



Wales Street Primary School Newsletter

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Term 1, Number 1

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- Class The yard is supervised before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm. Students must not be dropped off and left alone before 8:45am. Any student in the yard unsupervised before 8.45am will need to go to our school aged care program.

An important reminder that any change of address or contact phone numbers needs to be updated with the office. This includes work numbers and emergency contacts. It is very important that the school is able to contact families in the event of an accident or illness.

Recess: 10.40am–

Welcome Back to the 2017 School Year !

Welcome back to all our Wales Street families, and a special welcome to the new families who are joining the Wales Street community for the very first time. We are all looking forward to an exciting year once again and sharing the journey with you. Wales Street is acknowledged for its high academic achievement and effective social emotional support for its student. As an International Baccalaureate world school we strive to develop inquirers who are knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded and caring. Our core business remains the same – we ensure that we set high expectations for all students to develop sound literacy & numeracy skills.

Newsletters 2017

A reminder that all newsletters will be posted on the Friday of, **odd weeks** during each term. This will ensure that parents receive a newsletter in the first week of the term.

New Staff

This year we have a number of teaching staff resuming at Wales Street Primary School.

Ben Jones has returned from teaching overseas and is resuming as the 3/4A teacher, Rebekah Husk is returning from family leave in 3/4 F. Rachel Sear is also returning from family leave in 1/2 H. Rali Sharpe is also returning to teach Performing Arts.

Please also note that Miss Bonnie Jones will be working with 5/6 D for the next few weeks as Steve McArthur will be absent for personal reasons.

Our staff are all looking forward to the 2017 school year at Wales Street and making a positive contribution to all the students they will be working with.

11.10am Lunch eating
time: 12.50pm-1.00pm
Lunchtime: 1.00pm –
1.50pm
School Finish: 3.30pm

Events



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	TEACHER(S)	WORKING DAYS	GRADE
	PREP	4 CLASSES	
1	MARIE APOSTOLOU	FULL TIME	PREP A
2	LOUSIE SCALLY	FULL TIME	PREP B
3	SPIRO PANTAZOPOULOS	FULL TIME	PREP C
4	ANNIE WILSON	FULL TIME	PREP D
	GRADE 1/2	8 CLASSES	
5	KATE BOWRAN	FULL TIME	1/2 A
6	TOBY MARQUETTE & DAVID ALTIS	M,T,W,TH FRI	1/2 B
7	JASON SERGI	FULL TIME	1/2 C
8	LESLEY KING	FULL TIME	1/2 D
9	ALEX DARLINGTON	FULL TIME	1/2 E
10	CHRIS HINGSTON	FULL TIME	1/2 F
11	ROSEMARY HUGHES	FULL TIME	1/2 G
12	BRONWYN CAPSALIS & RACHAEL SEAR	M, T & W TH & FRI	1/2 H
	GRADE 3/4	7 CLASSES	
13	BEN JONES	FULL TIME	3/4 A
14	LISA TEASEDALE	FULL TIME	3/4 B
15	SHANNON HAYES & DAVID ALTIS	M,T,W & FRI TH	3/4 C
	SUE LOSADA	FULL TIME	3/4 D
17	RENEE PATKAS	FULL TIME	3/4 E
18	KIM CHAU & REBEKAH HUSK	W,TH & FRI M & TUES	3/4 F
19	NOEL CARTER & DAVID ALTIS	T,W,TH & FRI M	3/4 G
	GRADE 5/6	6 CLASSES	
20	GEOFF O'CONNOR	FULL TIME	5/6 A
21	MARIA MANDILAS	FULL TIME	5/6 B
22	SERAPHIM KYPRIANOU	FULL TIME	5/6 C
23	STEVE MCARTHUR & DAVID ALTIS	M,W,TH & FRI TUE	5/6 D
24	JO RISTOS	FULL TIME	5/6 E
25	ANNE GRAHAM	FULL TIME	5/6 F
	EMILY CORCORAN	GRADE 5/6 SUPPORT & LEADING TEACHER (PYP)	
	SOTIROULLA – LITERACY COACHING & INTERVENTION	LITERACY	
	STEVE – MATHS COACHING & INTERVENTION	MATHS	
	DINA DIVITCOS	ITALIAN	
	LUISA KALENJUK	ITALIAN	
	LIMEI BIAN	TEACHING SUPPORT	
	LUISA KALENJUK & RALI SHARPE	PERFORMING ARTS	
	ANNA DE VOS	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	
	GEORGINA TRAGAS	N/A	VISUAL ARTS
SUPPORT STAFF			
	SHARON BUTLER		WELFARE OFFICER
	SKYE FISHER		EDUCATION SUPPORT
	MARY HEYMANSON		EDUCATION SUPPORT
	NICHOLAS HESSENKAMP		EDUCATION SUPPORT
	CARLENE HAMILTON		EDUCATION SUPPORT
	OLGA ANDERSON		EDUCATION SUPPORT
	JOYCE BUCKLEY		EDUCATION SUPPORT
	PATRICIA BATTAGHOTI		EDUCATION SUPPORT

