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From the Principal

School Structure for 2014
The table below shows the school structure for 2014.

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Staff allocation to grades for 2014 is yet to be finalised.

We will now begin to develop the classes for 2014 in accordance to our Class Formation Policy. Once class lists are finalised staff will then be allocated to grades. It is a complex process which does take some weeks. Parents will be informed of the children/s grades during the last week of term.

Yours faithfully
Christopher L. Sexton
Principal

Traffic and Parking Changes in Clyde St
Wales St Primary was selected by Darebin Council as a pilot school to develop an active travel plan. The aim is to increase the number of students that are walking, riding or scooting to school and improve road safety.

Darebin Council paid a consultant to do an audit of the traffic issues around the school as well as a survey of parents and students. The consultant then produced a plan based on the results of the audit and survey. School Council formed a working group to review and implement the plan. This plan has been placed on the school website for you to read.

As a part of this plan, Darebin Council has installed a Drop Off Zone at the top of Clyde St. This is to address the dangerous double parking and road rage issues that have been occurring in the street.

**Between the hours of 8.45 – 9.15am and 3.30pm – 4.00pm, there will be No Parking at the top of Clyde St.**
Parents will need to pull into the No Parking zone, drop children off and drive on. This will operate the same way that the drop off zone works at the Airport.

At pick up time, students will need to wait near the footpath for parents to pull into the Drop Off Zone and pick them up. If your child is not waiting near the footpath then you will need to drive around the block and line up again.

There will still be car parks next to the drop off zone (and in surrounding streets) for parents who wish to walk into the yard and pick up their children.
School Fete 2014 Committee Needs Support
For a number of years the school has held a fete in March which has proved to be highly successful with in excess of $35,000 raised. The proceeds have gone towards improving the school grounds. Next year’s fete is now being planned. However, it is time to pass the baton and a new group of parents are now needed to take up the leadership and organisation of this event. It is the crucial fund raising activity for the school so your support is required. If you are able to help out and take on this challenge, please contact the school at wales.street.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. For any questions please call Maria Romnios, Event co-ordinator on 0407 999 270, as she is keen to start planning for next year.

Congratulations to the Chess Team
Well done to the Wales Street Chess team who finished 11th in the State Finals last week. Thank you to our chess coach Jim Canon who is a terrific mentor for our team.

School Nurse’s Report,
How is your “Walk to School Month” going? Are you thinking to yourself (as you traverse the wonderful streets of our neighbourhood), why haven’t we done this before? No car, no traffic, fresh air, lots of chats with the kids..! Or maybe you are a veteran of the great walk and riding scene, and are enjoying the greater numbers walking past you with their cheery greetings?! Has your child told you of the competition for their grade to be the leaders in the great walk? Did you know that the grade with the most walkers for the month wins the Inaugural trophy?!
In the continuing vein of health- today I tell you about safety- i.e.: bike helmet safety

Bicycle Helmet Tips for Parents
Research shows that wearing a bicycle helmet reduces the risk of head injury by up to 74 per cent. To start safe helmet wearing habits early, Victoria Police, Vic Roads, Early Learning Association Australia and Bicycle Network have introduced a Bicycle Helmet Education Pack. You may see the helmets and posters displayed in your child’s early years’ service.

When should my child wear a helmet?
Children should always wear a helmet when using wheeled items like tricycles, bicycles, scooters, when travelling on the back of an adult’s bicycle, or in a bicycle trailer. Starting the habit early means it is more likely to continue as your child grows.
It is important to wear a helmet whether in the street, in the driveway, a paved area, or on a footpath. An accident can happen anywhere, and it only takes impact with the ground or concrete to sustain a head injury.
It is important to teach your child to take their helmet off when moving to another activity as the straps can get caught on play equipment.

Be a role model
Children learn by watching and copying. Set a good example by always wearing your helmet when you ride and making sure it is correctly fitted and adjusted.

Correctly fitting a helmet
Place your hands on top of the helmet and try to move it. It should not be possible to tilt the helmet:

Forwards to cover the eyes
Backwards to uncover the forehead
Sideways to uncover the side of the head.
When the helmet is fastened it should be squarely positioned on the head.
The rim of the helmet should sit on the forehead just above the eyebrows.
The straps should be adjusted so that there is no slack when the buckle is securely fastened under the chin. Ensure straps are not twisted and that the side straps form a V shape with the point just under the ear lobe.

How to find out more information
Read the Bicycle Network factsheet - Helmet Fit Guide
Visit these websites:
Bicycle Network www.bicyclenetwork.com.au


Thanks,
Catherine Fisers
School Nurse