



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

From the Principal

Evacuation Drill

Yesterday we had one of our annual evacuation drills. This drill allowed the students and staff to practice moving off site to one of our local parks. All our students followed the instructions well and the exercise was very successful. These procedures are an important part of our emergency management planning to ensure our students and staff remain safe.

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.

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/>

2016 CSEF Information Flyer and Application Form

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

To see if you're eligible click on the links below

[CSEF Information Flyer](#)
[CSEF Application Form](#)

Application forms must be returned to the office by 29th February 2016

School Aged Care Assessment & Rating

Early December 2015 the program went through Step 3 – Assessment & Rating visit.

An authorized Officer from DET spent the day to observe staff interactions with children and families, program planning and implementation, safety and supervision, as well as checking our documentations & policies and procedures.

Our visit went well and we have received notification of the outcome.

I am pleased to announce that Wales Street Primary School Age Care (SAC) has been rated as "Exceeding" under National Quality Standards & Children's Services Regulations and Act.

Our rating will also be published on the ACECQA (Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority) National Register website- visit

<http://www.acecqa.gov.au/national-registers>

Visit <http://www.acecqa.gov.au/> for more information

Kind regards,

Christian Woodcock
Principal

From the School Nurse

Important information for all parents also includes what we need to have at school for your child and their continuing health.

Here is the all-important list of things to remember if your child has a medical history. If there are any changes to your child's medical condition, a new plan is required. I'm here every day from 09:30 till 3.00 pm for you to discuss anything.

All asthmatics require a new action plan yearly this reinforces a medical check-up and follow up, so that you can be assured the treatment you have for your child is both effective and current. It's easy to be confused about the best way to treat asthma; your doctor can assist you in clarification and maintenance of good care. I also have fabulous information packs for asthmatics that tells you all about the medications on offer, how to use your spacer etc. They are free just ask.

All our students with anaphylaxis, allergies, diabetes and epilepsy also require updated action plans and medication that is current. I will also let you know what is happening at school re illnesses or requirements health wise.

One health and safety requirement at the moment is to ensure your child has a hat. We are a sun smart school and ask that broad brimmed hats be worn in the warmer weather from September until the end of April and whenever the UV reaches 3 and above. Please ensure that your child's hat has the safety feature on it that allows the strap to open if pulled too tight. Please don't tie your child's hat ties as it renders the safety feature void.

Catherine FISERS
School Nurse (R/N)

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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Wales Street Primary School

has achieved the following ratings:

Quality Area 1	Educational program and practice RATING: Exceeding NQS
Quality Area 2	Children's health and safety RATING: Meeting NQS
Quality Area 3	Physical environment RATING: Meeting NQS
Quality Area 4	Staffing arrangements RATING: Exceeding NQS
Quality Area 5	Relationships with children RATING: Exceeding NQS
Quality Area 6	Collaborative partnerships with families and communities RATING: Exceeding NQS
Quality Area 7	Leadership and service management RATING: Meeting NQS

The overall rating for a service is determined by the combination of the Quality Area ratings achieved.

If a service is rated below the National Quality Standard in any Quality Area, the overall rating will reflect the lowest Quality Area rating. To achieve an overall rating of Exceeding National Quality Standard, a service needs to achieve Exceeding National Quality Standard in four or more Quality Areas of which two must be from Quality Area 1, Quality Area 5, Quality Area 6 or Quality Area 7.

This service is rated overall at
Exceeding NQS

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This service has been assessed against the National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care and these ratings have been awarded in accordance with the Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 and the Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011.

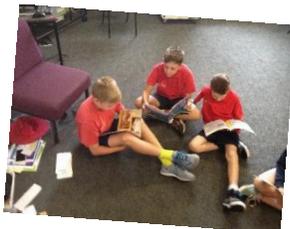
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PYP NEWS FROM 5/6E

It has been a great start to the year in 56E!

As part of our start-up program, the students have been inquiring into the central idea for our Who We Are unit: *Leadership impacts a community and how it*

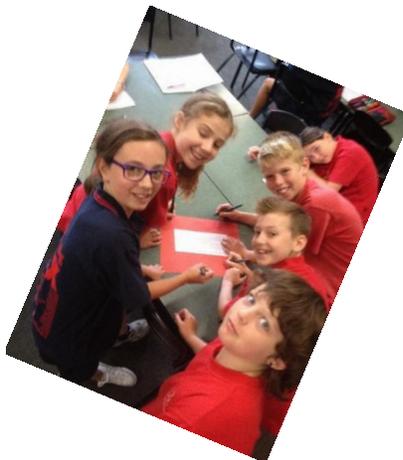


works.

As part of this unit students have been:

- *Identifying successful leaders and analysing their skills and attributes*
- *Completing wonderings based on the lines of inquiry, to research and re-visit at the end of the unit.*
- *Developing their skills with writing biographies and autobiographies. This has included skill development with including relevant information, and sentence structures.*
- *Putting together an essential agreement for our classroom for the year.*
- *Considering leadership positions at school including School Captains and Junior School Council.*

Our concepts for this unit are Responsibility and Function. Students will be completing their summative assessment task by analysing these concepts in a biography about a successful leader of their choice over the next 2 weeks.





**WALES STREET
PRIMARY FETE**

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

CORNER WALES & SPEIGHT STREETS