FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

Dear Parents/Guardians,

House Swimming Sports
On Monday the House Swimming Sports was held at the Northcote Pool and we were fortunate that the weather was perfect for this event. The sportsmanship of the students was wonderful to see, as was the endeavour of students striving to do the best for their House. Congratulations to St David House on their win in a very close affair from Clyde House. Thank you to Anna for organising the event and to all the parents and staff who helped out on the day, to ensure that this event ran smoothly.

Enrolment Intentions for 2013 Closes Tomorrow
Apart from Year 6 students, could parents/guardians who currently have children attending Wales Street and are planning to transfer at the end of this year please notify the school office by tomorrow Friday 2nd November. It is vital that we have accurate information as it greatly influences planning of class numbers and staffing for next year.

The Process of Class Formations for 2013
As part of this process parents are now being invited to write to me by next Friday 8th 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 2013”.

Curriculum Days this term Monday 5th November and the 21st December
Each year four days are set aside as Curriculum Days, which are pupil free days where the staff undertake Professional Development Training. This term we had already set aside 5th November, the Monday before Melbourne Cup Day and now School Council has also approved the last day of the school year, the 21st December as the final Curriculum Day for the year. This date will minimize the disruption to school programs and activities, and staff can use this day to plan for 2013. Please note that the students will be dismissed at 3.30pm on the 20th December and not at 1.00pm, as it is not the final day of the school year.
Report on the Development of the School’s new 2013 – 2016 Strategic Plan

At last night’s School Council meeting, the council agreed to the Goals and Key Improvement Strategies for the new 2013 – 2016 Strategic Plan (see table below). I would like to thank all the parents and staff who attended information and planning sessions and contributed to the development of this work. The leadership team and I will now work with the staff on developing the operational aspects of the Plan - the Targets, Actions and Achievement Milestones (Changes in practice and behaviors) which will support the achievement of these Goals and Key Improvement Strategies.

### Wales Street School Strategic Plan 2013- 2016:

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<td><strong>Student Learning</strong></td>
<td>To improve individual learning outcomes for all students with a focus on literacy, numeracy and curiosity.</td>
<td>Continue to develop the capacity of teachers, with a particular focus on embedding a culture of curiosity across the curriculum. Continue to build staff capacity in the teaching of Writing and Numeracy concepts to enhance student achievement. Continue to develop a whole school approach to assessment and the use of data to improve teaching and learning.</td>
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<td><strong>Student Engagement and Wellbeing</strong></td>
<td>To improve student relationships and student well-being through a whole school approach to teaching and learning.</td>
<td>Continue to improve teacher effectiveness, teacher empathy and stimulating learning through the delivery of a consistent Inquiry learning and teaching model. Build attributes of a learner and social skills which improve student connectedness and motivation.</td>
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<td><strong>Student Pathways and Transitions</strong></td>
<td>To improve the transition of students through the developmental stages of primary school and into secondary school.</td>
<td>Continue to plan and develop strategies to meet the needs of all students as they transition through their academic and personal development stages of growth. Continue to improve and develop a whole school approach to Inquiry learning and a commitment to the implementation of the Primary Years Program.</td>
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### 2012 -13 School Budget

Recently I met with the school accountant to review the school Budget provided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) for 2013. When we compared the amounts provided for 2013 with this year’s Budget we have found that the Budget allocated to the school for student resources, operation costs, staffing and maintenance has effectively been cut, as there has been no increase to keep up with inflation. Although schools were not supposed to be effected by the cutbacks to education, we have found funding has only increased by an average of $4 per student and taking inflation into account this is effectively a reduction to the school Budget. Technically the State Government has not decreased the $ figure funding to schools, however, the bottom line effect has been huge. Instead of the school Budget going up by 3% to keep up with inflation this is effectively a reduction of $108,294 to our school budget which we have had to work through in developing our Budget for next year.

### School Levies and Charges for 2013

Although it has been a very difficult budget setting for School Council the Finance and Governance Committee and the staff have worked on limiting the financial cost to parents and families as much as possible. School Council has approved the 2013 School Levies and Charges and apart from the Essential Education Item of Classroom and Book Supplies ($10) and the School Nurse ($5) there have been no increases (see the table below).

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Christopher Sexton
Principal
SCHOOL AGED CARE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Re-Enrolment for 2013 will be conducted during Term 4, so that we can commence processing data and planning for next year.

Families who currently use the program and require care for next year must re-enrol by coming into the program and checking and updating their current enrolment form and their details and paying the annual $10 LEVY FEE (cash).

