FROM THE PRINCIPAL…..

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Celebrate World Teachers’ Day Friday 26th October 2012
World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. 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.

Internationally, World Teachers’ Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October, however, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year. Therefore, this year World Teachers’ Day will be celebrated in Australia on Friday 26 October and it is a wonderful opportunity for parents and students to acknowledge the dedication and work of the teaching staff.

Report on current Strategic Plan and Planning for 2013 - 2017
Thank you to all the parents and staff who attended the information and planning session last night. The meeting heard an outline of the completed Review of the School’s 2009 -2012 Strategic Plan and this Report can be obtained by School community members from the school office. The meeting then discussed priorities for the new Plan and this information will now be taken into account by the Policy and Strategic Planning Committee and School Council to help in the development of the 2013 – 2017 Strategic Plan.

Change of Assembly Times
A Reminder that due to the 5/6 Swimming program arrangements for this term the Whole School Assembly time has been moved from 9.00 am Monday Morning to 3.00pm Friday starting tomorrow with Angela’s Junior Dance Cub the ‘headline act’. After Assembly students will then be returning to their classrooms for dismissal.

Enrolment Intentions for 2013
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 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 I outlined in last week’s Newsletter the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) is currently involved in enterprise bargaining with the Australian Education Union (AEU), the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU) and United Voice in relation to their logs of claims covering employees in the executive class, the principal class, the teacher class, the paraprofessional class and the education support class.

As part of the unions’ industrial campaign the Northern Region (Wales Street) has been scheduled for a half day Morning Northern Regional stoppage on **Wednesday 31st October from 9.00 - 1.00pm**. I was hopeful this would not occur as the industrial campaign would have been concluded by then but I now feel that there is little likelihood of this occurring. I am therefore now advising parents and carers to plan around this event and I will keep you informed of developments and how this will affect students as soon as I can which will be Friday 26th October.

Curriculum Day the Day Before Melbourne Cup Day Monday 5th November
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 will be setting aside two days with the first of these on Monday 5th November the day before Melbourne Cup Day. Furthermore, I will be asking School Council at the next Council meeting 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 and the staff will use this day to plan for 2013.

Children’s Week 20th – 28th October
Children’s Week is a national program recognising the talents, skills, achievements and rights of young people. It is based on the articles expressed in the United Nations Convention on the Right of the Child, highlighting play, wellbeing and protection.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development works in partnership with local governments, Victorian schools and early childhood services to host activities during Children's Week that focus community attention on the needs and achievements of children and young people as they thrive, learn and grow.

This year is likely to be the biggest Children’s Week yet, with more than 350 events on offer to families right across the State. To find out what’s on in your local area, follow the link below to the 2012 Event Guide where you can use the interactive map to find events listed according to local council.

This year Children’s Week is being held from the 20th – 28th October with an official Family Fun Day launch being held at the Collingwood Children's Farm **on Sunday, 21 October from 10 am – 4 pm**. With free entry for everyone and a range of fun, interactive and educational activities on offer this is a great opportunity for a day out with the family. *Please note – parking is extremely limited at the Collingwood Children's Farm and public transport is highly recommended. Full details on transportation options are included on the Family Fun Day page.*

For general information or other enquiries, please email: childrens.week@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 9637 2866 or check the website [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/childrensweek/](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/childrensweek/)

PYP Information Night Thursday 25th October
There will be Primary Years Program (PYP) information for the school community next Thursday 25th October commencing at 7pm in the Clyde Street building. The PYP will be a key program of the school so it very important that parents and guardians become fully informed and understand the program so they can support their children.

I am therefore inviting parents to attend this information session from 7 – 8.30 pm. To assist in catering please return the form below by **Friday 19th October**.

I/we will be attending the meeting to discuss the new Strategic Plan on Thursday 25th October

Name/s: ____________________________________________ Signed : __________________________

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

CHRISTMAS BOOK FAIR
(Social Club Books fundraiser for the Library book purchases in 2013)
Monday 12th November – Friday 16th November
In the Library
Do you have Christmas presents to buy?

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.

