Dear Parents and Guardians,

Curriculum Day Monday 5th November

A reminder that Monday 5th November is a Curriculum Day and is a student free day.

Furthermore, I will be asking School Council at to approve the last day of the school year, the 21st December, as the final Curriculum Day for the year as this will minimize the disruption to school programs and activities. The staff will use this day to plan for 2013.

PYP Information Night Thursday 25th October

The Primary Years Program (PYP) information night that was held earlier in the year will be repeated tonight at 7pm in the Hall. The PYP is a key program of the school so it is very important that parents and guardians become fully informed and understand the program so they can support their children.

Celebrate World Teachers’ Day Friday 26th October 2012

World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers and will be celebrated tomorrow in Australia. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to acknowledge the dedication and work of the teaching staff. Celebrated in over 100 countries, World Teachers’ Day was inaugurated on 5th October 1994 by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to commemorate the 1966 joint signing of the UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers. In adopting this recommendation, governments unanimously recognised the importance of competent, qualified and motivated teachers in society. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community.

WSPS students have qualified for the Chess Victoria State Semi-final

I have recently received notification that five of our students; Stavros Vlahopoulos, Bradley Shears, Chris Anastasiou, Harry Loulakis and Ari Koutsoubos have qualified for the Chess Victoria State Semi-final on Monday 29th October. Qualifying is tough for this event, so they have done well to have made it and we wish them all the best.
Enrolment Intentions for 2013
Apart from Year 6 students, could families who are planning to transfer to another school in 2013 please notify the school office by 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 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”.

Industrial Action this Term
As part of the Australian Education Union (AEU), the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU) unions’ industrial campaign the Northern Region (Wales Street) has been scheduled for a half day Stop Work from 8.50am-12.28pm on Wednesday 31st October from 9:00am-1:00pm. I have asked staff to notify me by Friday morning (tomorrow).

I can notify parents/guardians of which classes will be affected by Friday afternoon.

School Website
Our website has been revamped! If you haven't had a look then head on over to http://www.walesstps.vic.edu.au/ to check it out. There is a “subscribe to newsletter” link that we encourage you to click on while you are there. Subscribing means that you will have the opportunity to customise your settings including the year level of your child. (If you have children in different year levels you can use the control key to add multiple year levels.) This functionality will enable us to send targeted communications to appropriate groups of parents from time to time.

Working Bee November 18th, 9am - 1pm
The final Working Bee for 2012 will be held on Sunday November 18 and we encourage all parents and students who are able, to attend. The turnout at the last couple have been a bit disappointing, with a very small number of parents and students participating, and doing an incredible job of shouldering the responsibility on behalf of the WSPS community.

While some families may be keen to help out from 9am to 1pm, donating even an hour of your time on the day can make a world of difference to what we are able to achieve. Students are of course welcome to come along and as we saw at the last working bee, can be tremendous helpers! Please look out for the note that will be going home next week.

Christopher Sexton
Principal

WEEKLY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY: Is now every Friday afternoon, 3pm in the Hall.

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.

TWO POINT WIN TO WALES STREET IN BASKETBALL
21-23 AGAINST HOLY NAME

Holy Name raced to the lead in the first 5 minutes before Wales St came back to level with them at quarter time. Thanks to Maryellen & Jess’s fantastic shooting skills and Maria & Abby’s rebounding, the lead to Wales St at half time was 9 points. Holy Name didn’t give up and with 7 minutes to go, game scores were level at 19 all and 21 all at full time. No one would give up!

Extra time had to be played and both teams kept shooting and missing until Maria made a fast grab off a missed Holy Name shot. She passed to Maryellen who dribbled the ball down court dodging a player. Maria took a layup and scored!

The Wales Street girls won the game. They are ecstatic to make the Regionals and would like to thank their coach, Rob MacLeod.
Fresh North Queensland Mangoes only $25 a box

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

**Order Form**

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

ʰ Please 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).

ʰ Each box weighs approx 7kg which is between 14-20 mangoes depending on their size.
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 DAY
(MONDAY BEFORE MELBOURE 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.

WPS Aussie Farmers Direct Customers

Remember to link your shopping account to Wales Street Primary School to add to the school’s fundraising.

Your local milko donates 2% of your spend every time you shop and makes a payment every 6month to Wales Street Primary School.

