



# Wales Street Primary School Newsletter

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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.**

Recess: 10.40am–11.10am

Lunch eating time: 12.50pm–1.00pm

Lunchtime: 1.00pm – 1.50pm

School Finish: 3.30pm

## Events

Wednesday 13th December

Swim Carnival

Friday 15th December

Respectful Relationship Day

Monday 18th December

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

Tuesday 19th December

Grade 6 Graduation

Thursday 21st December

End of year assembly 3pm

Friday 22nd December

Last Day of school for 2017

Early Finish

## From the Principal

### DISMISSAL TIME FOR THE LAST DAY

Students will be dismissed at **1pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December**. SAC will be available from this time until 6pm.

We will have our final assembly on **Thursday afternoon at 3pm** for the whole school to acknowledge the grade 6 graduating class and say farewell to staff and community that are leaving us this year.

### PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA

We will be having our annual Parent Helpers morning tea on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of December at 10.30 in the Hall. If you have helped us in anyway this year, we invite like you to come along and have morning tea with our staff to show our appreciation of your support throughout the year.

### RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS DAY FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER

This day will be an out of uniform day to celebrate our first year as a Respectful Relationship school and to acknowledge diversity in our community.

### MEET THE TEACHER

Students will meet their new teacher for 2018 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of December after recess for one session. They will bring home a note advising parents of their 2018 teacher and class.

### NUDE FOOD – REMINDER

A reminder that only Nude Food (without wrappers) is permitted into the school yard. There are bins provided in the yard for students to place any unfinished food items in.

### WILL GREEN CRICKET TRIUMPH

Following in the footsteps of former Wales Street student and Australian Test fast bowler Rodney Hogg, Will Green from 5/6D will be opening the bowling for Victoria in the upcoming National Championships.

Will plays for local cricket club Dennis and made it through a tough selection process and a series of trials to gain the number one bowling spot. Well done Will and all the best...who knows, one day he might also wear the 'Baggy Green'.



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## CODING AT WALES STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

### HOUR OF CODE

Our students are changing the future with an Hour of Code”

Dear Parents,

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works.

But only a tiny fraction of us are learning how technology works. Fewer than half of all schools teach computer science.

That’s why, for the second consecutive year, our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, after Computer Science Education Week (December 4-10). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code. Our 2017 Codettes; Sue, Rachel, Annie and Anne are ready to support our school community to embrace the world of programming.

Our Hour of Code is making a statement that Wales St PS is teaching these foundational 21st-century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to your students, we want to make our Hour of Code a yearly event. I encourage you talk about this event to your children, have a go at a coding activity and consider continuing hosting additional Hour of Code events at home.

This is a chance to support the change in education at Wales St P.S See <http://hourofcode.com/au> for details, and help spread the word.

### DAREBIN PARKLANDS WALKATHON

As an integral part of our recent Sharing the Planet Unit the Grade 5/6’s walked to Darebin Parklands.

The purpose of this visit was to study first-hand the transformation of the parklands over time from an industrial dumpsite back to its natural state. Students took water samples from the Darebin Creek to test the overall quality by determining chemical composition, conductivity, turbidity, Ph and oxygen levels. Local wildlife, nest boxing and the effect of feral animals were also studied at length.

As teachers, we felt it would be an ideal opportunity to raise money by way of a walkathon for the Darebin Parklands Association and Southern Cross Wildlife Care, a volunteer group caring for injured native animals and is also a first responder for injured wildlife in the advent of a major bushfire.

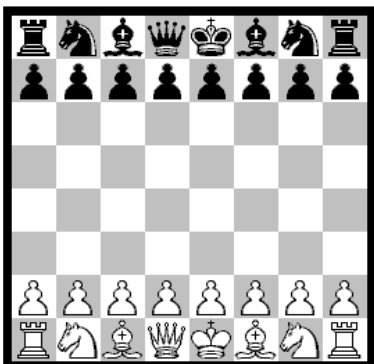
In total \$1811.30 was raised and will be split equally among both organisations, so a big thank you goes to the 40 or so families who supported the effort

The result also allowed us as teachers to address all 5/6 students about the importance of actually taking action.