	JANELLE MOHONEY		EDUCATION SUPPORT
	SALLIE MCCLEERY		LIBRARY & EDUCATION SUPPORT
	CATH FISERS		NURSE
OFFICE STAFF			
	PINA IOANNIDIS		BUSINESS MANAGER
	KIM STEEL		OFFICE MANAGER
	LISA WARREN		OFFICE ASSISTANT
ADMINISTRATION			
	JENNY DEEBLE		ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
	ROBYN JONES		ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
	CHRISTIAN WOODCOCK		PRINCIPAL

School Maintenance - Wales Street Building & Speight Street Building

There has been program maintenance completed over the holiday break to address some recurring roof issues. The Education Department has completed the maintenance and we shall now hopefully be experiencing less roof leaks in 2017.

Prep Information Night

The Prep information night will be held on Monday 13th February. This evening provides Prep parents with an opportunity to meet the teaching staff for the Prep area as well as the schools leadership team. During the evening the Prep program for 2017 is explained and parents are provided with the opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

Meet the Teacher (Grades 1-6)

We are in the process of changing the format and frequency of how we inform parents about our programs and student progress. We will be finalising plans for our reporting to parents schedule and notify the community, the date and the format that it will take in the next week. Stay tuned.

Communication tools at wales street primary school

A reminder that Wales Street PS uses a number of communication tools. Each tool is used for a specific purpose. These include.....

1. TiqBiz App

For Instant communication and / or reminders. These are intentionally brief and allow parents / carers to be updated with important information instantly. tiqbiz.com/au/tiqbizapp/

2. *COMPASS (emails and posts) For posting more detailed information to parents / carers and for email communication between parents and staff.*
3. *Newsletters. Posted each Friday via COMPASS on odd weeks of each term to provide updates on school activities and key dates for upcoming events.*
4. *Phone calls*
5. *Face to face meetings*

For more information, please see the link to communication policy on our website.

1. Semester student reports – a summary of academic and overall progress.
2. We have a 2017 Parent Information book linked to our website (on the right hand side of the front page) which contains valuable information about a range of organisational processes that relate to our school

Chicken Helpers

A big thank you to Elizabeth Turner and Ashley for volunteering their time over the holiday break to care for the Wales Street chickens. Your assistance was much appreciated.

School Council Vacancies and Elections 2017

Each year approximately half the members on school council face election as part of a process to ensure mentoring and renewal of this body. The council members facing elections this year as their current terms have expired are: Three Parent members: Adam Chapman (resigned from school council), Gabrielle Darlington and one parent position unfilled from last year. One DET member : Geoff O'Connor.

The role of School Council, the various categories of membership election and calls for nominations for the 2017 election are detailed below. If you choose to nominate, please attach a written paragraph about yourself that can be published in the event of an election and for entry into the newsletter. If the number of nominations exceeds the vacancies then an election is conducted for members of the School Council of Wales Street PS. **Before considering standing for School Council please consider the time commitment as it is an expectation that as a School Council member that you will also be a member of one of the sub committees.**

Election time frame

Mon 6 th Feb	Notice of School Council vacancies and calls for nominations. Nomination forms on the website or copies at the front desk.
Mon 20 th Feb	Closing Date for School Council Nominations at 4pm.
Wed 22 nd Feb	Notification of School Council Elections if required
Frid 24 th Feb	Display a list of candidates, nominators and seconder outside Office. Distribution of ballot papers by mail if necessary.
Thu 2 nd Mar	Close of ballot at 4:00 pm.
Fri 3 rd Mar	Counting of votes and declaration of the poll.
Wed 21 st Mar	School Council AGM.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019	THREE
Department of Education and Training (DET) employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019	ONE

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Votes may be posted to the Principal or placed in the ballot box at the school on any day up to the closure of the ballot. Further details on how votes may be lodged will be provided when ballot papers are sent to the electorate of the school.

