**FROM THE PRINCIPAL….**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**World Teachers Day Friday 28th October**
Thank you to all the parents who took the opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and work of the teaching staff last Friday on World Teachers’ Day. I know the teaching staff members were delighted to receive the positive feedback and compliments by parents and students.

**Parent Input on Class Groupings – Closes this Friday 4th November**
This year I will again be following the process that has been developed over the past few years of class grouping arrangements to ensure the transition of students from one year and class level to another is as positive and beneficial as possible.

*As part of this process parents are now being invited to write to me by this Friday 4th November to indicate information and aspects such as friendships or relationship issues that should be taken into account by staff in forming classes. Please address the letter to me Christopher Sexton Principal Wales Street Primary School and headed “Parent Request for Student Placement Considerations 2012”. Please do not leave it until after the cut off date as information will be too late to be considered by staff.*

After the closing date for submissions the staff will then commence the process of class formation. Decisions will reflect our best professional thinking and judgements, as well as taking into consideration parent information; in making the most appropriate class grouping for your child/ren. It will also be linked with the deployment/employment of staff in line with their experience and school priorities.

It is a very complex and careful process and next year there will be 23 classes. Staff take into account not only parent and student friendship group information/desires but also academic skills and gender balance as well as existing relationship issues between students. It is very much a balancing act at times to create the best match ups and class groups within the school at all levels.

**Planning for 2012**
I have asked parents to indicate if they are planning to transfer their child at the end of this year to please notify the school office as soon as possible as it is vital that we have accurate information as it greatly influences planning of class numbers and staffing for next year. Class Formation, Staffing and School Structures will be organized during November in preparation for 2012. If you have not done so, apart from current year 6 students already let the office know if you are leaving at the end of the school year.

Currently, I am anticipating 535 students and forming 23 classes and the following roles/positions.

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Principal
Christopher Sexton
Assistant Principal
Acting Principal
Assistant
Jenny Deeble
Trevor Robinson
School Production DVD
We now have a deadline for the delivery of the DVD - Celebrating 120 years of Music at Wales Street PS - of Monday 14th November. Please pre order so we can distribute as efficiently as possible. Please return order form and payment to the school office.

After School Chinese Language Program
A reminder that the After School Chinese School has commenced this term with the lessons being offered free of charge and run from 3.45-5.30pm. This is a trial service in our school and from Term 1, 2012 charges will apply to use the program. Lessons for this program will be conducted in the Reading Room in the Wales Street building. With the reintroduction of Mandarin as one of our LOTE programs this year, this is a wonderful opportunity to support the school's curriculum. Information about the program is available at the school office.

The Day before Melbourne Cup Day - Monday 5th 2012
Next year schools will be able to choose their own dates for curriculum days again as the Department of Education Employment and Childhood Development (DEECD) will no longer mandate the dates for schools. I have therefore asked School Council to approve the day before Melbourne Cup day as only a 1/3 of students are currently attending based on Monday's attendance.

Christopher Sexton
Principal

Play in The Park
REMINDER: WSPS AFTERNOON PLAY IN THE PARK THIS SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2 - 4 PM JOHNSON PARK, BASTINGS ST NORTHCOTE. BRING PLATE TO SHARE. SIBLINGS WELCOME.

Sick Bay Linen Duty
04/11/11 - Anna Mathioulakis
11/11/11 - Cressida Koniaras
18/11/11 - ???

We urgently need another 5 prep parents to volunteer for sick bay linen duty. Please leave your name at the school office if you can help. Thank you 😊

Spare Undies for Sickbay
We are out of spare undies (girls & boys) for Prep-2 aged children. If you have any spare/extra's we would really appreciate some donations. Please pass on to Cath in sick bay.

Uniform Price Increase & Collection of Orders
There will be a price increase on all uniform items effective 7th November 2011 (new price list included in the newsletter). Orders for out of stock items will not be placed until 2012.

Uniform Shop Hours: Tuesdays: 8.45-9.30am
Thursdays: 3.00-3:45pm

Collection of uniform orders: If you have been contacted by the school to collect your order please do so by Tuesday 8th November. Any items not collected will be returned to stock.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/11/11 Mango Orders Due
14-18/11/11 Book Fair
16/11/11 Traffic School Exc: 12A/12D/12E
17/11/11 Traffic School Exc: 12B/12C/12F/12G
14/12/11 Parliament Exc: 56A/56B
19/12/11 Grade 6 Graduation
21/12/11 Funfields Toboggan Park Exc: Gr 5/6
22/12/11 Last Day of Term – students will be dismissed at 1,00pm

2012
02/02/12 School Begins for Grades 1-6
03/02/12 School Begins for Preps

MEETING DATES & TIMES
14/11/11 Events 7:00pm
15/11/11 Facilities 7:15pm
16/11/11 Policy & Planning 7:15pm
18/11/11 OSHC 8:00am
22/11/11 Finance 7:00pm
SCHOOL AGE CARE (SAC)

2012 ENROLMENT AND BOOKINGS

Enrolment Forms and booking slips for 2012 are now available

Parents/Guardians can collect an Enrolment Form and booking slip from the Before & After School Age Care Program.