Lunch Orders & Proposed Stop-Work (Wednesday 31st October)

Lunch orders will run as normal next week, if the Stop-Work goes ahead orders will be delivered on Thursday.
CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR
Do you have Christmas presents to buy?
The Library is holding a Social Club Books fundraiser for some extra Library book purchases in 2013
Monday 12th November – Friday 16th November
In the Library

Regional Athletics
Well done to our Regional Athletics team, who competed at Meadowglen Athletics Track last Wednesday. We had a number of students achieve personal best times and the boys 4x100m relay team also did a great job making the finals on the day, but not quite making the state championships.
A big CONGRATULATIONS to Chella Rusciano Barrow, who won the triple jump competition and will go on to compete in the State Championships next Monday. Good Luck Chella!
The WSPS Swimming Carnival will take place next Monday 29th Oct at the Northcote Aquatic centre from 10am-12.30pm. Students from grades 3-6 have been invited to participate to earn house points. This day is also an opportunity to have times recorded for the district swimming sports early next year. Any parents or family member wishing to come and support our students are most welcome.
Many of our grade 1/2 students have been enjoying the Fundamental Motor Skills Program, run by year ten students Thornbury Secondary on a Wednesday afternoon. Students have been participating in a range of small group activities aimed at increasing their skill levels. Our grade 3/4 students will soon be participating in a series of Hockey clinics run by coaches from the Yarra Valley Hockey club.
Well done to all the staff and parents/guardians who have been taking part in the Darebin City council free exercise sessions on a Wednesday morning in the hall. Everyone is welcome, the sessions run from 9-9.45am all term and involve a range of exercise activities which cater to all ability levels.
Anna - PE Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING MARKET
Wales Street Primary School
From 6.30pm on Tuesday 4 December 2012
Clyde Street Building
Gold coin donation on entry
Preparations are underway for the 2012 Christmas Shopping Market. At the market last year we had 24 stalls selling hundreds of tempting products. This event has grown year on year thanks to the support of the school community. We look forward to bringing you another great market this year.
So get your Christmas shopping lists ready and come along. Find the perfect gift for family, friends or even splurge on something for yourself. All stall holders will donate a percentage of their proceeds or products back to the school.
Tell your friends and we’ll see you there.
Do you run a market stall or know someone who does?
We are looking for a range of stall holders to be part of this event. Please call Leah Taylor this on 0403 576 925 or email leah.taylor@straightshooter.com.au to get involved.

FREE EXERCISE CLASS In the WSPS Hall
Each Wednesday, after school drop off, at 9am for parents & guardians of students enrolled at Wales Street Primary School (Run by City of Darebin)
WPS Swim Carnival Running Sheet: Monday 29th October 2013

9.30am All 3/4 students depart WSPS with Geoff, Ben and Derek.

All 5/6 swim classes except Trevor and Dan’s to arrive at pool as per normal for lessons, students will participate in the carnival after their lesson.

Trevor and Dan’s group to arrive at pool by 11am for gr 5/6 boys events and attend their swim lesson after.

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12.30pm All students/staff walk back to WPS.
Working with Children Checks

In 2006, the Victorian Government introduced a new checking system to help protect children under 18 years of age. The Working with Children Act (2005) requires that anyone working in schools with students as either a volunteer or paid staff member may be required to furnish the school with evidence of a Working with Children Check.

The issue of compliance with the Working with Children Act (2005) was raised this year at School Council in relation to the school’s Volunteer Policy. Approval was given to the Policy and Strategic Planning Committee to develop a WWC Check policy to ensure that Wales Street PS is compliant with legislation and to assist in maintaining a safe environment for the protection of our students.

The Justice Department guidelines are clear: You are required to obtain a Working with Children Check if you participate in any school activity as a volunteer where your own child would not normally participate in that activity or if you have contact with students not directly supervised. For example: coaching sport teams, camps and excursions etc.

At Wales Street Primary School we greatly value the support we receive from parents throughout the school year at various events and their involvement in school programs. Therefore, it was decided that the community would be informed now as we will be requiring all volunteers at Wales Street Primary School to obtain a WWC Check from February 2013.

This decision has been made to ensure that all adults that are working in the school will be covered by the same guidelines and to reassure parents that their child is in a safe and regulated working environment. A Working with Children Check application form can be obtained from the Post Office and there is no charge for volunteers. We will also keep copies of the application forms at the office for our parent community. The Check is valid for five years and can be used anywhere where you engage in volunteer work involving children. Further information can also be obtained from the Working with Children Check Information Line Tel: 1300 652 879. We will support volunteers in gaining their WWC with a parent information session later this term so that the process is more accessible for volunteers currently working at the school.

Once the draft process for the WWC Check policy is complete, it will be published for the community to view and comment. After any changes have been incorporated and the policy has been ratified by School Council it will be available to be downloaded from the school’s website. It is intended that the policy will be implemented from the beginning of the school year in 2013.

We would encourage all volunteers to consider the benefits of obtaining the WWC Check in supporting our school as a safe and comfortable environment for all our students.

Thank you.

Jennifer Deeble
Assistant Principal
Convenor of Policy and Strategic Planning Committee