FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

Dear Parents and Guardians,

2012 Education Week
Education Week for will be held on the 20\(^{th}\) – 26\(^{th}\) May. This year Wales Street will celebrate Education Week with;

- The Grade 3/4 camp from the Wednesday 23\(^{rd}\) – Friday 25\(^{th}\).
- An open morning from 9.15am – 10.40am on Thursday 24\(^{th}\) including tours guided by 5/6 students.
- A parent morning tea to raise money for the Cancer Council, Thursday 24\(^{th}\) 10.30am-11.30am. Please bring a gold coin donation.
- A parent information night on the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP) from 7:00-8:30pm in the Clyde street building.
- A Prep Happy Hour from 2.30-3.30pm on Friday 25\(^{th}\) May in the Clyde Street building.

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP) Information Night
The PYP Information Night on Thursday 24\(^{th}\) May is intended to provide families with more information about the program. It will be held in the Clyde Street Building from 7:00-8:30pm with refreshments afterwards. More information will be sent home on Friday 18\(^{th}\) May.

Student Led Conferences June 28\(^{th}\)
This year all students and parents will be involved in a student led conference. Wales Street has been conducting student led conferences over the past three years in the Grade 3 to 6 areas. They have shown to be an informative and powerful way of developing parent knowledge as to how their children are progressing in their learning. Further information will be circulated to Prep-2 parents later in the term.

Christopher L. Sexton
Principal
Wales St News

Our Library Scholastic Book Fair opens next week, beginning Tuesday afternoon May 15, at 3pm.
It will then run daily, 8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm until Monday May 21.
Come visit and enter the competition to win a book selected from the book fair stock.

See you there….. Sallie McCleery

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Lost. One named blue school jacket. If found please return to Rachel Kunnumpurath 3/4F

Introductory Basketball Skills Clinic for Girls. Ivanhoe Knights. (Local basketball club for the Northcote / Thornbury / Fairfield area) Sun. 3rd June: 3-3:50 pm – 6 & 7yrs, 4-4:50 pm – 8 & 9yrs, 5-5:50 pm – 10 & 11yrs, held at Ivanhoe East PS. (indoor basketball court. Melways: map 31, J9. Limited places. Register: email Benno Spearritt - devco@ivanhoeknights.org - with your child’s name, age, school they attend and parent/guardian phone number. www.ivanhoeknights.org
Hello Everyone,

Next week is a very important week for us all to remember, it’s one that relates to all of us in some way or another. Our children, our neighbour, our brother or sisters, our parents may well suffer from a food allergy.

“Approximately 1 - 2 % of Australians have a food allergy. 10% of infants aged 1 year have a food allergy (*Health Nuts Study Murdoch Institute 2011). Based on birth statistics of 2010 (ABS) this is equal to 29,700 infants. Some of these infants will grow out of their food allergy, but those diagnosed with peanut and tree nut allergy will most likely have this food allergy for life. Australia has the highest prevalence of food allergy in the world. Living with food allergy is manageable if we have an allergy aware community.”

Anaphylaxis Australia succinctly puts the facts out there for us on their website and has promoted this week of awareness in order to remind each other of what we can do to help each other. www.allergyfacts.org.au Knowledge, of course, is at the forefront of prevention. Here is one of their fact sheets:-

“Food Allergy Basics
• A food allergy is an immune system response to a food protein that the body mistakenly believes is harmful. When the individual eats food containing that protein, the immune system releases massive amounts of chemicals, triggering symptoms that can affect a person’s breathing, gastrointestinal tract, skin and/or heart.
• Symptoms of food allergy can include; hives, swelling of the lips, face and eyes, swelling of the tongue, breathing difficulty, abdominal pain, vomiting or a sudden drop in blood pressure.
If left untreated, these symptoms can be fatal.
• It is estimated that up to 2% of Australians, including 1 in 10 children*, have food allergy and some of them will experience a life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).
• There are more than 170 foods known to have triggered severe allergic reactions. Examples include kiwi fruit, banana, chicken, mustard and celery. (And nuts, dairy, seafood..)
• Currently, there is no cure for food allergy. Avoidance of the food is the only way to prevent a reaction.
• Adrenaline is the first line treatment for severe allergic reactions and can be administered via an auto-injector called the EpiPen® or the Anapen®.
• Food allergy is the leading cause of (severe reactions) anaphylaxis outside the hospital setting.

For any more information please check out their website. It’s extremely informative.

To end next week we have “Walk to School day” on the 18th- hope it’s as sunny as these last days have been! Until then, stay safe and knowledgeable.

Catherine Fisers / School Nurse