Dear Parents and Guardians,

School Fete this Saturday

The School Fete is to be held this Saturday 23rd March and we are all hoping for good weather. There is a real buzz of activity around the school as the big day approaches. It is the school’s major fund raising event for the year so come along and enjoy yourselves and support the day. The funds raised are used to improve the school grounds and great improvements have been able to be made in the past few years thanks to previous efforts.

The Fete Committee has been working very hard on the planning and organization and they now need your help and support. The parents have been working extremely hard, sometimes until 3am in the morning and their commitment to make this an outstanding event is extraordinary. Please, if you are able to help, let the Fete Committee members know now rather than ‘on the day’ as it helps spread the workload and worry.

Contact the office and leave your details as your help will be invaluable.

School Working Bee

Last Sunday a wonderful working bee was held and a tremendous number of jobs were completed: in particular the repairs to the gravel path and clean up around the school building and landscaping works. Thank you to everyone involved, as without your help and assistance these works would not have been completed. Congratulations also to the Facilities Committee and everyone involved as the grounds are greatly improved.

Congratulations to Wales Street Students

Recently there have been several events where I have seen WSPS students take personal responsibility for their actions and it is great tribute to them. Last week it was the students taking part in the Greatest Shave /Crazy Hair Day activities and through their personal actions over $1000 has been raised. On Sunday at the Working Bee I also observed students helping their parents and assisting in the clean-up of the school grounds. This week it was a group of prep students who decided to take responsibility on Monday and to ‘clean up’ our schools grounds and yesterday I learnt that two of students had decided to take up the challenge of providing their Art work for the Cultural Diversity Week Primary School Art Competition and had become finalists.
Congratulations to all these students for their initiative in ‘taking action’ to follow through with their ideas, as they are beneficial to others. To Georgia K and Zoe A. (56C), who have had their artwork selected as one of the finalists, all the best at the Award Ceremony at Viva Victoria Multicultural Festival, at Federation Square this Sunday. Thanks also to Rachel, their class teacher, for supporting them and attending the ceremony on Sunday.

Earth Hour
This week the staff have been discussing Earth Hour with the students and tomorrow at school as our ‘Earth Hour’ at recess and lunchtime we will be switching off lights, fans, (see www.earthhour.org.au).
If you want to pledge to ‘switch off the lights, switch to renewable energy yourself there is an official Earth Hour 2013 video if you wish to view http://youtu.be/2UywrjnOaUE.

Annual General Meeting and Establishment of New School Council 2013 – 2014
The School Annual General Meeting will be held at 7pm next Wednesday 28th March by the current School Councilors. Afterwards at 7.30 a new School Council will be formed and executive elected. School community members are most welcome to attend. Please notify the school office before the Tuesday, so planning arrangements can be made.

St Patrick’s Day Sunday 17th March
Slightly indulgent I know but given my Irish background I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing St Patrick’s Day and in the words of my parents to pass on their favorite Irish blessing.
May the road rise up to meet you and the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

End of Term Thursday 28th March and Reminder about 2.30pm Dismissal
A reminder that as Good Friday falls on Friday 29th March this year Thursday 28th will be the final school day of term 1. To celebrate the end of this busy first term there will be a final term assembly at 2.15 pm at the Flagpole with all students being dismissed at 2.30pm. Please note the earlier dismissal time.

School will resume on Monday 15th April with an assembly in the school hall commencing at 9.00am.

Christopher L. Sexton
Principal

Fete ticket pre-sales for Ride Wristbands & Show tickets
Fete ticket pre-sales for Ride Wristbands & Show tickets are on now on sale up until Fete day.

Where: Fete Shed

When: Between 8:45-9:15am & 3:15-3:45pm daily.

Cost: Ride Wristbands $25, Show tickets $5

Library News...
VICTORIAN PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
All students at Wales Street will be given a Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge consent form today or tomorrow, to fill in and return as soon as possible.
The challenge is a means to promote the importance of reading among students in Victoria. It is also designed to encourage families to be more involved with their children’s reading.

Children’s Book Festival 2013
Sunday 24th March, 10am-4pm
Free Event on the lawns of the State Library
**Baker’s Delight, Northcote**

As part of Baker’s Delight, Northcote’s commitment to the local community, they are working with all school families to help raise funds to purchase new equipment, etc for our school.

When you purchase any products from their range, 5% of all purchases will be donated back to the school, simply mention Wales Street Primary School before we complete the transaction.