Family Portrait Fundraising Day
Last chance to book

Don’t miss this opportunity. Just $15 Includes 10”x13” Portrait and Timber Frame. Fun and quick 10-15 Minute Session. Low Cost additional Packages

Saturday 27 October 2012 at Wales Street Primary School

Complete your voucher and return it with payment to our Primary School immediately. For more information contact Sophie Haralambakis on 0419 560 755

Photos can be picked up from school in November in plenty of time for Christmas. They make the ideal Christmas gift.

Tell your friends, neighbours and family. All are welcome to take part.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

You will have read in WSPS notes and newsletters, information about the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP) that we have undertaken at Wales St Primary School.

For those who are seeking further information on this program we are holding a Parent Information Night on Thursday October 25th at 7pm in the Clyde St building at Wales Street. This is an adult only event, and there will be no child mindng facilities available at that time.

*This evening is a repeat of the evening held on May 24th this year.

A note with more information about the evening was sent home yesterday.
THANK YOU
for your participation!

CHILDREN AND FAMILY STRENGTHS & THE ABILITY TO THRIVE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY

On behalf of our team from the School of Health Sciences at RMIT University, we would like to thank all the parents, children and teachers who expressed interest in, and completed questionnaires for our research project.

Your opinions and experiences have been vital to our research and they will help us to identify the best way to support children and enhance overall family quality of life.

The data entry is well underway, and the timeline for returns is tight, so if you haven’t already, please forward any completed questionnaires using the return paid envelope supplied – ASAP.

There is still time to win a $200 Coles Myer Voucher.

If you are having any difficulties completing the questionnaires, please contact the “Me and My World: The Building Resilience in Children” research team on 9925-7710.

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!
(RMIT University)

FREE EXERCISE CLASS In the WPS 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)

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

WSPS CHESS CLUB : TERM 4, 2012
Coach: Jim Cannon – Qualified teacher (Dip Ed, UMelb). Jim has two sons –
WHEN: Rookies: P/1/2/3: Tuesday lunchtime. Advanced: Tuesday lunchtime
New to Chess Club? Try two classes OBLIGATION FREE. Parents welcome to sit in.

I would like my child ___________________________________ in grade __________ to participate in Chess Club in Term 4, 2012, commencing Tuesday 9th October till Tuesday 4th December. I enclose $50.00 cash/cheque (chq payable to J.F.Cannon) or direct deposit (JF Cannon, Westpac, BSB + A/C#: 037-138 56-4211. Thank you)

Signature of parent / guardian ______________________________ Date / /
Name of parent / guardian ______________________________
Phone: Home_________________________ mob_________________________
Email ____________________________________________
SCHOOL AGE CARE (SAC)  
ANNUAL RE-ENROLMENT FOR 2013

We have reached that time of the year again where families need to re-enrol for 2013. Parents must follow the enrolment procedure in order to ensure their child is registered and don’t miss out on a place, for next year. Under license conditions set out by the Children’s Act and Regulations each child must have a separate “Enrolment Form” with information that is up to date.

Re-Enrolment for 2013 will be conducted during Term 4 commencing Monday 15th October, 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 also re-enrol by coming into the program and checking and updating their current enrolment form and their details.

Having checked current enrolment details with Cangie or Vanessa - parents/guardians will be required to sign a form stating that all their details are correct and up-to-date.

Any changes to the current Enrolment Form must be recorded on a “Change of Details Form” which is available from the service. It is crucial that the service have the correct information, particularly contact numbers, in case of an emergency involving their child/ren, special medical and/or dietary needs, and custody/guardianship arrangement.

Please Note: Our records are kept separately from the School’s records, so it is important to advise us of any changes - such as address, phone numbers etc).

Existing families who have younger children commencing “Prep 2013” who have returned an enrolment form/s will still be required to come in and check the older sibling’s enrolment form which is currently on file.

BOOKINGS FOR 2013
Families will then need to re-book days for next year by completing a “Booking Form”, this will ensure families do not miss out on a place. A new “Booking Slip” must be filled out for the following year, even if the days required are the same as this year.

