End of Term
Tomorrow, Friday 20th September will be the end of Term 3 with a final assembly at the old flag pole area at 2.20pm. Parents please note that the students will be dismissed early at 2.30pm after this assembly. We wish everyone a safe and happy break. School will resume on Monday 7th October.

Bike Confidence Training for Parents
If you’d like to be more confident about riding with your kids, City of Darebin is offering free, hands-on training sessions for parents at Wales Street Primary. There are four sessions to choose from:

Sat 23 Nov 9.30am–12pm or 1.00–3.30pm
Sun 24 Nov 9.30am–12pm or 1.00–3.30pm

The accredited trainer will cover issues such as:
- Who rides in front?
- Crossing roads and driveways
- Road and footpath rules
- Transition from footpath to road

Enrolments are open to parents outside of Wales Street PS and are limited to only eight people, so sign up to a session early! Note: sessions are for parents only, and you will need to bring your bike along.

Bookings: stephanie.preston@darebin.vic.gov.au or 8470 8506
All participants receive a quality D-lock.

For more information please contact Heidi Marfurt, Sustainable Transport Consultant, on 0439 845 912

District Athletics Competition
Congratulations to all our School competitors at this week’s District Athletics Competition. It was wonderful to see the parent support and to observe the excellent behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by the students. Thank you to Anna and the staff and parents who supervised and helped out on the day.

Wales Street performed very well and overall came 3rd with 11 students eligible to go on to the Divisional level next term on the 8th October at the Meadowglen Athletics Track, McDonalds Rd Epping from 9.00 – 3.30 pm. Any families wishing to come and support our athletics team are most welcome.
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- **School After Care:** School After Care has sought approval for a fee increase in 2014 to cover the increased costs of staffing. This was approved in principle and the fee to be determined/approved at next meeting.

- **Second Hand Uniform Shop** – School Council approved the establishment of a second hand uniform shop as proposed by the Policy Sub-Committee who recommended the shop be run by parents on a donated items basis. All left over, unnamed uniforms will be placed in second hand shop at the end of the term. Parents wishing to sell second hand uniforms may do so via the newsletter or word of mouth.

- **Communication Strategy:** a working group has been set up to review the current communication options used by the parents and school, as well provide ideas for future communication.

- Approved the **financial statements** for June, July & August.

- Received an update on the progress of the dispute with **Power Direct** over the electricity bill which has not been properly billed since the middle of 2011. The Ombudsman is now investigating.

- **Outdoor Lighting for Asphalt area:** this will be installed in the school holidays.

- **Oval Re-development:** works will be commencing in November. This is so that the grass has best growing conditions, ie warm weather. Also the area will be fenced off for approximately 8 weeks which is best done over the summer holidays. There will be two stages; resurfacing of the oval and landscaping of the surrounding area. The landscaping work will occur in early 2014.

- Approved the five year **oval levy** of $100 per family commencing in 2014.

- Received an update from Events Committee – **Fete 2014** will be on 29th March 12-7pm.

- **Flagpole:** two new flagpoles will be installed in the school holidays

- Approved the **Pupil Free Days for 2014** which will be on the 28th Jan, 29th Jan and 30th Jan 2014. The 3rd Nov (day before Cup Day) will also be a pupil free day – Curriculum Day, and the last day of school 19th December 2014.

- **Election Day BBQ** raised over $4000 which will be spent on new line markings in the school ground (large snakes, chessboard etc) to be installed in school holidays.

- **LOTE** funding has been confirmed for an extra 3 years which will enable WSPS to continue the current language program.

- **Biennial China Trip** is being reviewed. School Council recommended the trip continue being open to all students in Grade5/6 with a restriction on numbers. Planning for September 2014 is commencing next term – stay tuned!

- **Active Travel Plan:** There will be launch of the Active Travel Plan at school assembly on Monday 21st October. Several parking changes will be happening next term, including the installation of a Drop Off Zone in Speight St. More information will be sent home next term.

- A new **violin teacher, Kate Connor,** commenced at WSPS last month as the previous teacher has gone overseas.

School council meets again on 30th Oct 2014.

If you are interested in joining any of the sub-committees or would like to find out more, please contact me at: [martintash@internode.on.net](mailto:martintash@internode.on.net) or leave your details at the school office.

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