent in the Darebin City Council elections in October this year (Cazaly Ward).
Please support my campaign by attending this fantastic fundraising event - the [Great Northcote Variety Show on Friday 20th July 2012, 7-11pm](http://www.trybooking.com/BPTC) at the Northcote Uniting Church Hall, 251 High Street. Tickets $20 / $15 concession or $180 for a table of ten. Starring acclaimed author Christos Tsiolkas, international comic Anne Edmonds and more and more and more! You can book through [www.trybooking.com/BPTC](http://www.trybooking.com/BPTC) or call 0438 346 120 / e-mail suskat000@yahoo.com.au and I can get tickets to you at school. This will be the best nights entertainment all year - don't miss out!"
Creative Arts after school Program - Judith Jackson Joyce

Students at Wales street have the opportunity to learn and/or extend their skills and knowledge of Art techniques through an inspiring Art program. This program will use craft, drawing, sculpting and painting techniques in a focused, fun and fabulous environment. Children will use watercolour, acrylic and oil paints, pastels and paper, wood and wool during the term.
We will use music, conversation, students' own experiences and ideas to shape the program catering to individual needs. We will expand story telling skills with sketches and illustration this term. Confidence building, developing creativity and great Art Work to take home are the intended outcomes.

I am a trained and registered Art and Textile teacher as well as a Wales street parent. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding the Art after school program.

Cost is $120 ($15 per lesson). Please supply own art smock and an extra snack to eat after school, all other materials will be supplied. Classes commence Monday 23rd July – 17th Sept, an eight week term.

Located in the Wales street art room at 3.45pm until 5.00 pm.

Payment: Payment for the term can be made to me directly at the first session in cash, cheque or electronically. Email or call me for banking details.

Enrolment: Fill out the attached enrolment form and leave at the school office before 20th July.

Please call or e mail with any further queries on 9480 1015 or judithjacksonjoyce@y7mail.com

Enrolment Form

Child’s Name........................................................................................................................................

Year level................................................. Age..................................................

Parent/Guardian Name................................................................................................................................

Contact phone number .................................... Email.............................................................

Any allergies or relevant/important information............................................................................................

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