Last Day of the School Year for Students 2013
The last day of the term for students will be Thursday 19th December. Students will be dismissed at 3.30pm with a farewell assembly at the flag pole commencing at 3.15pm. Please refer to the School Aged Care section below for long day care.

Curriculum Days 2014
School Council has approved student free curriculum days for 2014. Please note the following dates where students are not required to be at school.

Wednesday 29th and 30th January,
Monday 3rd November
Friday 19th December

School Commencing Arrangements 2014
The School Office will re-open on Tuesday 28th January 2014. Students in grades 1-6 will start school on Friday 31st January 2014.
School begins for Preps on Monday 3rd February.

Lost Property
Could all families please check labels on the school uniforms at home and return anything that is not yours to the lost property boxes in the Speight Street and Wales Street buildings as soon as possible.

From the Principal
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Prep to 6 Learning Journeys, December 2 & 3
This week has seen a fantastic celebration of learning by Wales Street students. Thanks to the professional commitment of staff and a wonderfully supportive parent community attending the student Learning Journeys for both the Monday Prep – Year 2 and Tuesday Years 3-6. The Monday night, in particular, had amazing community feel as there was also a Christmas Night Market, Instrumental Music Concert and BBQ as a backdrop to the Learning Journeys.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the planning and helping out on the night. I believe the BBQ and Night Market was also very successful. This is an opportunity to raise funds for the school. You would have noticed lots of work happening at the school and this is a result of people volunteering time & donating funds to create a great environment for our children.

It was also wonderful to see Cat/Steve and ABC music students performing in front of such a supportive and appreciative audience of fellow students, parents, family and friends. Although there is no ‘NAPLAN’ or ‘PISA’ measurement for music and the arts we all know how crucial they are for developing confidence, self-awareness and creativity and therefore are highly valued activities within our Wales Street community.
Parents, Guardians and Friends Morning tea
On Monday 16th December a ‘Parents, Guardians and Friend Helpers’ Morning Tea will be held in the Hall at 10:40am to celebrate and thank everyone for all their support and work this year. It is wonderful how supportive parents/guardians/grandparents are and their work enables a richer learning environment for students and a greater sense of community in the school. Thank you also to all the helpers who will not be able to attend as your work is greatly appreciated by the staff, students and me. To help with catering if you have not already done so, could you please contact the office to let us know that you are able to attend.

School Structure for 2014
Due to an unexpected increase in enrolments I have had to revisit the school structure for next year. There will now be five straight Prep classes, seven 1/2 Year level classes, seven 3/4 Year level classes and five 5/6 year level classes.

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Specialists and Support Programs
Visual Art, Music / Performing Arts, Physical Education, LOTE Greek, Italian & Mandarin, Literacy and numeracy intervention and ICT

Yours faithfully
Christopher L. Sexton
Principal

Thank you!
On Monday night I ran the Lolly Stall at the Christmas Market as a fundraiser for WSPS. We sold bags of lollies and had a lolly guessing competition. In total the stall made $140.00 profit for the school. The winner of the jar of Fantales will be announced at assembly on Friday. Thanks to everyone who supported the stall.

Violet Spirason, Grade 3/4

A massive thanks goes out to EVERYONE who helped on Monday night at the Christmas Market BBQ. There are too many names to list, but you know who you are! Without your helping hands the stall wouldn’t have been the success it was. Overall the BBQ made a profit close to $2200.00 – not a bad effort. This money will go straight back into school improvements that our kids will benefit from. Great job everyone!

School Aged Care News
Pupil Free Day
Friday 20th December is a Pupil Free 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.
The cost for the day is $45 per child. 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.

Fee Increase for 2014
As of Friday 30th January 2014 (Commencement of Term 1) there will be an increase in fees.

The new fee structure will be as follows:
Before Care: $12.00 (currently $10.00)
After Care: $16.00 (currently $14.00)
Early Finishes: $20.00 (currently $16.00)
These changes were decided by the Before & After School Age Care Committee and then approved by School Council. These changes to the pricing structure is to assist the service with the increasing costs of materials, food, staffing and to improving and dealing with the increasing requirements the childcare industry faces.

Invoices and Re-enrolment
Further information on invoices and re-enrolment for 2014 can be found at http://walesstps.vic.edu.au/articles/209