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY RE-ENROLMENTS WITHOUT THE $10 levy fee
Have the $10 (cash) with you when Re-enrolling
Only families, who have paid the levy, will be registered to use the program in 2013

SEE CANGIE OR VANESSA TO UPDATE YOUR CURRENT ENROLMENT FORM AND REGISTER FOR 2013
If families do not re-enrol and make a booking for 2013, then the program will assume that you will not require care for next year.

CURRICULUM DAYS
(MONDAY BEFORE MELBOURNE CUP DAY - 5TH NOVEMBER)
Monday 5th November is a Curriculum Day. The School Age Care Program will be available for children who need care for this day.

Bookings for Curriculum Day are essential and can be made on 9480 3896, email oshc.wales.street.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or in person.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL, WE NEED TO HAVE AN INDICATION OF NUMBERS FOR THIS DAY FOR STAFFING PURPOSES AND PROGRAMMING
The cost for the day is $35 per child, less if you receive Child Care Benefits
The program will operate from 7.00 am to 6.00 pm.
The children will need to bring a morning and afternoon snack, lunch and a drink bottle.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 21ST
Details will be available next Thursday
Fresh North Queensland Mangoes only $25 a box

Direct from the farm to you!  NOTE: Orders must be paid before delivery.

Order Form

Name:
Address:
Email address:
Contact Number:

Payment Method:  □ Cash  □ Cheque (payable to: Wales St Primary School)  □ EFT/Visa

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Remember to offer this to your family, co-workers, friends and neighbours.

 риск return this form and payment to the school
By: **Friday 2nd November.**
Mangoes should be ready for collection in late November / early December. (This date may vary slightly depending on the mangoes ripening).

Each box weighs approx 7kg which is between 14-20 mangoes depending on their size.
UNIFORM FOR 2013

Uniform Orders for Term 1, 2013
Parents are asked to place & pay for orders by Thursday 1st November 2012. Uniform orders will not be accepted after this date. The uniform shop will close for the year on Thursday 29th November 2012.

Orders will be processed over January and are to be collected from the school hall:

- Tuesday 22nd January 2013 from 12:00-3:00pm  OR
- Wednesday 23rd January 2013 from 12:00-3:00pm

IMPORTANT NOTE! We cannot guarantee uniform items will be available from the uniform shop at the beginning of 2013 if you have not pre-ordered in 2012.

Swimming and State Athletics

Well done to all the students who participated in the Wales Street House Swimming Carnival on Monday! We had great weather and a great atmosphere. It was good to see so many students jumping in and having a go for their team. A BIG thank you all the staff, parents and family members who helped out or came and supported our students. The final scores were as follows: 4th place on 53 points Wales, 3rd on 59 points Speight, and 2nd with 117 was Clyde. Congratulations to St David who came first on 121 points!

Also a big CONGRATULATIONS to Chella Barrow who competed in the state Triple jump final and came 9th! A fantastic effort! We also had the girls basketball team compete in a division play off last week. The girls won by 2 points in a close overtime finish.

Anna de Vos

Vision Portrait Fundraiser

Thank you to all the families who took part on Saturday. We raised over $500 for our school. The winner of the $245 photo package is Debra Allen. Congratulations.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE

The Age is publishing a special lift-out including the names of all the students who successfully completed this year’s Challenge ON Sunday November 11th. The lift-out will feature:

- The names of every student that successfully completed the Challenge
- All the final statistics, including number of books read and most popular books
- A look back on the highlights of this year’s Challenge.

Certificates will be delivered to the School during November.

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

Seeking Second Hand uniform items to buy: size 8 summer uniforms x2, size 8 hooded windcheater with zip x 1, size 8 skort x 1. Please call Harriet 0402 350 565.


Thornbury Kindergarten. Open Day. Sat. Nov. 10, 10am – 1pm. Meet the teachers & access information in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. 8C Newcastle Street, Thornbury. Face painting, Kids activities, refreshments, coffee and balloons. www.thornburykindergarten.com.au

Preston (Darebin) Blue Light Disco. 2nd Nov. Preston Town Hall, 274 Gower St., Preston. Band Code 1 will be playing. 6.30-9.30pm (8-14yo) Cost: $6.00. Children need to be picked up by a responsible adult. Canteen with food & drinks. Plenty of prizes & giveaways. Contact Jo Parissis 0418 144 446. Sign up to the Blue Light Website at www.bluelight.org.au