If families don’t not know which days will be required for next year, then a booking slip will need to be returned immediately when school commences in February 2013 to secure a place.

Having checked enrolment details families will then be required to pay an enrolment levy of $10 (cash only) per family towards the cost of administration.

Only families, who have checked and paid the levy, will be registered to use the program in 2013. A dated receipt will be attached to the enrolment form acknowledging payment of the levy.

All places will be offered in line with Priority of Access and order of date received.

Families who have never used the program before and will require care for next year can collect an Enrolment Form and booking slip from the main office or from the Aftercare program.

If families do not re-enrol for 2013, then the program will assume that you will not require care for next year.

CURRICULUM DAY (MONDAY BEFORE MELBOURNE CUP DAY - 5TH NOVEMBER)
Monday 5th November is a Curriculum Day. The School Age Card 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, OR
Email: oshc.wales.street.psi@edumail.vic.gov.au or in person.

If families have a permanent booking for Mondays and do not require care for the Monday before Melbourne Cup will need to let SAC staff know of the cancellation.

BOOKINGS AND CANCELLATIONS 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.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS
We have booked a table-tennis coach for Fridays and a cricket coach for Thursdays. These two programs will operate for 7 weeks during Term 4. The sessions are from 4.15 pm to 5.15 pm and are free to children who attend After Care.
School Nurse Report

Hello Everyone,

The topic of the day is Safety, “Community Safety” to be specific, because October is Community Safety Month. On the weekend of the 27th and 28th October there are community safety day’s to be had where our children can learn all about the things our community does to be safe. Preston Football Field is the site for the Darebin Community safety day, held on the Saturday from 11am until 2pm. Local council and emergency services will be there to share all their skills and ideas with you.

It’s a great idea for the kids to see it all up close and friendly, demystifying and educating us all about what is available for everyone. We don’t want to just see it all in an emergency; it’s nice to learn about everything in a friendly safe place. (Although my kids thought our ride in an ambulance when they were young was super exciting!)

The Docklands are doing an awesome display on the Sunday the 28th, here is the media release:

*The second annual Community Safety Day at Docklands will be held on Sunday, 28 October. Meet horses, dogs and puppies and get close to helicopters, boats, fire trucks and other vehicles used in rescues and emergencies.

Held at Melbourne Docklands from 11am till 4pm, the event will give the public the opportunity to meet the people who work and volunteer to protect our community and keep us safe. The event will include displays from Victoria Police, Metropolitan Ambulance Service, MFB, Life Saving Victoria, Australian Customs, SES, Red Cross, St John Ambulance as well as other emergency and safety services.

Air and water displays will feature on the day, including a surf boat regatta and demonstrations of the 'jaws of life'. People will be able to interact with emergency services personnel, equipment and vehicles and are encouraged to bring along personal items such as bicycles, GPS devises and mobile phones to be engraved for free so they can be traced back to the owner if lost or stolen.

Kids can dress up in junior uniforms, have their face painted and go in the running to win a brand new bike by picking up a Passport to Safety at the City of Melbourne tent. In addition, Nadine Gardner from Channel 7s hit drama Series City Homicide and Virginia Gay from All Saints will be there to help with the festivities and sign autographs.

Senior Sergeant Russell Barrett said the event will be a fun day for all and give families a real insight into the work of Victoria’s various emergency and state services.

“There will be lots happening during the day and we certainly have something for everyone,” Sen Sgt Barrett said.

“The annual event is part of Community Safety Month and aims to bring together individuals, groups and organisations to educate the community of mutual safety issues and concerns.”

The Victoria Police Show band will provide entertainment on the day, along with MFBs roving jazz band. The event will be held at the Waterfront City Piazza, New Quay promenade and Victoria Harbour areas at Melbourne Docklands.

Also, I’m happy to tell you that the city of Darebin will be working with our school to undertake surveys and site audits to improve safety for children travelling to school. Discussions have just begun and I shall keep you up to date with events as they unfold. An extremely worthy plan that will help identify safe walking and cycling routes around our school as well as identify possible improvements in our area to make it safer and easier for children to walk or cycle to school. Stay tuned…..

