



Wales Street Primary School Newsletter

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The yard is supervised before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm. **Students must not be dropped off and left alone before 8:45am. Any student in the yard unsupervised before 8.45am will need to go to our school aged care program.**

An important reminder that any change of address or contact phone numbers needs to be updated with the office. This includes work numbers and emergency contacts. It is very important that the school is able to contact families in the event of an accident or illness.

Recess: 10.40am–11.10am
 Lunch eating time: 12.50pm–1.00pm
 Lunchtime: 1.00pm – 1.50pm
 School Finish: 3.30pm

Welcome back to everyone, and a special welcome to the new families who are joining the Wales Street community for the very first time. We are all looking forward to an exciting year once again and sharing the journey with you. Please take note of our Welcome to Wales Street Picnic next Friday!

Next Friday 12 February 6-8pm
 gates open 5:30pm

Join us for a fun and relaxed night out with the family.

for all students from Prep to Grade 6 & their parents, carers & families.

Meet the teachers and the school community

BYO Drinks

BYO PICNIC RUG

Bring along a picnic basket or local takeaway fare

MUSIC

Family games and challenges

Principal welcome @ 6pm

Wales St Primary School

brought to you by the Wales Street PS Staff and the Fundraising & Social Events Committee

Newsletters

With the exception of this newsletter, all newsletters will be available on odd weeks during each term on Compass, Tiqbiz and our website.

A Busy Holiday Period - Our Grade 5/6 Toilet Upgrade is now complete

There has been a flurry of activity at the school during the holiday break with the toilets within the senior block being upgraded. Thank you to the F.A.S.E. committee for assisting with the funding. Feedback from the students has been overwhelmingly positive. A number of general maintenance jobs have also been completed ensuring all our facilities were ready for the new school year.

New Staff

It's with great pleasure that I can introduce our new teaching staff members for 2016. Annie Wilson 1/2 A, Kathy Kyriakopoulos 1/2 E, Lesley King 3/4C and Haylee Lyttle 5/6B are looking forward to working at Wales Street and making a positive contribution to all the students they will be working with. I'm sure the experience will be a memorable one for everybody. Welcome back to Bronwyn Capsalis returning from leave who will be

Events

Friday February 12

Welcome Back Picnic

Tuesday February 16

Prep Parent Information Evening

Wednesday February 17

Parent Information Evening

Grade 1 to 6

Sunday March 13

Working Bee

Saturday March 19

School Fete

Thursday March 24

Term 1 Ends at 2.30pm



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working with Noel Carter and Shannon Hayes in 3/4 E and F respectively. Miss Kavita Parmar will be working with 5/6 G for the next few weeks as Anne Graham will be absent for personal reasons.

Prep Information Night

The Prep information night will be held on Tuesday 16th February. This evening provides Prep parents with an opportunity to meet the teaching staff for the Prep area as well as the schools leadership team. During the evening the Prep program for 2016 is explained and parents are provided with the opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

P.I.E. Night – Parent Information Evening (Grades 1-6)

The Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 17th February in the Grade 3/4 (Clyde Street) building. The primary objective of this evening is for you to meet your child's class teacher and share any information you would like to with the teacher. You may also have some questions you would like to ask. Bookings can now be made through the online COMPASS system.

Performing Arts Program 2016

2016 sees the return of a whole school performing arts program. Angela Conversano and Luisa Kalenjuk will be sharing the role. The focus will be on Dance, Drama and Music. The focal point for the program over the next few months will be a theatrical production involving the Prep to Grade 2 and Grade 3 to Grade 6 groups. They are both very excited about the program and look forward to working across all the classes. There will be more information to follow.

Holiday Care Program – Leap Kids

Last year the school surveyed parents to gauge their level of interest in the provision of an onsite holiday care program. Interest from the Wales Street community was very high. Following a search for a suitable provider I have secured Leap Kids as the company to provide a holiday care program for our students at Wales Street. Ali Kassem is the owner and operator of Leap Kids and as you may already know, runs a similar program at Preston West Primary school. The proposed start date is 28 March, the first day of the Term 1 holidays.

