



# 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 15th November

Swimming Grades 1 & 2

Friday 17th November

Prep Swimming

Grade 5/6 Parkland Excursion

Monday 13th November

Swimming Grades 5 & 6

Monday 20th November

Swimming Grades 3 & 4

Thursday 16th November

Swimming Carnival

Friday 17th November

Outdoor Movie Night

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### A MASTER PLAN FOR WALES STREET SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOL

**For Further Details – Go to the wales street [web site](#)** Street is one of the largest schools servicing Thornbury and Northcote (and surrounds). Enrolments are now consistently above 600, and are expected to grow in the coming years. And while the school's buildings, facilities and grounds have served us well over the years, extensive works are now required if our infrastructure is to continue to support our students today and over the coming decades.

Recently, we engaged architectural firm, Taylor Oppenheim Architects, to begin work on a master plan for Wales Street. A master plan is essentially a blueprint for how the school – its buildings and its open spaces – will look and develop over the coming years. We're inviting everyone to take a look at what we've done so far, and have your say.

### WHY WE NEED A MASTER PLAN

Wales Street is already at capacity, with every possible classroom now in use. What's more, more enrolments are expected in the coming years as Darebin continues to develop.

Many of our classrooms were built 125 years ago. Not surprisingly, they don't adequately meet today's teaching and learning requirements. In fact several of our classrooms are considered below standard.

Plus, we have very few shared spaces to foster collaborative learning, and finding extra spaces for break-out time, parent help sessions, and support sessions, is already a daily struggle.

Beyond the classroom the situation is equally strained. Our site currently offers no outdoor cover for students to seek shelter from rain or sun. And while we are entitled to a full-sized gymnasium on our site, our current gym doubles as a hall, and is only designed to accommodate a school half our size.

Our office staff are also feeling the pinch. Our office and our foyer are simply not sufficient to service a school this large



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## WHAT DOES A MASTER PLAN DO?

A formal master plan takes into account the built (and unbuilt) spaces and how they can be maximised, reworked and in some cases possibly even rebuilt, to suit the needs of our students and our school community in future years.

Far from being about just 'bricks and mortar', a master plan takes into account a broad range of factors, including:

- Teaching and learning requirements associated with the school's educational philosophy
- Access requirements, for example how we cater for and improve on disabled access
- Availability and use of open spaces, such as play areas, sporting areas and gardens
- Flow and 'logic' of the overall site and linkages between related spaces
- Security and traffic management
- Options for ensuring our school offers a welcoming and accessible entry point for our broader community.

Please tell us what you think

The three draft plans are on the school website for you to consider. They're also available at the Office if you'd like to see some paper copies. These are not final plans – they're just 'thought starters' at this stage.

**Please email us your thoughts at [wales.street.ps@edu.vic.gov.au](mailto:wales.street.ps@edu.vic.gov.au)  
Your feedback will help to inform the development of a final plan early next year – so make sure you have your say!**

### TAKE ACTION FOR WALES STREET NOW!

**IT ONLY TAKES 5 MINUTES TO CALL OR MSG BOTH CANDIDATES  
TODAY AND  
DEMAND FUNDING SUPPORT FOR WALES STREET**

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### SAC ANNUAL ONLINE RE-ENROLMENT NOW OPEN FOR 2018

Re-enrolment for 2018 will be conducted during Term 4 commencing 23rd Oct till Friday 15th December, so that we can commence processing data and planning for next year.

all children from 2018 must be registered through my family lounge

It is necessary to re-enrol the child/ren each year as required by National Law, Regulations. This applies to permanent and casual bookings.

The enrolment form is available for parents/carers to complete online via the MY FAMILY LOUNGE portal on SAC page on the Wales Street Primary website.

A PDF is on the school web site for instructions to follow.

## Grade 6 Exhibition

This week has been a busy one for our Grade 6 students, who have presented their exhibition focusing on the Transdisciplinary Theme “How We Express Ourselves”. 'The Exhibition' is the culmination of student learning in a PYP school. During 'The Exhibition', students take action to drive their own inquiry, using the knowledge, concepts, skill and attitudes they have developed throughout primary school. This year, Wale Street students have been fortunate enough to take their learning into the wider community thanks to the support and resources of the Melbourne Museum.

As part of this partnership they visited the museum twice and museum staff visited the school on 4 occasions to meet with students, challenge their thinking and provide new ideas and input. As part of the exhibition process, each group developed their own central idea and lines of inquiry.

They used a combination of primary and secondary sources and were challenged to produce an exhibit that immersed visitors in a form of expression. Exhibition foci included the evolution of music, architecture, street art, news media, social media, fashion, religion and more. The students created an exceptional exhibition which they presented at the Melbourne Museum on

Thursday and Friday, before sharing their learning with the school community on Wednesday night and Thursday.

Congratulations to all involved and a special thank you to the Grade 5/6 Teachers and all the teachers who mentored groups.









## **VOTE FOR THE CAKE STALL!**

### **GUARANTEED WINNER THIS BY-ELECTION IS THE WALES ST PRIMARY CAKE STALL.**

Are you a terrific baker? Suggested items: Biscuits, cupcakes, whole cakes, things that are easily packaged and sold. It would be really fantastic if smaller items can be packaged at home, that makes it way less time consuming on the receiving end. The school office is fully stocked with small boxes, small plastic bags and the donation sheets that need to be completed - please take what you need to package your goods. Alternatively you can print a copy of the donation sheet from the school website.

Although fresh cream is tasty, we don't have cold storage, so please stick to regular icing and things that don't require refrigeration.

Drop off your goodies Friday 17th November in the ART ROOM from 3pm - 7pm. If you'd like to hang around and help with pricing and packaging, a glass of wine will be in it for you.

Like to volunteer for a shift? Or just looking for a good excuse to get out of Saturday morning sports and housework? We'd love to have you! Shifts are in 1 hour time-slots from 9am - 3pm (or whenever we sell out), on Saturday 18th November. Come cast your vote and help us sell some baked treats for an hour or so. Please call or text Kathy 0439 992 300 and let me know the time you can come and help.

## **THE LIBRARY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

I always surprise the students when I say that I am going to wash the Library books in December!

This year I am looking for some new parent/carer Library volunteers to help with "end of year" in the Library.

Initially it will involve wiping down the fiction/chapter book collection, along with cancelling some weeded books and reshelving of returned books as I process the stocktake of this section of the collection.

Classes will still be visiting the Library, so I'm afraid it is adults only as supervising little ones and moving around the library does not work well with two classes in the space at the same time.

Please contact Sallie in the Library if you can

## **MUSIC LESSONS @ WSPS 2018**

Music Lessons with Cat Canteri,

Piano/Guitar/Drums

Tues/Wed/Thursdays during hours, enroll now for 2018

Enquires p: 0432339255 e: catcanteri@yahoo.com.au

WALT DISNEY STUDIOS PRESENTS  
A STUDIO GHIBLI FILM

# PONYO

BYO Rug,  
pillows,  
bean bags, &  
picnic dinner  
or takeaway

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
November  
2017

## WALES STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

includes the Wales Street Kids Homemade Film Fest

7:00pm Pre movie picnic & candy bar opens  
8:15pm Wales Street Kids Home Made Film Fest  
8:30pm Feature Film "Ponyo"

**TICKETS \$10.00**

Pre-sale or at the gate (over 4 years)

All children must be accompanied by and fully supervised by an adult at all times.  
Children will not be admitted without an adult present.

### BOOKINGS

[trybooking.com/SNYZ](http://trybooking.com/SNYZ)  
or at the office from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October @ 9am