Dear Parents and Guardians,

Information Exchange Interview
Ten minute interviews are planned for next Wednesday 27th February from 2.30pm – 7.30pm. (Tea Break 5.30-6pm)
The purpose of this meeting is to share information about your child and for teachers to explain the class expectations and program for the year (if you haven’t booked in a time yet, the link is on the WSPS homepage). All families should have received a notice outlining the process, except for the Preps who will not be involved. Please note that despite the 2.30pm start students will be supervised at school until 3.30pm.

Prep Information Night
The Prep Information Night will be on Tuesday 26th February from 6.30-7.30pm. This session will be about ‘A day in the life of a Prep!’ The focus will be on the daily routine for the preps and how the literacy and numeracy sessions are conducted.

School Fete Saturday 23rd March
The Fete committee has been working around the clock. The committee needs our support for the School Fete on Saturday 23rd March. I encourage all of the Wales Street community to get behind their efforts to make this a truly successful and enjoyable event. This year our fundraising efforts will go towards further implementation of our school Masterplan and more importantly the FINAL payment for our playground equipment.

Notices have gone out this Wednesday just gone in regards your grade’s hamper theme and for class stall volunteers. If you have any queries, contact your stall co-ordinator. Please return the tear off slip to your class teacher by 4th March, listing your availability to help.

School Gates
The gates are locked at 3.45pm every afternoon for the safety of the SAC students. On most days staff attend meetings after school and need to lock the gates promptly. Parents supervising children are most welcome to use the play equipment up to 3.45pm but may need to exit through the Speight St exit if the nearest gate is already locked.

Jason Serqi
Acting Principal
Wales Street Primary School Fete
Saturday 23rd March 2013
11am to 4pm

From the Fete Committee

4 Weeks to FETE Day!

Key Dates
Beginning this week: Bring a Block of Chocolate for Lob-a-Choc week

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| THIS WEEK 25/2 | Bring one OR MORE Block(s) of Chocolate for Lob-a-Choc week. |
| 26/2           | Coordinators Meeting 7pm WSPS Staff Room                    |
| 4/3            | Lucky Jar Week                                               |
| 4/3            | deadline for return of Volunteers Request Slips             |
| 8/3            | collection of Hamper Donations ends                         |
| 17/3           | Bring your plant Donations to school                         |

Fete Collection Boxes – smallish items!
Look outside your child’s classroom for our Fete Collection Boxes
BOXES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED.

We are ready to receive donations for your classroom’s allocated HAMPER THEME along
with any additional goods such as CHOCOLATE BLOCKS, LUCKY JARS, CANS OF DRINK,
BOOKS, TOYS, SMALL BRIC-A-BRAC, CLOTHING, etc.

Please, if you have items fitting another class’s theme, by all means add them too. More
donations = Less budget spending = More Funds Raised.

REMEMBER !!!!
Funds Raised For...
This year our fundraising efforts will go towards further implementation of our
school Masterplan AND more importantly the FINAL payment for our
playground equipment. YEAH!!!!!
VOLUNTEER!! AND SUPPORT YOUR CLASS

Fete stalls and Hamper themes have been allocated to your class.
Keep an eye out for the notice!!!

You will need to volunteer for one, two or more time slots at your class' designated stall. You may also have an interest at helping on another stall from the list.

You are MORE than welcome and most needed.

Contact the coordinator. Mark your roster time in your diary!!

HELP, we need somebody. HELP, not just anybody.
Your class may have been assigned a stall, but that doesn't mean you can't help on other stalls if you have the time and energy and skill.
Please volunteer. We need YOU.

SOUVLAKI Stall - yummy chicken skewers on the BBQ this year. Get on board to help. If you are good on a BBQ we need YOU. Make sure you volunteer.

Volunteers with RSA certificates are needed for the bar too.

ALSO parent volunteers are needed for ticket collection, ushering children into shows and supervision during performances. There will be 2 magic shows, 3 Wild Action (Australian Animals) shows & 2 hours of fencing/sword fighting.

Think about it......volunteer and you can enjoy the show for FREE.
Please contact Maria on 0407 99 270 for more details.

LEMONS NEEDED!!!!
If anyone has any lemons (or knows anyone with lemons) could you please contact Kimberley Lawrence on phone: 0417236534 or email: laurencek@pacific.net.au
We'd love to be able to sell fresh home-made lemonade at the fete this year.

IT’S TIME TO GET JAMMING!
The Wales St fete is only 4 weeks away (23rd March), so now is a great time to turn any surplus fruit or veggies into profitable preserves for our school. Jams and tomato-based chutneys/sauces/relishes are always great sellers.

