FROM THE PRINCIPAL…..

Dear Parents,

11th November
This Friday will be the 11/11/11 which is an interesting date for those mathematically inclined although I am rather more looking forward to the 22/2/22 date. Nevertheless, the 11th November has a particular significance for Australia. It marks the end of the First World War in 1918 and Remembrance Day. The day also saw the Dismissal of the Whitlam Government in 1975, the most dramatic political event in the history of Australia’s Federation. Finally on this day in 1880 Ned Kelly, our most famous bushranger and for many a folk hero, was hanged in the Old Melbourne Gaol at the age of 25.

School Levies and charges for 2012
At the last School council meeting the draft of the 2012 School Budget was presented. Unfortunately, with the reduction per student of State Government funding in 2012 and rising costs there has had to be some increase in family school levies and charges.

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As Militsa Toskovska, the School Council President, notes in last week’s Newsletter that although the Education Department gives the School funds, it is a very tight budget, and 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 are 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. Parents contribution to the Building Fund of over $40,000 have also been crucial over the past four years to ensure the improvements to student classrooms such as new whiteboards, painting and carpeting and air-conditioning. Next year, with this funding, we are planning with the increase from 21 – 23 classes rooms to revamp the St David OHSC building and repaint and install new air conditioners in all rooms, convert two new areas of the Speight St building into 5/6 classrooms and create a new meeting room. It is an investment parents have made in the past to their children’s education and the improvements to all classrooms, the staff room, and also the creation of the ICT Centre can be seen.

Student Transfers for 2012
Apart from Year 6 students, could parents/guardians who currently have students attending Wales Street and are planning to transfer at the end of this year please notify the school office as soon as possible. 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 organised over the next month in preparation for 2012.

ABC Instrumental Music Concert and Night Market 5th December
The ABC instrumental music teachers will be holding a celebration concert for their students on Monday 5th December at 5.30pm in the School Hall. Parents may also like to then attend the Xmas Shopping Market which is to be held in the Wales Street building starting 6:30pm. Hopefully the weather will be very kind and it will be a lovely evening.
Hot Days
Currently we have a policy of when the temperature reaches over 35 degrees students remain indoors. Students are also encouraged to drink frequently throughout the day and to wear suitable clothing, shoes and school hats when outdoors.

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.

Christopher Sexton
Principal

Sick Bay Linen Duty
11/11/11 - Cressida Koniaras
18/11/11 - Sarah Williams
25/11/11 - Olivia Millard

We still need a few more prep parents to volunteer for sick bay linen duty. Please leave your name at the school office if you can help. Thank you 😊

Federal Government’s School Funding Review
The federal government’s review of school funding is coming to an end with the Gonski review’s recommendations due to be made to the federal government in December. This is the biggest schools’ review since the early 1970s. Our school put in a submission earlier this year.

If you would like to have a final say and send an email or sign a petition regarding the funding of schools, please go to:
www.forourfuture.org.au

P.E. NEWS
I’m Maryellen and on Monday the 7th of November I participated in the Victorian State Championships at the amazing new athletics stadium in Albert Park.

I ran in the 11 year old Girls 80 metre hurdles. As being the only representative from Wales Street put a lot of pressure on me I was very nervous.

After lots of anxious waiting I ended up coming 4th.

I’d like to thank Anna for helping and supporting me throughout the whole competition.

Thank-you, Maryellen Matsas (5/6D)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SCHOOL AGE CARE (SAC)

ENROLMENT FORMS & BOOKINGS FOR 2012
To enable data to be processed and for planning for next year, families need to ensure that enrolment & booking forms for 2012 are filled out with appropriate details and returned to with $10 (cash only) Administration Fee as soon as possible.

FEES
As we are fast approaching the end of the school year, can I remind families to make regular fortnightly payments over the next 6 weeks.

If families would like to settle their invoice in advance see Cangie or Vanessa and we will issue you an account up to the end of the year.

ALL FEES UP UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR MUST BE PAID IN FULL OR CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE THE SERVICE IN 2012. AS PER OUR FEE POLICY

BABYSITTING
Brianna McIntyre, 19 years old student studying Primary Teaching. Works at After Care at Wales Street Primary School. Call anytime 0434 896 200.

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

DAREBIN BACKYARD HARVEST FESTIVAL: 12 – 27 November
*Learn from local experts from a diversity of cultures *Get inspired to start or expand your home food garden *Meet your neighbours and swap gardening tips

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.

Darebin Parklands Discovery Day
Enjoy a free day of family fun in Darebin Parklands on Sunday 13 November, from 2-5 pm. Free entertainment includes guided walks with Ranger Pete where you can learn about the park’s wildlife and history; Spiritual Healing Trail walk; performances by The Alphingtones and The Splinters; Kids HQ where you can make an origami frog or colour a poster for the competition and historical and photographic displays. The new parklands history, Darebin Parklands: Escaping the Claws of the Machine will be launched between 3-4pm by Rob Gell and author Dr Sarah Mirams will be signing books during the afternoon. The event location is near the Separation Street, Alphington entrance. Note that on-site car parking is very limited. Please walk, cycle or take public transport (the route 508 bus runs every 35 minutes and stops right out the front, and Alphington and Darebin train stations are a few minutes’ walk away). Info: www.dpa.org.au or http://www.facebook.com/darebinpark or phone Ingrid, 0409 007 530.

