FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Industrial Action - State-wide Stop Work, 7 June 2012
Australian Education Union members will stage a 24-hour stop work on the 7th June. I am asking union members on staff to inform me if they are intending to stop work today. Classes affected by the strike will be notified by Friday 1st June.

Year 3/4 Camp
I am always interested to observe how students and staff work together to unload buses when they get back from a camp. How they work together tells you a lot about how successful the development of personal relationships and a sense of teamwork that evolved from those participating. The sense of teamwork I witnessed on Friday, despite the rain, was wonderful. Everyone, including parents, was helping each other carry bags, finding missing items sleeping bags and ensuring everyone was helped who needed it. Congratulations to Geoff O'Connor as the camp coordinator and all the staff and students.

June 28th - Variation of Attendance Day
This year all 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.

New school crossing to be built on Clarendon Street
Darebin Council's road traffic department has approved a crossing to be built on Clarendon Street by September. On behalf of the school community I would like to personally thank Theonie Tacticos who has made it happened. I know she had support and encouragement from other parents but she really has led the way on this issue. Unfortunately Vic Roads has not provided additional funds for a crossing supervisor. So whilst we will have a crossing, there is no funding for a supervisor. The next step to lobby Vic Roads for funding!

If you would like to help with the Vic Roads lobbying please contact the office and I will pass along your details along to Theonie.

Ph: 03 9484 3949
Fax: 9480 5930
Out of School Hours Program: 9480 3896
School Council Email: please forward to WSPS email address

Why not follow us on www.facebook.com/WalesStreet or twitter@wsp3139

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UNIFORM SHOP will be CLOSED on Tuesday 5th June

Prep Enrolments for 2013
The enrolment process for next year has commenced this term and prep school tours are held on Mondays and Tuesdays up until the 31st July from 9.30 -10.30 . Contact the School Office if you wish to take up this opportunity for a tour or pass this information on to families who you think will be interested.

Parents who have an existing child/ren at the school please note after the 31st July enrolment applications will be restricted to only those children where Wales Street is the closest school regardless of whether you currently have a child at the school so please enrol by this date.
**School Community Free Exercise program**
Darebin Council is offering free indoor exercise programs from 9.00-9.50am in the School Hall to Wales Street parents and guardians. The program starts on the 4th June. A big thanks to the Darebin Council for organising the program and for Anna agreeing to make the teaching space available for these sessions. No bookings are required. It’s free so come along, bring water bottle, a towel and have fun.

Christopher L. Sexton
Principal

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**Wales St. Family Disco is back**
and so are the Groove dancers
Sophia and Ebonee
Friday 22nd June
6.00 – 8.00pm
School Assembly Hall
**All tickets $6.00**
Ticket & pizza order forms will be sent home next week
Entry includes pizza slice, games, Groove dancers, fun & dancing
Additional pizza slices available at $2.00 per slice
**Limited tickets available – Strictly no door sales**
Anyone interested in helping with the disco please contact Tracey Henderson 9443 7742

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**PINKEST PERSON DAY**
Tuesday, JUNE 5th
On June 5th Junior School Council is running Pinkest Person Day, supporting the National Breast Cancer Foundation.
On the day, if your child wears pink, make sure they bring a gold coin donation. If your child is not wearing pink, they must wear school uniform.
The more money we raise, the more we can donate to the Foundation.
Hope we see everyone in pink.

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**CHINA CAFE**
Thursday, JUNE 14th
Wonky Dragons
Parents and Carers,
Unfortunately we have had to postpone the Cafe.

**The new date is THURSDAY JUNE 14th.** Hope to see you all there.

Anne, team & Wonky Dragons
Thank you to everyone that came and bought from the Library’s Scholastic Book Fair. We were able to take a 35% commission, which has enabled us to purchase 141 new books for the Library with some money left over to use in the coming twelve months. All orders have been delivered this week, so please contact Sallie in the Library if you have not received an order.