Swimming has started this week - lots of happy swimmers out there! I can taste Summer…. Don’t forget those cold water bottles and hats. Fluid and shade are wonderful things.

Until next week, stay safe.

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse (R/N)
Dear Parents,

After it’s popularity last year, the “Mango Drive” is back in 2012. We are sure the mango enthusiasts in your household will be very excited to hear about this fresh and healthy alternative delivering quality ‘Kensington Pride’ mangoes direct from the farm to Wales St Primary School.

Each tray of mangoes weighs approx 7kg and is packaged in a colourful tray. The number of mangoes in a tray depends on the size of the mango. Tray sizes are from 14 to 20 mangoes in each tray, and will cost $25 per tray.

All orders and payments are to be returned to the school by Friday 2nd November. We also invite you to tell your mango loving relatives, neighbours, friends and work colleagues of this opportunity for them to buy the freshest mangoes of the season.

We look forward to our mangoes in anticipation and thank you for your support.

Regards,

Events and Fundraising Committee
WSPS Yearbook 2012
– a collection of memories –

It's that time of year when a dedicated group of parent volunteers pull together the Wales Street happenings of the past year with the production of the WSPS ANNUAL YEARBOOK. In readiness for printing and distribution to each of our students and staff, an enormous amount of work occurs ‘behind the scenes’.

For those of you new to Wales Street, the aim of the YEARBOOK is to capture the true spirit of not only our wider whole school experiences, but also everyone involved within the day to day running of our community. This is represented through photos, exhibits of classroom works and print media.

As you can appreciate, coordinating and delivering such a document is not easy, and often relies on the input and assistance from a number of sources and individuals. While we have a core group who work on the YEARBOOK, we are seeking interested VOLUNTEERS who may be able to assist us in a range of specific short term tasks.

Among these are:
- Helping a classroom compile their double page spread (if needed)
- Taking photos of a specific activity for inclusion in a page
- Compiling a special page of interest such as ‘Graduation Page’ or ‘House Athletics’ etc.
- Confirming editing changes or other details with classroom and specialist pages
- General tasks including photocopying, chasing up information, helping with deadlines

Experience is not required beyond having:
- A happy, positive, can do attitude!
- An interest in being creative
- Access to a computer
- If taking photos – an ability to ‘capture the moment’ clearly.
- Free time – school hours OR after hours – depending on your circumstances
- Students also welcome to assist

You may specify a particular time you have available and we will try to assign a task that fits in with you, or you may choose to be contacted when a task needs doing. We are very easygoing and aware of time constraints for families. We appreciate any help big or small. Thank you.

If you think you have what it takes, please call or email Melinda – 0404 889 347 melinda.story@bigpond.com

PHOTOS REQUIRED!!!

Do YOU or anyone you know have PHOTOS of any of the following school events?
- Book Week, Book Parade, Morris Gleitzman visit
- Prep incursions or excursions
- Grade 1-2 incursions or excursions
- Grade 3-4 incursions or excursions
- Grade 5-6 incursions or excursions
- Grade 3-6 school sports at District, Division, Region or State Levels – swimming, cross country, tennis etc.
- Grade 5-6 interschool Sports Teams
- Chess Club activities or competitions
- Junior School Council fundraising activities such as ‘Greatest Shave’ etc.
- Grade 3-6 House Athletics - desperately need!
- Prep-2 swimming lessons
- Fundraising and Community Events
- MusArts Eve
- Lunchtime clubs
- School of Rock event
- Choir performances
- Grade 3-4 camp – TAKEN BY STUDENTS
- Wonky Dragon China trips – THAT ARE NOT POSTED ONLINE
- Trivia Night
- Multi Cultural Day – DANCE SESSIONS ONLY
- Other???

Upcoming Events:
- District Triathlon
- Grade 3-6 House Swimming
- Lunchtime Clubs
- Grade 5-6 Camp
- Other School Activities???

Delivery Procedure:
- USB stick or disc
- Your Name & Contact no.
- Child’s Name & Class
- ASAP
- School Office YEARBOOK Box
- All will be returned once copied