**SCHOOL AGED CARE**

**BOOKINGS**

With school finishing early at 2.30pm next Thursday 25th March, please remember to book in if you need to use School Aged Care or cancel your booking if you do not require it (permanent bookings stand unless cancelled)

**Darebin Primary School Holiday Program**

The April Holiday Program run from Wales Street Primary School is now booked out. If you wish to join the mailing list for the future programs please provide your name, address, and number of children via email or telephone.

Ph: 8470 8100

Email: primaryschoolholidayprogram@darebin.vic.gov.au

For further information see the Darebin Holiday program website: www.darebin.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

**2013 NEW WSPS PREP FAMILIES**

Come along and enjoy a play at All Nations park, next Wednesday the 27th of March, from 9.15am onwards (after sibling school drop off).

We will be at the Munro St Park at the Eastern end of All Nations Park (go right to the end of Wales St).

Any queries contact Mary on 0407 551 954. Hope to see you there!

**Ride2School Friday !!!!**

(and walk, scoot,skate)

Free bike bells, stickers, tattoos and bike reflectors from your friendly teachers at the gates.

Grab a raffle ticket to go into the draw for a $200 dollar gift voucher at a bike shop.

**AWEsome!**
School Nurse Report

It's all happening isn't it! Ride 2 school day tomorrow, and the Fete on Saturday. So much awesomeness!!! Tomorrow morning there will be lots of staff ready and waiting for you as you ride on your shiny coloured bikes with your cool helmets on. They will be giving out lots of freebies and raffle tickets to go in the draw for our grand prize of a $200 bike voucher. This raffle will be drawn at Monday's assembly by a Darebin Councillor and given to a very lucky person indeed.

Remember- You gotta be in it to win it! Good luck to all our riders!

A few weeks ago I told you of a conference I was to attend. This conference was focused on “Trauma and Emergency Nursing Skills.” It was full (quite literally) of information that I shall be using to compliment and enhance my Nursing skills. These conferences are a fantastic way of keeping Nurses up to date on the latest in all aspects of care. I also mentioned sharing some of this information with you- on reflection, the best way I can do this, is to talk about the way children differ from adults. The way we care for children often looks at these aspects. For factual accuracy, and as a base of information for you, I shall be quoting from “Care of Sick Children-A basic guide” by Gerry Silk.

“Children are different. They are different from adults in their anatomy, their physiology, and their psychology.”

Physical and physiological difference.

Airways: “Children are obviously smaller than adults. One of the most important physical differences is the size of the airways (the tubes leading to the lungs). The size of the trachea (the windpipe) in an adult is surprisingly small: it is only 8-10 millimetres in diameter—which is about the size of an adult little finger. In a 12 month old child, the trachea is only about 4 millimetres in diameter. This means that even the largest airway is very narrow indeed. The trachea then divides into smaller and smaller airways (the bronchi and bronchioles) to pass air into the lungs.

The small size of the airways in children (especially young children) means that they are very prone to obstruction from even small objects or minimal swelling. This is why children can quickly become distressed from infections such as croup. And this is why their airways can be blocked if they inhale small foreign objects –such as peanuts or parts of plastic toys.”

Pulse rate and respiratory rate: “children have higher pulse rates and breathing rates than adults. Their metabolic rates are higher, and they need to transport oxygen and nutrients around the body more quickly. “

Fluid balance: “Children lose fluid more quickly than adults –and can therefore become dehydrated more rapidly. The small intestine of small children is comparatively much longer than an adult's small intestine. Children can therefore lose fluid from the bowel much more quickly than adults. The length of an adult's small intestine is about four times the adult's height. … In contrast, a small child's intestine is six times the child's height. This means that a child with gastroenteritis can lose relatively much more fluid from the intestine than an adult will lose. A small child with gastroenteritis is therefore much more likely to become dangerously dehydrated –and this can happen relatively quickly, compared with an adult.

The kidneys of children are relatively immature compared with adults. The kidneys of a child do not respond to external conditions as efficiently as an adult. For example, on a hot day, adults will pass less urine because their kidneys retain fluid by absorbing it and not passing it from the body. In contrast, the kidneys of small children continue to pass urine freely. They are therefore more likely to become dehydrated in hot weather. “

I think these are simple but important differences between adults and children. When you next talk to your child about popping a fresh water bottle into their school bags, you can give them the facts-they will be most impressed by you! Drink and be merry!

Enjoy the fabulous weekend, and oil up those bicycles.

Take care.

Catherine Fisers. School Nurse (R/ N)
Chess Club

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Chess Club Students and Parents,

It is with mixed feelings that I inform you that I will be taking leave in Terms 2 and 3: Excitement – because, during this time, I will be travelling around Australia in a campervan with my family(!) but grief because I will miss my bright, young, happy Chess students and their wonderful parents very much while I am away.