School Council

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council? There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members. Wales Street under its current School Council membership schedule does not have any positions under this category.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important? Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved? The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations in term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Please ask at the school office for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do. It is also a very good idea to consider initially going onto a School Council Committee rather than School Council itself as a way of ensuring that you are not over committing yourself and are clearly about what is involved as a School Council Member. Contact the school for further information

Christian Woodcock
Principal

School Council and Sub Committee Dates for 2017

FINANCE	SCHOOL COUNCIL	FACILITIES	POLICY & STRATEGIC PLANNING	SCHOOL AFTER CARE
Tuesdays 7pm	Tuesdays 7pm	Tuesdays 7pm	Tuesdays 7pm	Fridays 8am
14 February	21 February	7 February	7 February	17 February
14 March	21 March AGM	7 March	7 March	17 March
25 April	2 May +	18 April	18 April	28 April
30 May	6 June	23 May	23 May	2 June
25 July	1 August	18 July	18 July	3 June
22 August	29 August	15 August	15 August	28 July
17 October	25 October (Wednesday)	23 August	23 August	25 August
14 November	21 November	10 October	10 October	20 October
28 November	5 December (Dinner Meeting)	7 November	7 Nov	17 Nov

*Meeting if required

+ Special Joint School Council Professional Development meeting- Induction

Welcome back to our entire grade 1 to 6- so lovely to see your smiley faces! Our new preppies start Thursday, a day of great excitement for all we love to meet them and share in their big day. There in First aid I've put together an information package from the kids matter web site that gives handy tips for preppie parents to peruse. Of course, they are terrific for all parents; all information to follow is for all eyes of the school community.

<http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au>

This information looks at various behaviours and how we can assist our children at school, how best to communicate and foster resilience, problem solving etc.



2. Getting ready for school.url



5. Coping skills.url



3. Understanding behaviour.url



4. Problem solving.url

Important information for all parents also includes what we need to have at school for your child and their continuing health-

Here is the all-important list of things to remember if your child has a medical history of

-all asthmatics are required to have their own labelled spacer and ventolin set at school. This is placed in the tub corresponding to their year level – clearly seen in first aid. These can then go along with your child whenever there are excursions of any kind. If they are utilized during school times you will receive a letter from me, so you know about your child's asthma status.

Action Plans: All asthmatics require a new action plan yearly, this reinforces a medical check-up and follow up, so that you can be assured the treatment you have for your child is both effective and current. It's easy to be confused about the best way to treat asthma; your doctor can assist you in clarification and maintenance of good care. I also have fabulous information packs for asthmatics that tells you all about the medications on offer, how to use your spacer etc. They are FREE- love it- just ask and it's yours.

All our students with anaphylaxis, allergies, diabetes and epilepsy also require updated action plans and medication that are current. A reminder phone call or note ll go to you if required- many of you are bringing in new medication and plans, showing me your fabulous organization at this busy start to the year. If there are any changes to your child's medical condition, a new plan is required. I'm here every day from 09:30 till 3.0 pm for you to discuss anything!

One health/safety requirement at the moment is to ensure your child has a hat! We are proudly a sun smart school and ask that broad brimmed hats be worn in the warmer weather from September until the end of April and whenever the UV reaches 3 and above. Please ensure that your child's hat has the safety feature on it that allows the strap to open if pulled too tight. Please don't tie your child's hat ties as it renders the safety feature void. Also, a lovely water bottle and encouragement to drink goes a long way toward preventing dehydration during this hot weather

I hope that this year of 2017 is a fabulous one with a lovely beginning.

Until next time

Catherine Fisers

School Nurse (R/N)



THANK YOU

On behalf of the Wales Street school community, the Grade 3-4 Teachers & Students would like to thank Ali Kassem, for volunteering and taking excellent care of our chooks during the holiday period. Your efforts are most appreciated.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

If you hold a concession or health care card you may be eligible to receive the CSEF (\$125 per child). CSEF Information for parents and application forms can be downloaded from our website www.walesstps.vic.edu.au Application forms MUST be submitted each year and need to be returned to the school office by 24th February 2017.

Qkr!

Qkr! By MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time that suits you.