ONE FORM FOR EACH CHILD must be completed and returned with a $10.00 per family Enrolment Registration Fee (cash only).

Please fill out the entire form, as all information is necessary. Please pay special attention to the date of birth and Customer Reference Number sections as these are necessary if you are to be able to claim CCB and the Child Care Rebate. Please also pay special attention to the Collection section as only these signatories are authorised to collect your child or children from the program.

To ensure that you do not miss out on a place, a booking slip must be filled out when re-enrolling for next year.

Families who will be adding younger siblings (new Preps) will be required to fill out a new enrolment form for that child.

Due to the high demand of places for both the Before and After School Age Care programs, it is important to make a booking for 2012 so that you don't miss out on a place.

If families do not re-enrol for 2012, then the program will assume that no care is required for next year.

INCLUSION & DIVERSTIY POLICY REVIEW

The Before & After School Age Care program is currently reviewing the Inclusion/Diversity policy. This policy is located at the program. If you would like to contribute any ideas or feedback and you would like to see changes to this policy, contact Cangie. Once changes to this policy are finalised, we will then forward the changes to School's Policy Committee who then forward these changes to School Council for approval.

LIBRARY NEWS.....

BOOK FAIR!

Our Christmas Book Fair is coming!

Monday 14th Nov to Friday 18th November
8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm daily

During the week beginning Monday 14th November the Library will be holding a SCB Book Fair. Most of the commission earned from sales, will go to provide a little extra spending money for Library book buying in 2012.

We aim to provide you with a one stop shop for all those Christmas and holiday needs. A catalogue will be sent home in the preceding week, to show you a selection of available titles. Remember this fair is not restricted to children's fiction and non-fiction books. You will find craft and activity books, cookbooks, diaries, greeting cards and books to interest everyone from the toddler to the discerning adult reader.
Hi Everyone,

It's that time of year again, when School Council has to make tough decisions. There are always tough decisions, but this one keeps coming up every year. We as a School Council have a responsibility to ensure the school is solvent, i.e., pays for itself. The Education Department gives the School funds but it is a very tight budget. Hence the need for constant fundraising and the school fees.

The fees the school charges for include a couple of areas which we as a group agreed is important for the learning and wellbeing of our children at Wales St. With this in mind, a couple of years ago we proposed the hiring of nurse for the school and also to introduce an ICT (Information Communication and Technology) levy to ensure children had access to quality learning and technology and the school nurse to address student health and wellbeing.

Since the introduction of the charges, we have noticed that not all families are choosing to pay which is of concern, for if this is not paid, ultimately the service will not be able to be provided. This is particularly so for the nurse. Firstly, it should be acknowledged we receive absolutely no funding for the school nurse. This is a service which School Council identified as being important for the school to have. Initially it was a trial and as it went well, School Council decided to maintain it. These fees are voluntary, however before you decide whether you will pay, please consider the following points:

1. Before the school nurse was employed, teachers and office staff were responsible for first aid. As you can appreciate this would have included some fairly challenging situations which may have resulted in ambulance call outs and hospital visits. Staff are trained in first aid, but these more serious incidents would challenge experienced medical professionals.
2. Continuity of care was an issue as teachers would hand over to another (possibly teacher or office staff) because of class commitments.
3. Teachers attending first aid matters would have had their classes disrupted thereby affecting the learning and focus of their class.
4. Once the nurse was employed, teachers were also freed up to take on extra curricular activities on during recess and lunch time.
5. The school nurse is available to all students and is on staff from 9:30am-3pm to cover the busiest times of the day.
6. A number of students have very serious medical conditions which are assisted and monitored by the school nurse. This ensures minimal disruption to teachers and other students as well as provides a support to the affected children.
7. The nurse has an oversight role for the whole school around medical matters and constantly advises staff on good and current practice in relation to childhood illnesses and conditions.
8. The nurse has assisted in educating the school community about general medical matters, both through her informative newsletter pieces but also, directly to people who have approached her.
9. The school nurse guides the school in developing health and well-being policies in line with departmental requirements.
10. Administrative areas relating to medical matters are her responsibility whereas previously this was shared amongst some individuals.