An associate of mine - Kerry Stead from Northern Star Chess will take over the reins while I am away. Kerry is an excellent Chess player and coach and he is very friendly. I am sure you will all get along famously with Kerry!

The fee will still be $50.00 per term (which you may hand directly to Kerry, leave at the office or directly deposit into "Datuma Result P/L" BSB #: 033 044 105796)

If you have any questions, you can contact Kerry: pearl@northernstarchess.com. Missing you guys already...

Warm Regards,

Jim Cannon
Chess Coach

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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.

Collingwood All Stars Basketball Club. Basketball Clinics. April School Hols. Beginners & Experienced. 8th – 11th April. 7 years+

Beginner Programs: Saturdays commencing 20th April, Aussie Hoops 5 – 8 years at 9am, Mini Ball 7 – 10 years at 10am & 12.30pm.

- Tuesdays commencing 23rd April, All Star Hoops grades prep – 3 at 4.30pm, Mini Ball grades 3 – 6 at 5.30pm. Access for All Abilities: Saturdays commencing 20th April, 11.15am – 12.30pm, For children 6 – 16 with special needs. For more info. & to register go to www.collingwood.basketball.net.au, Enquiries: Megan Rouse 0417 106 490


dpuretennis@hotmail.com

Support older people to connect with others. Share Connections encourages older people who are, or at risk of becoming, socially isolated to participate within their local community. Become a volunteer or mentor to assist older people to join facilitated groups & community based activities of their choice, eg. Arts & crafts, cooking, & exercise. For more info., join us on Thurs 18 Apr, 6.30-7.30pm at Coburg Civic Centre, 90 Bell St.

RSVP by Mon 15th April, Steve Power, 8823 7932 or steve.power@benetas.com.au

FOR SALE. 1 x Queen size Sealy mattress base, on castors (removable). Excellent condition, as new. $140 negotiable. PLUS 1 x Solid timber Queen size bed, bed head & bed foot with turned posts. Excellent condition, as new. $340 negotiable. Contact Helen 0422 116 062
Wales Street Primary School Fete
Saturday 23rd March 2013
11am to 4pm

From the Fete Committee

FETE - This Saturday!!!!

Key Dates
THIS WEEK: Raffle Tickets
Please return no later than 21 March

| Now until FETE DAY | • Cans of soft drink  
| Drop off donations of: | • Clothing  
| | • Bric-a-brac  
| | • Books  
| | • Toys  
| | • Lucky jars  
| | • Blocks of chocolate  

FETE Wristbands are on sale at the Fete shed 8:30am-9:15am and 3:15pm-3:45pm.

| 21/3 Thursday | Raffles tickets books, money and all unsold tickets must be returned to classroom  
| 22/3 Friday Bring to School: | • Cake Stall Donations: to school hall between 8:30-9:30am & 3:00-4:00pm  
| | • Plant Donations  
| | • Preserves  
| 23/3 Saturday FETE DAY | • Cake Stall Donations: to school hall between 8:30 - 9:30a.m.  
| | • COME and HAVE FUN!!!!!!!  

Letter Box Drop
Thank you to all those who responded so quickly to help us distribute 5000 Fete flyers. Thank you!!

THANKS!!!!!!!!!!!

A huge thank you to the WSPS community for donating all of those wonderful items for the fete to be used in hampers, in the silent auction, on food and drink stalls and especially all the chocolate for Lob-a-Choc. BUT we need more Lucky Jars!!!! And more importantly MORE HELP. PLEASE VOLUNTEER.

WE’RE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING AS FANTASTIC FETE ON SATURDAY. COME AND HAVE FUN. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. IT’S GOING TO BE AS GREAT DAY!!
HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED??
THERE IS STILL TIME LEFT.

- CHOOSE A STALL
- CONTACT A COORDINATOR

There are stalls that still need help!!
Books, souvlaki, haunted house....

Gazebo Gang
We need volunteers to help set up gazebos on the day before the Fete - Friday 22nd March - and pack them up on Saturday at the end of the Fete.

We need the gazebos to protect goods, food, and volunteers from sun and hopefully no rain.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Peter Carton 0418 313 940

Shade Umbrellas & Pop Up Gazebos
We need shade umbrellas and pop up gazebos for shelter and shade during the Fete. CAN WE BORROW YOURS? Please contact Maria Romnios 0407 999 270.