With Qkr you can pay for school fees, school events and graduation tops. See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

1. Download Qkr!
2. Register
3. Find our school
4. Register your child

Qkr Promotion flyers were sent home with your child this week offering two Village Movie Tickets for four (2 x adults and 2 x children). Tickets include 4 x small popcorn, 4 x drinks and 4 x chocolates.

To enter the draw, all you have to do is pay for your child's school fees on your school Qkr App before the 17th March, 2017. The winner will be notified via email.

Tiqbiz

Please remember to untick your child's teacher from 2016 and tick your child's teacher for 2017 in Tiqbiz to ensure you're kept up-to-date with school information.

FASE

Wales Street Primary School in Thornbury will hold its major community and fundraising event - the Wales St Primary School Fete - on Saturday, 25th March 2017.

We are seeking support from businesses interested in sponsoring this major school community fundraising effort. The funds will be used to undertake a range of works within the school grounds such as seating and decking, landscaping and garden beds as well as purchase a range of much needed equipment. As you are probably aware, State Schools do not receive sufficient funds from the State or Federal governments so we are reliant on events such as this to raise much needed funds.

The main benefits of sponsorship are:

- Direct promotion to the families of the 610 students at Wales Street Primary School
- Exposure to several thousand attendees on the day of the Fete (approximately 5,000 attendees)
- Exposure to many thousands of local residents via public advertising and promotion leading up to the fete via a 10,000 letter box drop

We ask that you consider sponsoring at one of the sponsorship levels on the next page.

***Please note: benefits go into effect once a donation is received by the school and until the close of the fete.**

We greatly value the community and corporate support we receive and the benefits it allows us to deliver to the Wales Street students now and well into the future.

It would be great if you could contact the Wales Street Fete Committee Members, Tracy Houston on 0403 615 817 if you have any questions or would like to arrange a donation.



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Qkr Promotion

Dear Parents

The Qkr Team are offering two **Village Movie Ticket** for four, (2 adults & 2 children). The ticket also includes 4 x small popcorns, 4 x drinks & 4 x chocolates.

To enter the draw, all you have to do is pay for your child's school fees on your school Qkr App before the **17th March, 2017**. The winner will be notified via email.

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Pay for school fees, events, sports, uniforms and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

Step 1. Download Qkr!

On your Android phone or iPhone.
iPad users must download iPhone app.

Step 2. Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register.

Step 3. Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of our school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4. Register your child

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child/children. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.



VILLAGE CINEMAS



Download on the
App Store



GET IT ON

Google play

Opportunity	Benefits to sponsors
<p style="text-align: center;">Platinum</p> <p>Cash or goods and services to the value of \$2,000+</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business logo in Fete newsletters that is distributed in hard copy to every family at Wales Street 2. Business logo on flyers distributed around the area (10,00 flyers are letter box dropped 2 weeks before the fete) 3. Opportunity to display your company banner at the entrance to the fete, on the main stage or on a main fete attraction 4. Opportunity to hand out information to fete attendees 5. Business information at Fete Information booth 6. Business logo displayed on sign at entrance to the Fete 7. Acknowledgement in the Fete Directory, school newsletter, school website, school and Facebook page 8. Business link placed on Wales Street Official Facebook page.
<p style="text-align: center;">Gold</p> <p>Cash or goods and services to the value of \$1,000+</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business logo displayed on sign at entrance to the Fete 2. Business logo in Fete newsletters that is distributed in hard copy to every family at Wales Street 3. Business information at Fete Info Booth 4. Business logo on flyers distributed around the area (10,00 flyers are letter box dropped 2 weeks before the fete) 5. Acknowledgement in the Fete Directory, school newsletter, school website, school, and Facebook page.
<p style="text-align: center;">Silver</p> <p>Cash or goods and services to the value of \$500+</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Business information at Fete Info Booth 2. Acknowledgement in the Fete Directory, school newsletter, school website, school, and Facebook page 3. Business name on flyers distributed around the area (10,00 flyers are letter box dropped 2 weeks before the fete) 4. Business name displayed on sign at entrance to the Fete.
<p style="text-align: center;">Bronze</p> <p>Cash or goods and services to the value of \$250+</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledgement in the Fete Directory, school newsletter, school website, school, and Facebook page 2. Business name on flyers distributed around the area (10,00 flyers are letter box dropped 2 weeks before the fete) 3. Business name displayed on sign at entrance to the Fete.



**WALES STREET
PRIMARY FETE**

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH, 12 - 6PM
FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT 6-7PM



CORNER WALES & SPEIGHT STREETS