Next year the Grade 6’s will develop further this relationship with the Darebin Parklands Association by engaging in their ‘Adopt A Creek’ program.

Geoff O’Connor

# WSPS CHESS CLUB 2018



## 2018 LESSON DATES

| Term | First | Last  |
|------|-------|-------|
| 1    | 6/2   | 27/3  |
| 2    | 24/4  | 19/6  |
| 3    | 24/7  | 11/9  |
| 4    | 16/10 | 11/12 |

**Think! Concentrate! Gain Confidence! Have FUN!**

**Coach: Jim Cannon, PhD (UMelb), Dip Ed (UMelb) Email: jimphd2000@gmail.com**

**RETURNING STUDENTS: Please do NOT fill in this form unless updating your details**

**Term 1 fees (\$65 / child) due: TUESDAY 6/2/18**

**SPECIAL OFFER (TERM 1 ONLY):  
PAY FOR THE YEAR AND PAY ONLY \$240 (SAVE \$20!)**

**Payment Options: Please circle payment method used:**

**EFT\* (preferred)      Cash      Chq (to "J.F.Cannon")**

\*EFT (JF Cannon, 037-138 56-4211) with Name, School and Term (or year) eg "J BROWN WSPS T1234"

**Please note: If paying by cash or cheque, please lodge your payment at the office in a clearly-labelled envelope with your child's name and Term being paid for. Thank you.**

Name of Child(ren) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in Year P 1 2 3 4 5 6 M / F  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ in Year P 1 2 3 4 5 6 M / F

Name of parents / guardians 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent / guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date / /

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ mob \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Term enrolling**  
**(Please tick ✓ )**

**WSPS**

| Term | ✓                        |
|------|--------------------------|
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| 2    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3    | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**NEW STUDENTS ONLY:**  
**Commencement Date:**

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Mathematics:** Some activities that you can do with your children at home

**Weighing:** Children learn first to compare things by hand, and by using balances. Later they learn about kilograms and grams. You can:

- Talk to your children about different ways of weighing things
- Talk about containers in terms of how much they weigh
- Compare the size and weight of items in the supermarket
- Weigh ingredients when you are cooking (learning to cook is helpful in many ways)



## LIBRARY

### **PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY AND HOME READERS TO CLASSROOMS NOW.**

We need to sort, clean and prepare for next year.

Remember to look in your bookshelves, behind the TV and under the couch to find all those long lost books and readers.

Library classes are continuing into December while I clean, weed and sort the books in preparation for 2018. I have some new books, Holiday books, Christmas books and “sometimes books” for students to browse as the library shelves progressively go “off-limits” as I sort and clean. We have investigated Christmas using a new non-fiction book on Christmas and what it means to different people and introduced the Preps to ‘Shmelf the Hannukkah elf’. The rest of the school has looked at “A very quacky christmas”, having read “Shmelf” last December.

Next week we will be looking at some new “Holiday” stories and some students will have the chance to create some new Shelf markers for everyone to use in the Library in 2018.

Wishing you all a safe and joyous Hanukkah, Christmas and Holiday season

Happy reading

Sallie

**INSTRUMENTAL  
MUSIC PROGRAM  
FOR SCHOOLS**



**We would like to congratulate all the students who participated in the end of year concert. Well done!**

**ABC Music Group would like to thank the entire Wales St Primary School community for all of their support throughout 2017!**




**Enrolment for Term 1 Keyboard and Violin lessons will open starting from January 20<sup>th</sup> 2018. Please visit us at [www.abcmusicgroup.com.au/enrol-now/](http://www.abcmusicgroup.com.au/enrol-now/) to secure your spot!**

**Lessons run every Monday, Thursday and Friday during school hours.**

**For more information please contact the ABC office via email: [info@abcmusicgroup.com.au](mailto:info@abcmusicgroup.com.au) or call 03 9427 8049**

**Instruments are available for rent or purchase through our website.**

**Follow us on social media for news and updates.**

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