GOING, GOING – GONE!
Make sure you don’t miss bidding at the Silent Auction.
There are close to two hundred silent auction items this year!!
Here’s a sample of what might tempt a bid or two:

- Getaways to Bright & Phillip Island & Daylesford
- Wonderful knitware, including beanies, scarves & gloves (Otto & Spike)
- Fabulous jewellery: necklaces/pendants, earrings
- Handcrafted toys, hair ties and brooches all made by local artisans
- Holiday reading: selection of beautiful books (Penguin Books Australia)
- A night out: La Mama Theatre Tickets, Studio Audience Passes to The Project or Before the Game
- Pick up a voucher to begin a new health routine with Snap Fitness, Mishfit or Hypoxi
- Wonderful hampers for all your beauty needs
- Homemaker hampers full of new things for your kitchen, dining room
- Hampers bursting with books, games, craft activities for the kids & the whole family
- Crafty hampers
- Get out into the garden this autumn with your gardening hamper
- Pick up a voucher towards a rainwater tank from Green Water Plumbing Service or bush mulch from Haddens Garden and Building Supplies
- and lots, lots more!

Cash & EFTPOS Payment accepted

Please contact
Penny pennyc7@yahoo.com 0409 044 963
Fiona fiona.park40@gmail.com 0418 249 595
if you would like to make a donation to this year’s auction
IT'S SHOWTIME!!! RIDES, RIDES, RIDES

Wristbands and Tickets go on sale from Thursday, 14th March at the Fete shed
8:30am-9:15am and 3:15pm-3:45pm.

**The Mad Hatter Show (Magic):**
$5 per ticket - 12:30pm, 1:30pm (40 min each) Limited Tickets available.

**Wild Action Australian Animals Show:**
$5 per show - Limited Tickets per show.
Pre-purchase a must.
12:00, 12:45, 1:20pm (35 min each)

**Sword Fighters Australia**
$5 per show - Limited Tickets per show.
Pre-purchase a must.
2:00-4:00pm
(8 sessions of 15 minutes each)

**Haunted House:**
$2 per entry - open all day - pay at the door.

**Ride Tickets & Wristbands:**
On sale from Thursday, 14th March
Pre-sale of wristbands - $25 ea
On the day sale of wristbands - $27 ea
Individual rides $4 each

**Rides & Activities Included:**
Pony Rides
Bungee Tramps
Chair-o-Plane
Farm Animals
Jumping Castle
Climbing Wall
Minigolf

**GIANT SLIDE** - definitely a crowd pleaser - go up and down over and over again! Thank you to the residents of Clyde Street for accommodating a street closure on Fete Day.

**Other Attractions:**
Lucky Jars, Jaffa Smash, Oracle Tent,
Busking Circle, Lob-a-Choc, Fairy Floss, Popcorn, Lolly Bags, Icy Poles, Ice Cream, Preserves, Books, Clothing, Magazines, Bric-a-Brac, DVDs/CDs, Plants, Flowers, Toys, Handcrafts, Badge Making, Face Painting, Kids Craft Cave
Raffle, Auction

**Food, Food & More Food:**
Chicken Souvlaki, BBQ Snags,
Vegetarian Wraps and Burritos, Spanakopita, Pancakes, Cakes, Biscuits, Slices,
Soft Drinks, Spiders and Fresh Lemonade Cappuccinos, Lattes, Espressos,
Iced Coffee, Chai,
Beer and Wine

**Music and Live Performances:**
WSPS music and dance students,
The Stillsons, Shivering Timbers, Mandy and Jeff,
AYA - Japanese flute and taiko drums band,
One House Town, Darebin School of Dance, and more……
Music and Live Performances:

11:00 - WSPS music/dance students
       Darebin School of Dance
       Exercise Demonstration by Elliot
11:00 - Silent Auction Begins
12:00 - **Wild Action Australian Animals Show** (35 min)
12:30 - **The Stillsons**
12:30 - **The Mad Hatter Show** (40 min)
12:45 - **Wild Action Australian Animals Show** (35 min)
1:00  - **AYA** - Japanese Flute & Taiko Drum ensemble
1:20  - **Wild Action Australian Animals Show** (35 min)
1:30  - **Shivering Timbers**
1:30  - **The Mad Hatter Show** (40 min)
2:00  - 4:00  - **Sword Fighters Australia**
       8 sessions of 15 min each (2:00, 2:15, 2:30, 2:45, etc.)
2:30  - Mandy & Jeff - Folk Music
3:00  - Raffle Draw
3:00  - Silent Auction Ends
3:05  - **One House Town**
4:00  - Fete Ends

Don't forget to bring your GOLD COINS!!!

Think Lob-a-Choc, Lucky Jars, Popcorn, Fairy Floss, Badge Making, Kids' Craft Cave, Ice Cream, Icy Poles and Haunted House
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