Dear Parents and Guardians,

Anzac Day Public School Holiday Thursday 25th April
Tomorrow is ANZAC Day and a public school holiday as it is a national day of remembrance. Although initially, it was to commemorate Australian and New Zealand troops’ involvement at Gallipoli in Turkey during World War I, it now more broadly commemorates all those who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. All countries hold remembrance occasions. ANZAC Day has taken on a unique significance in Australia which appears to have crossed all social and religious backgrounds.

Curriculum Day 26th April
Another reminder that Friday 26th April is one of the schools designated Curriculum Days for this year. The focus for staff will be on Inquiry Learning with international presenter Kath Murdoch. Staff will also be working the following day on Saturday 27th with a focus on the use of inquiry learning in mathematics. Our 3rd Curriculum Day will be on Monday the 4th November (the day before the Melbourne Cup Day) and taken as a day in lieu for the Staff working on the Saturday. The final Curriculum Day for this year will be Friday 20th December. Could people please make a note of these dates. The school SAC program will operate but bookings will need to be made two weeks in advance of these dates.
Prep Enrolments for 2014
This term we commenced the enrolment process for next year and I started prep school tours for 2014. These will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays up until the 31st July from 9.30 -10.30am. Contact the School Office if you wish to take up this opportunity for a tour or pass this information on to families who you think will be interested. Please note as the school needs to monitor and manage the enrolment intake, parents who are considering enrolling at Wales Street are asked to have completed the enrolment procedure by that date.

Parents who have an existing child/ren at the school please note after the 31st July enrolment applications will be restricted to only those children where Wales Street is the closest school regardless of whether you currently have a child at the school so please enrol by this date.

2013 Education Week 19th - 25th May
This year Education Week is being held on the 19th - 25th May and it is an opportunity for the community to visit the school. The theme this year will be on Inquiry learning through the Primary Years Program (PYP) at Wales Street. There will be with an Open Morning on Thursday 23rd to see Wales Street in Action with student tours and that evening a parent information night on the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP) on how Transdisciplinary Teaching works with Inquiry Learning at WSPS. Details later this term.

Christopher L. Sexton
Principal

SCHOOL AGED CARE
CURRICULUM DAY - FRIDAY 26th APRIL

Friday 26th April is a Curriculum Day. The School Age Care program will be available for children who need care for this day.

Bookings for Curriculum Day care are essential and can be made on 9480 3896 or email oshc.wales.street.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or in person by Wednesday 24th April.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL AS WE NEED TO HAVE AN INDICATION OF NUMBERS FOR STAFFING PURPOSES AND PLANNING

The cost for the day is $35 per child, less if you receive Child Care Benefits. The program will operate from 7.00 am to 6.00 pm. The children will need to bring a morning tea snack, lunch and a drink bottle.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS
This terms Active After School Coaches are Stev from “Circus skills” and Tom from Evolve MMA who will teach the children some Judo skills.

Stev will be coaching on Tuesday commencing 30th April and Tom will coach on Thursdays commencing 2nd May. These two programs will operate for 7 weeks for Term 2. The sessions will operate from 4.00 to 5.00 for all children who have an After Care booking.

Mothers’/Special Persons’ Day Stall – Friday 10th May

- A reminder that the Mothers’/Special Persons’ Day Stall is on Friday 10th May
- Gifts range in price from $5 - $10
- Children need to bring money in a named envelope or purse if they would like to purchase a gift from the stall. Sorry – I.O.U.’s will not be accepted

Parent Helpers: If you can help on the day, please leave your details at the school office.
Library News…

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Tuesday May 14th from 3pm to 4pm and then daily, 8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm until Monday 18th May

Put this in your diary and come and find great children’s books to buy. The Library receives Commission on all sales, which we take in the form of books from Scholastic.

VICTORIAN PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Remember to send in your completed Reader’s Challenge permission form to the School Office as soon as possible. Trevor is working on loading all the names and will send out user names and passwords as soon as he has completed this task.

In the meantime, remember to write down the title and author of all the books you are reading so that you can add them to the database.

Families are welcome to come and visit the Library afterschool on Tuesday or Thursday to look for suitable books for the challenge.

School Nurse Report

Hello Everyone,

Remember last week’s mention of gorgeous weather and outdoor activities? Well, my boys and I went all Brady bunch and did a great deal of walking through bush and along rivers with picnics and wholesomeness! This has led to my sisters and I joining a Rogaine. Never heard of it? Neither had I. So in the true spirit of health and fitness I introduce you to the Rogaine.

What is Rogaining?

Rogaining is the sport of long distance cross-country navigation. The championship rogaine is a continuous twenty four hour event. Teamwork, endurance, strategy and map reading are features of the sport. Rogaining originated in Australia, where the sport can be traced to the creation of the rules in 1968 and the first intervarsity 24 hour score orienteering competition in 1969.

The objective of rogaining is to collect the highest score by finding checkpoints within a set time limit. Teams of two to five members travel entirely on foot, navigating with the aid of a topographic map and analogue compass. Teams select their own order of visiting checkpoints, in terrain that varies from open countryside to hilly forest. The classic rogaine includes both day and night navigation.