If you need any jars/labels or have any: surplus produce (particularly lemons for home-made lemonade), great recipes, want to volunteer for the stall roster, want to drop off preserves for storage, or have any other queries, please contact Kimberley Lawrence 0417236534 or email: laurencek@pacific.net.au.

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**Preserve Making Requirements**

If you are making preserves for this year’s fete could you please label your own jars with the:
- Name of the product
- Ingredients
- Date made
- Any use by or storage instructions

When you drop the preserves off we will need your name and contact details, to assign a 'batch number' to each jar.

Any questions on making or labelling your preserves, please contact Kimberley 0417 236 534

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**Clothes Stall**

It’s time to clean out your wardrobes!

We need the clothes off your back to raise money for your school!

WANTED: clothes of all sizes, linen, accessories including hats, belts, bags, scarves, shoes, sunglasses, jewellery and ties.....

Please donate laundered items in good saleable condition. Please no rips, stains, or worn out clothing. Underwear must be new in packaging or with tags. No one wants to buy your used underwear!! Remember it costs your school money to discard unsaleable items.

If you have a clothes rack to donate or lend for a couple of days please contact Anne Roberts 0408148263 art@kewgallery.com.au

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**Toys**

This is a great opportunity to pass on those old toys, games and puzzles that are no longer used, but are filling up your cupboards and corners. But first:

- Please make sure donated items are in reasonable condition - i.e. usable and clean
- Please check that all pieces are included if you are donating board games or jigsaw puzzles or anything with lots of small pieces. If there are pieces missing, put a note on it or inside the box to let us (and the potential buyer) know.

Toys can be left outside the yellow shed on the Wales Street side between 9am–9.20 am and in the afternoons from 3.15–3.45pm. You can also leave donations in the fete collection boxes outside your child’s classroom.

Thanks!

Any enquiries, or if you’d like to help out on the stall, contact Margaret Trudgeon on 0412 570 892 or mtrudge@netspace.net.a

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GOING, GOING, GONE!

The silent auction is back again this year. We are looking for donations from businesses and individuals. If any of our school families have contact with, or own, a business that is able to donate an item or service voucher for auction, please contact Maria Romnios

- mariaromnios@optusnet.com.au
- 0407 999 270

The fabulous items donated by the school community for the hampers will also be a big feature again at this year's auction.

LUCKY JARS

It’s like a lucky dip – with the treasures in a jar. Kids buy a ticket for $2, then match their ticket to their lucky jar. The thrill is in discovering what treat matches with your ticket.

Here’s how to help: fill a jar with your favourite things (new or pre-loved). Donations of made up Lucky Jars can be left with your teacher in the Fete Box at your classroom.

This is a very popular stall! Every year we’ve sold all jars by 2pm! Start collecting stuff now & get making with your kids!

Here are some Lucky Jar suggestions:

- Hair ties
- Make a puppet
- Face paints
- Clips
- Badges
- Spinning tops
- Erasers
- Stamps
- Coloured pens/ textas
- Lollies
- Glitter
- Recipe & ingredients
- Stickers
- Balloons
- Matchbox cars
- Beads
- Trading cards
- Super balls
- Tattoos
- Marbles

If it fits in a jar & likely to delight a child – PERFECT!

Contact Penel Anderson with any questions, suggestions or offers to help: penelope@urban.net.au
0466 205 983 / 9499 3453

Hampers

Hamper/Auction was a very successful fundraiser last year, so please donate items for your class’ chosen hamper theme and please feel free to donate towards any other hamper theme. Place donations in the fete collection boxes. This year hamper item collection will cease two weeks before the fete to allow for some creative hamper making.

Please call Maria if you would like to create with cellophane, curling ribbon and black boxes.

Maria 0407 999 270

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**Beads Needed for the Craft Cave**

beads-- any and all kinds. Please leave your donations in the fete collection boxes.
The Craft Cave this year will be buzzing with the ever popular sand art, beading necklaces and bracelets, painting your own shopping/book bag or just painting for fun.

We will also be weaving dream catchers.

I ask for donations of beads, beads and more beads. Any style will do except the very small (where a needle is required to thread them). We will use scoobies to thread through them.

Thank you so much for your help. Judith
judithjacksonjoyce@y7mail.com
9480 1015

**BOOK STALL**

We are looking for donations of books of all types - Fiction, Non-fiction, Adults, Children, Hard back, Soft cover, Magazines, etc. Please leave all donations in the fete shed.

