From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Congratulations to the Weekend Working Bee
I came up to the school late Sunday afternoon to catch up on some work and found Trevor still here cleaning up after the Working Bee. He then took me around the school and showed me what had been achieved that day and I was amazed. I have never seen such a wonderful ‘make over’ by a Working Bee. If you have not seen the changes please make a point of coming in to have a look. I cannot thank everyone enough for their wonderful effort and contribution. Congratulations and well done to everyone involved.

Wales Street Makes the State Final in Chess
I received a wonderful phone call from some very proud Wales Street parents this week to inform me that Wales Street had made it into the State Final for chess. This is an outstanding achievement and I have included the Report I received from Jim Cannon who has been coaching students here at Wales Street.

What makes the effort so wonderful is that it has taken several years for the team to develop their skills to be able to successfully compete at this level. I wish them all the best.

Redevelopment of the School Oval
At this week’s School Council meeting another important development, the redevelopment of the school oval area, was given the go ahead. As I reported recently in the School Newsletter, there has been such a positive response to the survey (over 84%) to the introduction of a $100 Family Oval Levy by families. The School Council felt confident to go ahead and commence these much needed works. The levy is voluntary. However, at $100 per family, School Council is expecting that nearly all families will contribute and thus enable, over the next 5 years, the project to be funded.

Development of ‘Prep World’
The school leadership team have been considering for several years the physical relocation of classroom year levels. Currently the 1/2 Year are split between the Wales St and St David Street buildings. To overcome this situation, the proposal is to create a ‘Prep World’ and relocate all the prep classes in the current St David Street buildings and all the 1/2 year level classes in the Wales Street building. This change would enable the relocation of not only all the 1/2 classes into the Wales Street building but also the Greek and Chinese LOTE program teaching areas from their current location in the Clyde Street building.

At this stage, School Council has approved a proposal to repair and repaint the St David Building external walls to match the existing colour of the relocatable building, establish internal toilets, put a new door way opening up to the south western playground area, build a walkway and decking area around the south western corner of the building and relocate the door opening to current SAC building, relocating the SAC storeroom and establishing a SAC office.

NEXT WEEK OR SO...

1/11/13  Library Social Club Book Fair finishes
4/11/13  Student Free Day
5/11/13  Cup Day Holiday
Whole School photo, 2pm
*For more information regarding Library Book Fair and our Swimming programs, check our website

Sick Bay Linen Duty: Prep Parents

1 Nov Louise Scally
8 Nov Cathy Tormey
15 Nov ??

If any Prep parents would like to volunteer for Linen duty, please ring the Office. We have come to the end of our volunteer list and have about 7 weeks to fill. Thank you.

Why not follow us on www.facebook.com/WalesStreet or twitter @wsps3139
Community News can be found at http://walesstps.vic.edu.au/articles/193
The complete project will involve four stages and I am hopeful that the school will have sufficient finances available to complete stages 1, 2 and perhaps 3 over the summer break.

Stage 1. Creating French doors on the western side of the double classroom (currently Geoff’s 1/2 Class) and building decking from the front of the Speight St entrance around passed the new doors and painting and repairing all the external walls.
- Stage 2. To create a new adventure play space around the St David Street building.
- Stage 3. Re configuring the SAC space and relocate the doorway, build a new office and storeroom, additional toilets and create a new entrance.
- Stage 4. Remove all the remaining asbestos from the old St David Street building and build an enclosed linking space between the St David Street buildings and create a large indoor open space area.

It is an exciting project which has been made possible by parents’ contributions to the School Building Fund. To complete stage 4 additional funding will be required. Donations to the School Building Fund are tax deductible.

Yours faithfully
Christopher L. Sexton
Principal

School Age Care Cancellations of Bookings
It is important that families, who have booked their child/ren in to attend the program and need to cancel the session, notify SAC of the cancellation. If you have booked your child into a session and there is a change in plans you must CANCEL the booking. This can be done by notifying the Cangie or Vanessa in person, ringing the service by 2.30 pm or emailing us - this applies to all permanent and casual bookings.

As long as we have the cancellation by 2.30 pm then parents/families will not incur a non-cancellation fee. It is imperative that all cancellations are made by the parent/guardian and NOT VIA THE CHILDREN and not on their parent’s behalf.

Can parents/guardians, also please make sure before dropping your children at school in the mornings that your children are clear about whether if they are required to go to After Care. Some children are not arriving at the program till 3:50 pm. We spend a lot of time chasing up and making announcement for children that have not arrived at the program.

Failure to inform staff when your child will not be attending a session causes inconvenience and concern when the whereabouts of a child is not immediately known, often necessitating several phone calls, thus taking time away from the program. Staff have a duty of care and all children need to be accounted for.

Please Note: The school does not inform the service when children go home during the day, or are not at school, this is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify SAC.

Christmas Shopping Market
WALES STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL
Monday 2 December 2013
From 6pm – 10pm

There are just a few stalls left for the Christmas Shopping Market so if you are thinking about getting involved, please call Leah Taylor by the end of this week on 0403 576 925 or email leah.taylor@straightshooter.com.au.

Many of our favourite stallholders from previous years are coming along again, plus some new stalls with fresh new products. This means there will be lots of great shopping options for you all.

If you haven’t already done so, please mark this date in your calendar. We are looking forward to another great evening.