Ali will circulate information about his company and the service their service very soon, this will include their booking procedures.

Thanks to the Chicken Helpers

A big thank you to Lucie Jackson and Elizabeth Robertson for volunteering their time over the holiday break to care for the Wales Street chickens. Your assistance was much appreciated.

TiqBiz

A reminder that Wales Street PS uses TiqBiz regularly as one of our communication tools. Please log on to update your details and logon and download the app if you are a new user.

<http://tiqbiz.com/>

Diana Rigg Program

As part of the whole school literacy strategy for Wales Street Primary School, we are working with a literacy consultant, Diana Rigg.



Diana is a teacher and a speech pathologist and with clinical and field experience. Diana has extensive experience working with children and schools across Australia. She is working with the staff over the next few years to assist in developing a framework, providing resources and training to ensure the literacy needs of all students at our school are supported, enriched and extended.

Our staff spent the first two days of the school year learning about implementing a systematic synthetic phonics approach to spelling.

You can view Diana Rigg's website for more information. It provides parents with information on literacy and motor milestones.

There will be a parent information session early in Term 2 regarding the spelling program and how you can support your child at home.

<http://pld-literacy.org/literacy-development-services/parent-education/literacy-information-for-parents/>

Kind regards,

Christian Woodcock
Principal

Administration

Administration			
Principal	Christian Woodcock	Office Staff	Maria Nord, Kim Steele Lisa Warren
Assistant Principals	Jenny Deeble Trevor Robinson		
Leading Teacher	Robyn Jones		
Integration Staff	Skye Fisher Steve Mayhew Mary Heymanson Nicholas Hessenkamp Carlene Hamilton Laara Eames	School Aftercare Care Program SAC	Cangie Bevilacqua Vanessa Dalton Poppy Kouskoulis
Library	Sallie Mc Cleery		
School Nurse	Catherine Fisers	Student Welfare Officer	Sharon Butler

2016 TEACHING STAFF

Preps Marie Apostolou		Year 1/2 Rosemary Hughes Sue Losada		Year 3/4 Lisa Teasdale		Year 5/6 Steve McArthur		Specialist Areas Dina Divitcos	
Prep A St David 1	Marie Apostolou	1/2A Wales 1	Annie Wilson	3/4A Clyde 1	Jason Sergi	5/6A Speight 1	Geoff O'Connor	PE	Anna de Vos
Prep B St David 1	Louise Scally	1/2 B Wales 2	Chris Hingston	3/4B Clyde 2	Lisa Teasdale	5/6B Speight 2	Haylee Little	Art	Georgina Tragas
Prep C St David 3	Spiro Pantazopoulos	1/2 C Wales 11	Rosemary Hughes	3/4C Clyde 3	Lesley King	5/6C Speight 3	Maria Mandilas	Performing Arts	Angela Conversano/ .4 Luisa Kalenjuk .6
Prep D St David 2	Alex Darlington	1/2D Wales 10	Kim Chau .6 David Altis .4 (Mon Tue)	3/4D Clyde 4	Renee Patkas	5/6D Speight 4	Seraphim Kyprianou	Italian Wales 3	Dina Divitcos .6 /Luisa Kalenjuk .4
		1/2E Wales 9	Kathy Kyriakopoulos	3/4E Clyde 5	Noel Carter .8/Bronwyn Capsalis .2 (Wed)	5/6E Speight 5	Steve McArthur	Support	Limei Bian.4
		1/2F Wales 8	Kate Bowran	3/4F Clyde 6	Shannon Hayes .8/ Bronwyn Capsalis .2 (Thurs)	5/6F Speight 6	Joanne Ristos	Intervention	Sotiroulla Kyprianou
		1/2G Wales 7	Sue Losada			5/6G Speight 7	Anne Graham	Leading Teacher-	Emily Corcoran Term 4
		12H Wales 4	Toby Marquette .8 David Altis .2 (Fri)					Leading Teacher Literacy	Robyn Jones



**WALES STREET
PRIMARY FETE**

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH, 12 - 6PM
FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT 6-7PM



CORNER WALES & SPEIGHT STREETS