Also, good quality small to medium boxes would be appreciated for displaying books.

Many Thanks,
Pauline

**Handcraft Stall**

Love buying handmade, then you'll love the handcraft stall. There’s toys, clothes, soaps, bags, craft kits and loads more, all made by the busy hand of our Wales St community.

Feeling Crafty?
We are looking for helpers for craft projects of all kinds. If you can spare an hour or two for some sewing, cutting, glueing, or packaging, we would love your help.

Give me a call: Deb Allen 0422 915416 or email dearsomeonemail@gmail.com

**KEY ATTRACTIONS**

**Rides:** bungee tramps, chair-o-plane, pony rides, jumping castle, climbing wall, giant slide, mini-golf

**Games & Fun:** Animal farm, jaffa smash, lob-a-choc, lucky jars, lolly bags, face painting, badge making

**Food:** Barbecued snags & burgers, cakes, biscuits, sweets, fairy floss, icy poles, icecreams, pancakes, spanakopita, souvlaki, vegetarian/mexican food

**Drinks:** spiders, iced coffee, beer, wine, soft drink, lemonade, hot drinks

**On Sale:** preserves, books, clothing, magazines, bric-a-brac, dvds/cds, plants, flowers, toys, handcrafts

**Other attractions include:** Kids Craft Cave & Haunted House, Live Music, Bands, Auction, Raffle and more......

**New this year:** Sword Fighters Association
Busking Competition, Wild Action (Australian Animals), Magician Tim Ellis and Shining Tribe Oracle Tent.

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Shining Tribe Oracle Tent!

Slip between the worlds at the Shining Tribe Oracle tent! Children can choose from gorgeous animal cards and dip into the treasure chest. Adults are welcome too! Ask a question, consult the cards, present your palm, seek answers and perhaps discover hidden treasures! Madame Selkie and friends invite you to enter into the mystery.

Also, if you are a rune, palm or card reader, or an astrologer and are happy to donate some time at the fete, please contact me, Ruth on 0439947287.

Busking Competition

Do you have a song or act or a special thing you would like to do? Well then...... Register for a spot in the Wales street Busking Competition. 5 minute to 10 minute time slots available OR come along and busk just for fun! Parents welcome with kids.

Call Mary Beecham 0422 631 942. Please leave a message.

On fete day the Busking Circle & Shining Tribe Oracle Tent would love a volunteer or two to take bookings and who knows what else. Please contact either Mary 0422 631 942 (Busking Competition) or Ruth 0439947287 (Oracle Tent).

Come along and have some creative fun!!

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Clean up Australia Day at Wales Street - Friday 1st March
WALES STREET will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day, Friday 1st March at 2.40pm. Clean up Australia Day will supply us with gloves and bags. Next Friday we will meet at the flagpole at 2.40pm for a quick chat about how Clean Up Australia contributes to PYP community service. Then we will break up into house groups to clean up. It’s great to see the students contribute to the beautification of the school.

THANK YOU TO
UFS COMMUNITY PHARMACY, STATION ST, FAIRFIELD
UFS Fairfield Pharmacy kindly donated $250 worth of supplies for our first aid room. We encourage all WSPS families to support this Pharmacy!

Parent /Guardian Dinner Gr 1/2 & 3/4
DATE: Friday 8th of March. TIME: 7pm. VENUE: Café Cinquecento, 845-847 High Street Thornbury. Fully Licensed & BYO Wine Only. $15 ahead for set Entrée to share has been organised. (Main & Dessert own choice). RSVP: Monday 4th March to Lucy Thornton 0425704165

Baker’s Delight, Northcote
As part of Baker’s Delight, Northcote’s commitment to the local community, they are working with all school families to help raise funds to purchase new equipment, etc for our school. When you purchase any products from their range, 5% of all purchases will be donated back to the school, simply mention Wales Street Primary School before we complete the transaction.

LIBRARY NOTES
DAREBIN LIBRARIES
To celebrate the release of the latest Captain Underpants book, Captain Underpants and the Revolting Revenge of the Radioactive Robo-Boxers, we think it’s time Captain Underpants had some new undies. Make a pair and hand them in at a branch of Darebin Libraries by Thursday 28 March 2013 to be in the running to win one of four fabulous Captain Underpants prize packs! The more creative the better! You can sew, draw, decorate, crochet, papier-mâché, make an origami design...let your imagination go! You can download an entry form at the Sponge Club website or pick one up at your local Darebin Libraries branch. Don't forget to have your parent or legal guardian read the form and sign it for you, and then bring it with your creation.

