Comming Up...

Friday 26th June  
Last Day of Term 2 – 2:30 dismissal  

Monday 13th July  
Curriculum Day (Pupil free day)  

Tuesday 14th July  
Students’ first day back

WALES STREET NEWS

June 25 2015

From the Principal

CURRICULUM DAY - MONDAY JULY 13TH 2015

Please be advised that we have a curriculum day planned for Monday 13th July. Students will not attend school on this day.

School Aged Care is available if you require this service. Please contact SAC for bookings. The first day for Term 3 will be on Tuesday 14th of July.

PREP ENROLMENTS

2016 Prep enrolments close 31st July including siblings.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR GRADE 3/4 CAMP

Don’t forget camp deposit and medical forms are due in tomorrow Friday 26th June.

STUDENT REPORTS - COMPASS

This year, we have introduced Compass as our reporting software for semester reports. The move to a web based system allows our staff greater flexibility and the ability to tailor the report to our school needs.

Due to some technical difficulties during the production of the reports this year, the semester reports will be sent home on Friday the 26th of June. For this semester, reports will be printed and sent home with the students. However, in future, all reports will only be accessible via the parent portal on Compass.

The new report format includes all the features of past reports relating to the AusVELS standards as well as information about student progress in the Primary Years Program and specialist classes. One change that parents will notice is the removal of the A-E rating. As a school we believe that the progress shown on
the summary graphic provides the necessary information on the progress that students have made during the semester.

Each family will receive a booklet with the report outlining all the features of Compass including communications, assessment and absences.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SURVEY – CHOOSING A PROVIDER**

Thank you to the parents and carers who have completed the survey. The School Council will begin looking at the survey feedback. Then they will find a provider that best meets the requirements of the Wales Street community.

**LANGUAGES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REVIEW – WORKING PARTY**

The memorandum of understanding with Department of Education for the additional funding the school has been receiving ends in December 2015.

A working party has been formed to provide advice to the School Council on the strategic direction for languages at Wales Street Primary School. The first task will be to establish Terms of Reference. The working party will consult the Wales Street Primary School community and school staff to guide the decision making process. The members of the working party are Jenny Deeble, Frances Coppillillo, Royce Monk, Fiona Clarke and myself.

Professor John Hajek from Melbourne University is available to the working party for advice as required; he is not part of the working party.

The party will meet early next term to begin consultation with the community.

**HAVE A HAPPY BREAK**

To all our students, staff, and parents have a safe and enjoyable break. I’ll look forward to seeing everybody back for the start of Term 3, rested and ready to tackle the challenges that lay ahead.

Christian Woodcock

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**From the Nurse**

Hello everyone,

Here we are at the end of Term 2 and I’m wondering whether we will reach the 1,000(!!!) mark with the number of children who have attended sick bay this term. It’s been a long term. So far this term, 930 children have visited sick bay. Of these 83 had asthmatic episodes and 61 children were sent home.

A few weeks ago I did a newsletter that focused on “What sugar does to your brain?”. I popped in a totally fantastic video that will have you off sugar in seconds. Click [here](#) to read more on this topic and more.

**Fundraising and Social Events News**

**Wales Street Family Disco**

The Fundraising and Social Events Committee would like to thank all the parents and carers who volunteered at the annual Wales Street Family Disco last Friday night. The night wouldn’t have run so smoothly without all those hands staffing the door, handing out over 400 hot dogs and samosa’s, selling treats and drinks and running the bar.
The night was a sell-out night with just over 450 people attending. We apologise for all the families that missed out, we may have to book a bigger venue next year!!.

Even though the disco event is designed to be a social event for kids as well as their parents and carers, it does raise funds for the school. This year the disco has raised just over $4,000 for the school.

The tally for fundraising so far this year is approximately $84,500, which is well on our way to our target of $100,000.

Thank you all again for your continued support of the Wales Street Fundraising & Social Events Committee’s events.

The Wales Street Great Ideas Grants

The first round of the Wales Street Great Ideas Grants has seen two projects funded. The Wales Street Garden Club were successful in receiving a grant for $700 to purchase a greenhouse, benches and other items and Toni McMullen, a parent received funding to organise a parents and carers workshop around talking to your kids about sexual health. Congratulations on your applications.

The next Great Ideas Grants Round closes on Friday 28 August. Application forms and Guidelines can be found on the School website.

SAC News

CURRICULUM DAY – MONDAY 13TH JULY (first Monday of Term 3)

Monday 13th JULY is a Curriculum Day. The School Age Care program will be available for children who have a current enrolment form.

Bookings for Curriculum Day are essential and need to be made by Friday 26th JUNE.

Bookings can be made in person, email oshc.wales.stree.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or phoning SAC on 9484 3949

Operating Hours are 7.00 am to 6.00 pm

Cost $45.00 per child – less if you receive Child Care Benefit/Child Care Rebate.

Children are required to bring their own morning snack, lunch and a drink bottle.

Children cannot turn up on Curriculum Day without a prior booking: there are staffing and ratios to consider.

LAST DAY OF TERM

As the end of Term 2 approaches we would like to remind families that children will be dismissed from school at 2.30 pm on Friday 26th June. If you require your child/ren to attend After Care on this day please remember to book them in by phoning 9484 3949, in person or above email address.

If you do not require care on the last day of care and have a regular booking for this day, then you have to cancel that booking or you will be charged a “non-cancellation fee” for a non-attendance.

FEES

SAC FEES are now due in full.