SAVE THE DATE
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MARKET
WSPS in the WALES STREET BUILDING
Monday 5 December 2011 from 6.30pm

Get your Christmas shopping lists ready and come along to the Wales Street Christmas Shopping Market which will be held in the school hall. Find the perfect gift for family, friends or even splurge on something for yourself. Hundreds of products at all different price points will be available and all stallholders will donate back to the school.

Tell your friends and we'll see you there. Gold coin donation on entry.

Do you run a market stall or know someone who does?
We are looking for a range of stallholders to be part of this event. Please call Leah Taylor this week on 0403 576 925 or email leah.taylor@straightshooter.com.au to get involved.
LIBRARY NEWS…..

BOOK FAIR!

Our Christmas Book Fair starts next Monday!

Monday 14th November 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 is being sent home this week (oldest child will receive it) to show you a selection of available titles. If you can’t get to the Book Fair in person and would like to purchase something from their catalogue, please fill in the details on the order form and return it with cash/card/cheque [payable to Social Club Books] to the Library during Book Fair week. I will fill your order. A wider selection of titles can be viewed on line at their website www.scb.com.au

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.

As with all our book fairs, if the book title is the last on display, we will take your order and money and deliver the item to your child’s class when new stock arrives. If you are considering buying gifts at this Book Fair, we allow you to pick up orders from the Library rather than having them go directly to classrooms, as long as specified at time of ordering.

Look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

Sallie

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:…………………………………………………………………………………...
Hello Everyone,

First and foremost let me thank you! Thank you to all those lovely parents who have supplied the First Aid room with lots of spare underwear. I had such a wonderful response to last week’s request that I cleaned out our spare clothes and undies cupboard in order to do honour to our lovely new stock. It all looks rather marvey and organized now. Also thank you, to all the prep parents, who have helpfully contributed to the continuing clean linen on our First Aid beds. It makes such a difference to have this ongoing assistance. Your generosity with time and contributions are much appreciated.

Today’s information is to be on “Hand/Foot and Mouth disease. A couple of our young students have been reported to have contracted this virus in its early stages, and kindly let us know immediately. This is so important, as we can then let the rest of our community know. This forthcoming sheet is from http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/bluebook/hand-foot-info.asp

Hand, foot & mouth disease information sheet

What is hand, foot & mouth disease?

Hand foot and mouth disease is caused by a virus (usually coxsackie virus A16). It causes blisters on the hands and feet, in the mouth and often in the ‘nappy’ area. It is generally only a mild disease that lasts seven to ten days. It is more common during warmer weather and tends to spread easily between children. This infection is spread by direct contact with fluid from the skin blisters, nose and throat discharges, droplets (sneezing, coughing) and faeces (stools). Good personal hygiene is important to prevent spread of the infection to others. There is no connection between this disease and the foot and mouth disease that affects cattle and some other animals.

Who gets hand, foot & mouth disease?

Most people have been infected with the virus which causes this disease by the time they are adults. So it is generally just a small percentage of children who get features of disease after infection.

Signs & symptoms

People usually develop symptoms between three to seven days after being infected. The most common signs and symptoms are:

- a high temperature (fever)
- a sore throat
- small, blister-like lesions that may occur on the inside of the mouth, sides of the tongue, palms of the hands, fingers, soles of the feet and ‘nappy’ area.

How long is it infectious?

The skin blisters of hand, foot and mouth disease are infectious until they become crusty and there is no fluid in the blisters. The virus may also be shed in the faeces for several weeks after the blisters resolve. Good personal hygiene is essential to prevent the spread of hand, foot and mouth disease to others, both for those infected and their carers. This includes:

- washing hands carefully after contact with the blister-like lesions, after handling nose and throat discharges, and after contact with faeces such as with nappy changing
- allowing blisters to dry naturally. Do not pierce blisters, as the fluid within is infectious
- using separate eating and drinking utensils.

Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school and child care centres until all the blisters have dried.

How do you treat hand foot & mouth disease?

There is no specific treatment for hand, foot and mouth disease. Use paracetamol (not aspirin) as directed for fever and any discomfort. The disease itself is generally mild. If a child with hand, foot and mouth disease complains of severe headache, if fever persists, or if there are any other worrying symptoms consult your local doctor immediately.

Further information

- Your local doctor
- Better Health Channel
- Victorian Department of Health, Telephone 1300 651 160

I hope that information assists you-please consult your doctor for any assessments.

Did you know that Sunday the 13th is World Kindness day?” It was introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement. According to modern psychology, altruistic acts increase our own happiness in a profound way… With that thought…..

Until next week….may yours be both happy and kind.

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse  (…don't you just love that there is a World Kindness Movement!..)
Fresh North Queensland Mangoes

Direct from the farm to you!

NOTE: Orders must be paid before delivery.

Order Form

Name:
Address:
Email address:
Contact Number:

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

Please return this form and payment to the school by Thursday 10th November.

Mangoes should be ready for collection in early December. (This date may vary slightly depending on the mangoes ripening).