At many rogaines a central base camp provides hot meals and teams may return at any time to eat, rest or enjoy the fellowship. Teams travel at their own pace, and anyone from children to grandparents can experience the personal satisfaction that comes from cross-country navigation at individual levels of competition and comfort.

Rogaining aims to support and encourage people to develop respect for and enjoyment of rural and forest environments; and to encourage the development of navigational skills, self-reliance, general fitness, and the ability to work in a team.

Description of the Sport of Rogaining

Written by David Baldwin

What is the duration?

The traditional rogaine is 24 hours in duration. However, there are also shorter events of 6, 8 and 12 hours. Most events are located within a two hour drive of major cities. Rogaines are held on foot in picturesque bush and farmland locations, however, some events are held in metropolitan areas (Metrogaines), on bikes (Cyclogaines) and on cross-country skis (Snogaines). Rogaining is a real adventure sport and is a lot of fun.
Who is it for?
Rogaining is a team activity for people of all ages and levels of fitness. Everyone from elite athletes to families with young children can enjoy rogaining. New rogainers are always welcome and event organisers are willing to help you get started. The parts of the course you visit are entirely up to you and your team members. There are no set routes and you don’t have to spend the whole time on the course. You can even return to the Hash House at any time for some hot food and rest around the campfire, or even a sleep, before heading out again. Some competitive teams may cover 50 km in a 12 hour event and even more in an event of 24 hours duration. However, the distance you travel is entirely up to you. The satisfaction comes in finding your way around the course according to the route that you have chosen, and navigating back to the finish within the time limit.

What do you need?
Rogaining is good value for money: all you need is basic bushwalking gear including a compass, whistle, pencil, water bottle, comfortable and warm clothes and shoes, and a basic team first aid kit. On 12 and 24 hour events you may also wish to bring along camping gear and spend some time resting overnight at the Hash House.

What does it cost?
Enter fees vary from $20 to $80, depending on the event. This covers hot food during and at the finish of the event, your map, information sheets and facilities at the Hash House.

How does it work?
Between 1 and 3 hours (depending on the length of the event) before the start of the event, each participant receives a map of the course with all the checkpoints marked on it. They also receive a description of the checkpoints and their point values. Teams choose their own route to get to whichever checkpoints they want. It is important to get back before the time limit expires as there are hefty point penalties for being late. At each checkpoint there is a punch to make a hole at the corresponding numbered square on the control card. Rogaining is a team sport and the team MUST stay together at all times.

http://rogaine.asn.au/What-is-Rogaining/. Of course, our team are doing a 6hr Rogaine! Think of us on the 27th- I will be limping for a while after! I hope you find this of interest, there may be a few of you out there that may well grab the family and go- it’s simple and fun.

Take care.

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse

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**UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL** Gifted Students’ Program.... Acceleration Program
In 2013, the following selection procedures will be used to identify students for the 2014 Year 7 intake:

1. Tests administered by EduTest on Sat. May 11th at 9am at The University High School
2. Interviews with shortlisted applicants & their parents/guardians.


**NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Term Two Tours:** Tours commence on April 15. They run several days a week in Term 2 commencing at 9.15 am. The last tour is May 22. The tour takes about 1 hour. Check our website for exact dates. All welcome. [http://www.nhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.nhs.vic.edu.au) or ring the office to book a place 9488 2300.

**ACE High Achiever's Program Yr 7 Entry 2014:** Information regarding this program, and application forms, are now on our website. The changed arrangements of 2012 no longer apply and any interested families are encouraged to apply. See our website for details: [http://www.nhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.nhs.vic.edu.au). **Applications Close:** Monday 29 April, 2013. **12.30 pm** Test Date: Saturday 4 May, 2013. 9.00 am

**After School Chinese Program.** Xin Jin Shan Chinese Language and Cultural program. First lesson Tuesday, 23 April. Student application forms for Second term are available at the office or contact jeanine.ma@xjs.vic.edu.au for more information.

**6 month rental/housesit - 4 bedroom house Thornbury** $500 per week ONO. Fully or partially furnished house to rent/house sit. 259 Victoria Road Thornbury (near Darebin Rd) 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, lounge, dining, family room/study, kitchen with all mod cons, air conditioning, ducted heating, pot belly, garden with trampoline. Kids toys/games available. Suit family or couple. Available early July 2013 to early January 2014. If interested or wanting to see photos/visit contact Frank or Judith - 94801015 or frankjoyce@yahoo.com.au

**Blue Light Disco Perston (Darebin).** 26th April. Preston Town Hall, 274 Gower St., Preston. 6.30-9pm (Children need to be picked up by a responsible adult) 8-14yos. Cost: $6. Canteen with food & drinks. Special guest artist ‘KG That Artist’. Contact: Jo Parissis: 0418 144 446

**Hook in2 HOCKEY.** Seven week program of skill & game development for 5-9yo. Thursday May 2 – June 13 (7 sessions) at Cyril Cummins Reserve. North Ivanhoe (Yarra Valley Hockey Club). Session time: 5:45-6:45pm. Cost $85 incl. starter pack or $50 for program only. Mouthguard is essential. Register at bha@yarravalleyhockey.com.au, or call Matt 0404 968 256.