We hear that other schools in the area are so impressed by what we are doing, that they are investigating replicating our model. As a parent, I think the benefits of having a nurse on staff is far in excess of the yearly charge. Knowing that someone is available who is a trained medical professional provides peace of mind to parents and teachers alike. I would ask you to consider contributing to this fee.

Militsa Toskovska
School Council President
School Nurse Report

Hello Everyone,

It’s rather refreshing having a day off school during the week isn’t it? That extra sleep in does wonders for the young ones. Did you have a dabble at the Melbourne Cup or go “Trick or Treating?” Or maybe a bit of both. Hope it was all fun nevertheless.

This week I thought I might give you some positive feedback from the Asthma Foundation. It’s always nice to know all that effort to give your children the most effective care is working! Parents must all give themselves a good pat on the back. Excellent work.

The headline figures from the Asthma in Australia 2011 report released today show that between 2001 and 2007-08, the prevalence of asthma declined in people aged 5 to 34 years by over one quarter, but remained stable in adults aged 35 years and over. The report also shows a decrease in deaths from asthma, with the mortality rate due to asthma dropping by 45% between 1997 and 2009.

The decline in the high level statistics, asthma mortality and prevalence in children and young adults (5-34) is very good news.

The drop in mortality and prevalence is tribute to ever-improving medications and is also a dividend from the terrific asthma awareness/ education work that organizations like the Asthma Foundations have been doing by providing information and support to help thousands of people better understand and manage their condition.

As well as delivering asthma training programs in schools, childcare centres and other community settings to ensure carers can recognise any symptoms and have been trained in asthma first aid.

It’s also due to strong campaigns which have successfully reduced smoking in public places, cars and in the home – smoking being the most significant risk factor for developing asthma, or exacerbating existing asthma symptoms.

However, there was no change in asthma prevalence in Australians over 35 years, which is still stuck at 10%, and a mortality rate of around 400, which is still high by international standards.

Asthma still has a huge impact on individuals, families, communities, workplaces and the health system.

Complacency is still the No. 1 enemy when it comes to asthma. The Asthma Foundation encourages people with asthma to:

- Develop an Asthma Action Plan with your doctor tailored to your own individual condition
- Take your daily preventer medication and not rely on your reliever medication, which may not be enough to save you in the event of a serious asthma attack
- Have your asthma regularly reviewed by your GP, even if you are feeling well
- Ensure you are using their inhaler device correctly. You can review the correct technique on the Foundation’s video page

While we’re clearly come a long way, there’s still a long way still to go.

Yes...but we’re heading in the right direction! Until next week, hope your Halloween was suitably horrible and your horse came in at a gallop!

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse
Garden Club

I have started a garden club for children at lunchtime on Wednesdays. Any children can join and they spend time planting, weeding and discovering bugs too. They learn lots about nature through hands on activities. I would appreciate any help from parents or donated seeds or seedlings. Please send any seeds to LTC Room 3 or if you have some time, we will be in the old or new vegie garden at 1.40 to 2.05pm on Wednesdays.

Thanks,
Louise Young

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Spring clean your home Inside and Out! Have your house cleaned for you professionally on the outside (I use an environmentally safe water pressure machine) and/ or inside thoroughly. I do regular or once-off cleans, handyman repairs, small paint jobs, mowing, gardening and rubbish removal. Affordable prices. Call me before the busy Christmas season on 0402 441613 - Patrick.

CITY OF DAREBIN FREE EXERCISE IN THE PARK
OUTDOOR FITNESS: Mondays & Thursdays 10am-11am.
All Nations Park, Dennis Street, Northcote - meet at the lake. Bundoora Park, Snake Gully Drive, Bundoora – meet at the oval. HLT Oulten Reserve – meet Cnr Bell & Albert St., Preston.

PILATES: Fridays 10am-11am.
Edwardes Lake Park, Griffiths Street, Reservoir – meet at BBQ area. Oldis Gardens, Westgarth Street, Northcote – meet at entry gates.

YOGA: Wednesdays 10am-11am
JC Donath Reserve East – meet at Cnr Harmer St & Cheddar Rd., Reservoir. All Nations Park – Dennis Street, Northcote – meet at lake.

WSPS School Production
Celebrating 120 Years of Music at Wales Street
DVD Order Form

Parents have the opportunity to purchase a DVD of the WSPS School Production Celebrating 120 Years of Music at Wales Street that was held at Dallas Brooks Hall on Tuesday 13th September 2011.

If you would like to place an order please complete details below and return to school, together with your payment, by Friday 14th October 2011. (Delivery will be during term 4)

Please come to the office if you would like to pay by eftpos/credit card.

Number of DVD’s required…………………… at $20 each = $........................................

Child’s Name:................................................................................................................... Grade:.........................

Parent Name:......................................................................................................................
# Uniform Price List 2011
Effective 7/11/11

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