School Nurse Report
Hello Everyone,
On the weekend we had a close call with fires happening in our Northern Region, rather close to homes in the Epping region. Listening to 774 am radio, frequent updates were given of the situation. They told us of the nature of the fire, its whereabouts, and what those who were close and not so close needed to do to ensure their safety. One of those things was to enact your Home Emergency Plan if you were very close to the area. Do you have one?

I have 23 copies of the SES Home Emergency Plan booklet that outlines:-

i) Emergency Contacts
ii) Why you need a plan
iii) Writing your plan, and a clear section to actually produce one.
iv) Emergency Warnings
v) Evacuation and Registration
vi) Home Emergency Kit
vii) When Disaster Strikes
viii) Home Contact List.

It’s a very handy booklet. I shall leave these at the Office counter for those interested. If you want to get some booklets, but miss out in the mad rush to grab one! – The SES website is www.ses.vic.gov.au.

Next week I’m off to a 2 day Paediatric Nursing Conference – I’ll bring back what I learn and share with you handy pieces of information that we all need to be up to date with. I do love a good conference! Take care.

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse (R/N)
Education Maintenance Allowance 2013
Applications Close 28/2/13 for Instalment One

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions for their child up until the age of 16. From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of $150. The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep will receive boosted EMA payments of $200.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, $62 million over four years will be redirected to the State’s most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option
From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;
- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Eligibility:
To be eligible for the EMA in 2013, you must:

_ be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
_ be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a temporary foster parent.

* i.e – the parent/guardian must be the holder of a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at 29 January 2013 (Instalment One) and 15 July 2013 (Instalment Two).

Payment Amounts - 2013:
Prep: Instalment One $140, Instalment Two $60 Annual Total $200.
Years 1 – 6: Instalment One $105, Instalment Two $45. Annual Total $150

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Thornbury High School Information evening. Thurs. 14th March, 7pm. 238 Collins St., Thornbury. School Tours. To book a school tour with Principal Peter Egeberg, please call 9480 4066 option 6. Tours run most school mornings.

High Achiever’s Year 7 2014. To find out more about the program or download an application form, visit www.thornburyhs.vic.deu

Hayes Park Playspace Development. Community consultation: 13th & 16th Feb., 2013. 9.30am-12.30pm at Hayes Park. Share your views and talk to Council’s landscape architects and urban designers. Ph: 8470 8435 or email jules.martin@darebin.vic.gov.au

Heiwa No Te Karate Do Australia offers traditional Shotokan karate as a great way to relax, exercise & meet people while developing self defence, self control, confidence & peace of mind. All ages 6 years plus, emphasis on non contact. Beginners welcome. Free Trial lesson for all. Training in the Hall at Wales Street PS. Tues. 6.00-7.00pm General Class( All Ages Mixed), Thurs. 7.00-8.00pm Seniors (Advanced above 4th Kyu), Thurs. 6.00-7.00pm Juniors, Thurs. 7.00-8.00pm Seniors (General). Pay as you go or Pre Paid Monthly Fee. For more information, www.heiwanote.org . Or call Sensei Peter on Mobile 0418591934, Or Sensei Tim on Mobile 0421043090

Contact Maurice 0425 737 826

True North – Reservoir Arts Festival. 1st – 3rd March 2013. Various locations. True North - Reservoir Arts Festival has been designed to celebrate the unique cultural identity of Reservoir and prove that astounding things can happen in the suburbs. As the first professional arts festival in Reservoir, an exciting program of events has been developed to engage the community and showcase some of Melbourne, Darebin and Reservoir’s best performers www.truenorthfestival.com.au

Alphington Primary School Fair. Sat. 16 March 10-4pm. Yarralea St., Alphington. Live music, rides, activities, gourmet food & wine, cakes & coffee, craft & plants, delicious preserves, eco-chic clothing, trash & treasure and books.

St Anthony’s Primary School Fair. Fri 1 Mar. 3.30-8.30pm. 52 Austin St., Alphington. “Building Communities”. Food & drinks, rides, plants, books, craft, and silent auction.

International Women’s Day. ‘Letters from Darebin women’ event on Thurs. 7th Mar. 6.30pm at Northcote Town Hall. Speakers incl.: Carmelina Di Guglielmo, Marietta Elliott-Kleerkoper, Eva-Jo Edwards and Georgina Scillio. Come and join us at this or any of the other events organised throughout the week. RSVP Meri Terzis 8470 8630 or mert.terzis@darebin.vic.gov.au