The results of the marshmallow tipping contest, which was run in conjunction with the Book Fair, are as follows:

Number of Marshmallows in jar: 158  
Equal first place: Ben L. (3/4) and Marc  
Equal third place: Ben L. (1/2) and James C

These students won books of their choice from the Fair.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2012

This year well over 100,000 Australian children participated in National Simultaneous Story time on May 23rd. As part of this program, our Prep students listened to “The very cranky bear” by Nick Bland. It will now become a touchstone text for their next PYP Unit of Inquiry, “Playtime”, which looks at communication and connection through play.

LIBRARY BOOKS at Darebin Library Service

There have been a number of Wales Street Primary School Library books accidently returned to the Darebin Library Service this year. It is great to see students visiting the Public Library but please make sure that you are returning only Darebin books to that Library Service. It costs them money to write to us and then we have to find time to retrieve the books! Thanks.

Sallie McCleery

Hello Everyone,

The Flu - there it is out there, it’s rotten and mean and mighty unclean!! I thought we might look at the Influenza virus in greater detail this year- the Royal Children’s Hospital fact sheet is an ideal place to start....

Influenza, commonly called ‘the flu’, is an infection caused by influenza A or B viruses. It mainly affects the nose, throat and lungs, although can involve other parts of the body. In healthy children it is much like a bad cold, however influenza can cause more serious illness in very young children and those with chronic medical conditions. Influenza occurs mainly during the winter months. Each year infections are caused by slightly different strains of the virus. Occasionally one of these strains can cause a more widespread or severe outbreak, similar to the 2009 H1N1 (‘swine-flu’) pandemic.

Symptoms and Signs
Influenza usually begins with a sudden onset of fever and at least two or three of the following symptoms:

- Aches and pains
- Headache
- Cough or noisy breathing
- Sore throat and runny nose
- Low energy
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea
**Children at risk of severe illness**
Influenza can be more serious in children with chronic medical conditions including:
- Chronic respiratory conditions (including asthma)
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic neurological or metabolic conditions
- Chronic kidney or liver problems
- Diabetes mellitus
- A lowered immune system, due to medicines or illness

**Warning signs of severe illness** include poor feeding, dehydration and difficulty breathing.

**Treatment**
Most children recover within seven days without any treatment. Ensure your child has plenty of bed rest, encourage them to drink lots of fluid and use paracetamol for pain or discomfort. Do not give aspirin to your child if they have influenza as this can lead to serious side effects.

Antibiotics are not helpful for influenza and will not be prescribed unless your child also has a bacterial infection. Antiviral medications (such as Tamiflu) are not given to children who have influenza and who are otherwise fit and healthy. This is because they do not usually make a difference to the duration of the illness.

If your child has any **warning signs of severe illness** or is at **risk of severe illness**, seek urgent medical advice.

**How is it spread?**
Influenza is very infectious. It can spread through the air by coughing and sneezing and by touching objects that have been in contact with an infected person's mouth or nose. A person with influenza is contagious from the day before, until a few days after, the symptoms begin.

**Prevention**
The best way to prevent influenza is the influenza vaccine (see below).

- Good hygiene habits can also reduce the chance of getting influenza or passing it to others. These include:
  - Regular hand washing
  - Not sharing cups or cutlery
  - Covering your mouth when you cough

**Influenza vaccine ('flu-shot')**
The influenza vaccine can be given to any child over six months of age to reduce the chance of becoming sick with influenza. Vaccination is voluntary, but everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated. If your child has a chronic medical condition, it is **strongly recommended** they have an annual influenza vaccination. All household members should also be vaccinated to decrease the chances of your child being exposed to influenza. Because the influenza virus changes (or "mutates") slightly from year to year, your child will need a new and updated influenza vaccine at the beginning of each influenza season.

Side effects of the vaccine include pain and redness at the site of injection. Less commonly, children may develop fever or aches and pains which last one to two days. The vaccine cannot cause influenza as it contains killed or inactivated influenza virus.

Whilst the current trivalent influenza vaccines (TIV) are made in egg embryos, there are now several published studies demonstrating the safety of influenza vaccines in egg allergic patients. Children that have an egg allergy who are recommended to have the TIV, should be referred to a specialist clinic for discussion. In Victoria, visit [www.saefvic.org.au](http://www.saefvic.org.au) or call the RCH (03) 9345 4143 for more information.

**Key points to remember**
- Vaccination is the best way to prevent influenza.
- Influenza is very infectious so good hygiene is important.
- Influenza is caused by a virus so antibiotics cannot be used to treat it.
- Influenza can be more serious in children with chronic medical conditions.
- Contact your family doctor if your child has influenza and has a chronic medical condition or signs of severe illness.

**For more Information**
See your family doctor
RCH Immunisation Service tel (03) 9345 6599
Call Nurse-on-Call Tel **1300 60 60 24** (free call in Victoria)
Seasonal Flu factsheets from the Department of Health

I hope you find this information useful- the Royal Children’s Hospital fact sheets are always up to date and relevant.

Unfortunately there has been a gastro bug around the 1/2 grades – vomiting a predominating factor-please keep your child home and resting if unwell and see a doctor if you are at all worried. Rehydrate with water, wash hands often and rest, rest. I talked about gastroenteritis in the February 23rd newsletter attaching a fact sheet to the newsletter then-I shall reattach that today for your convenience.

I hope you all stay well! Have a fabulous week.

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse.
Fete 2012 & Events Update

After finalizing expenses involved with the fete, we are extremely happy to announce that the amount raised from the 2012 fete is $45,000!!

This is a steady and substantial increase on previous years. Well done to all!!

Congratulations to the fete committee - past and present members, staff, students, stall co-ordinators, and volunteers. Thank you to the great musicians and community groups for their involvement and to all the families and friends who attended and who helped to make the day successful.

A big thank you for all the WONDERFUL DONATIONS we received from family, friends, sponsors and local businesses. Please support these businesses let them know you are from Wales Street.

Funds raised will continue to be used to make improvements in school playing areas. The majority of the funds will go towards repayments for the play equipment which will be finalized at the end of 2013. Fundraising events such as the fete have made it possible for the children to enjoy equipment that they would otherwise be without.

Thank you for all the help and effort people put in to make this possible.

The next event for your diaries will be the Wales Street Groove Family Disco!!

Ticket and Pizza booking forms will be sent home next week. Get in quick. There are limited tickets.

Thank you
Maria Romnios
Fete/Events Co-ordinator

2012 CHESS TOURNAMENT #2

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. 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: Tuesday 19th June 2012
Time: 9.00am – 2.00pm
Venue: St Clement of Rome, 9 Egan Drive, Bulleen
Cost: $16.00 Cash or Cheque made out to “Chess World”.

Please leave payment and completed registration form at the school office no later than 12/6/12. Unclaimed reservations must be surrendered on this day and your child will lose the chance to play if not registered by the deadline.

I give permission for my child

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(name)
in Grade________ to play in the St Clement of Rome Interschool Chess tournament on 19/6/12.

Parent’s Name_________________________________________ Phone_________________________________________

Mobile________________________ Email address________________________________________________________

Signed________________________________________________ Date / /

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

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS at BLFM. $12 per session. Sessions include Aqua adventures, Craft, Karate, Cooking, Games and Drama. Inquiries: 9490 7111

City of Darebin FREE EXERCISE INDOORS
At Wales Street Primary School – Wednesday 9am-9:50am – Winter Workout. Open to parents & guardians of students enrolled at WSPS. Starts from 4 June to 29 June 2012, then from 16 July to 10 August 2012. All welcome. No bookings required (bring water & towel). Enquiries 8470 8888 www.darebin.vic.gov.au (please see link to City of Darebin flyer in the school newsletter section).
Account Options: Families now have two options for receiving accounts.

**Option 1:** Hard copy placed in the “accounts designated box”

**Option 2:** Forwarded to a nominated email address

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)/Family Assistance Office states that:

“A service may provide statements electronically, ie via email, as long as the person to whom it is given, **consents** to receive the statements electronically and must be in writing”

Families need to indicate their preference of how they want to receive their fortnightly account.

Please indicate Account Option and return slip to SAC or to the school office.

![Account Option Form]

**ACCOUNT OPTION**

Family Name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Signature: ___________________________

☐ Hardcopy, or

☐ I would like to receive my fortnightly invoice by email provided

PLEASE PROVIDE EMAIL ADDRESS –

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