**From the Principal**

**WALES STREET CHESS RESULTS!**

Congratulations to Wales Street chess team on their stellar performance at the recent chess tournament. We came in equal second place with 21 points - only 1.5 points behind the winners who scored 22.5 points.

This was a big tournament - 102 competitors - and there were a lot of strong players there.

Without doubt, the stars this time were **Harry** - who won 6 of his 7 games and came in 4th place overall, winning the Bronze medal for the Grade 5/6 section and **Christopher** - who won 5.5 of his 7 games and came in 5th place overall!

However, it was **Jules** (8th with 5.5 points) and **Dan** (28th with 4 points) who clinched the equal second place for the school. A number of students scored so highly that they have qualified for the State semi-final in October.
What’s happening at Wales Street?

The nine essential components that contribute to a high performing school:

Component 5 -- Curriculum, instruction and assessments aligned with state (and like school) standards.

In recent meetings staff have been looking at gaining a whole school understanding of what a Literacy Block should look like as students move through the various grades at school. The Professional Learning Teams (PLT’s) have been working to develop a model understood by all staff that articulates what reading, writing, speaking and listening look like and how as teachers we can ensure that students experience a more seamless structure in the literacy block.

Staff are also receiving weekly coaching from our leading teachers. This supports them in the classroom to implement new ideas and provides feedback for future consideration in whole school planning.

SUCCESS! - OUR FIRST MINI ASSEMBLIES

The first two mini assemblies held on the last two Wednesday’s have been an overwhelming success. Students were VERY excited and proud to receive acknowledgement for the great work they have been doing across the school. I received positive feedback from a number of parents who thought the format was great. Well done to staff and students for your support of this trial.

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TREVOR ROBINSON - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

You will be aware that Trevor Robinson (Assistant Principal) has accepted a six month appointment at Abbotsford Primary School as Acting Principal as of Monday 3rd August.

As a result of this Robyn Jones the Leading Teacher for literacy and numeracy at Wales Street Primary School will step into the Acting Assistant Principal role.

To back fill the teaching component of Robyn’s leading teacher role Shannon Hayes from 1/2 C will now also be working with David Altis’ class (1/2 E) on Wednesdays.

Louise Young 1/2 A will also now work with Sue Losada’s class in 1/2 F every second Thursday.

Both teachers are current 1/2 teachers at the school and the children know these teachers well. Furthermore, this will ensure that there is a smooth transition, as they are both familiar with the 1/2 curriculum. Robyn Jones will of course be available to all these teachers should they require any support or clarification on the teaching and learning programs already in place.

Louise and Shannon’s current classroom commitments (rostered work days) for 1/2 A and 1/2 C respectively, will not be affected.
Your chance to be a cycling champion!

You are invited to attend the conclusion of the

Final Stage of the 2015 Tour de Wales Street

Wales St Champs Elysees (basketball courts)

Friday 14 August at 9 a.m. Students please get your name marked first on the roll

Anyone who rides to school on the morning is eligible to assemble with their bikes for the final presentation and bike skills event.

Other students and parents are invited to come along a cheer on Wales Street’s cycling champions.

Trophies and stickers for all participants in the skills events

Who will be asked to step up onto the podium to receive their prizes for the Final Stage 2015?

Brought to you by Wales St Primary School Active Travel Committee

With Wales St Family Bike Club and Ride2School

Many thanks to Melbourne Bicycle Centre, Clifton Hill, for their generous sponsorship of the prizes

Riders: remember to complete your entry form and return to the office by first thing Thurs 13 August

Are you still battling to get your child riding without training wheels? Ride2School will be offering a free session to support parent in teaching their child to ride. The session will be run on Wednesday 26th August at school pick-up time and be held on the playground. It’s a great opportunity to gain some helpful tips and get your child riding independently.
From Cath the Nurse

August 13th 2015

Hello everyone,

Can you smell that spring is around the corner? Have you managed to dodge the sore throats/coughs and sore tummies this winter? I hope so. Just over 404 reported first aid attendances and 55 children have been sent home this term- let’s hope that with the warmer weather on its way we will all be healthier!

HEARING awareness WEEK

Coming up is Hearing Awareness week- Many of our children swim regularly and many more listen to music via their iPod/phones and many of the crazy gadgets out there- but often we don’t know or understand what and how damage can occur to our ears. I’ve accessed the site http://www.hearingawarenessweek.org.au/ and present in fact sheets some of my findings that may help us all with our precious ears.

- Swimmer’s or Surfer’s Ear
- What is tinnitus
- There are different causes of hearing loss
- Noise Destroys
- Treating hearing impairment
- Protect your ears from loud music
- What is an ear infection?
- Protect your hearing
- What is Menieres disease?
- Protection for your ears

I hope that this information gives you some good ideas about our lovely ears.

Take care

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse (R/N)

Talking To Kids About Sex
Sexual Health Education
For Primary Parents
- Are your kids asking curious questions about how babies are made?
- Are you wondering where to start the conversation about human sexuality or puberty with your kids?
- This is the help you have been looking for
- Presented by a Sexual Health Nurse and Educator with over 20 years experience

Monday 7th September, 7.30pm, Northcote Town Hall, Northcote
Open to the general public – Suitable for parents of primary school age children

What other parents have said:

“...I would like to thank you ever so much for the information session you provided… I have always avoided the subject (sex) with my kids. I now feel confident in chatting to them openly and should not be embarrassed about having these conversations. I know that I’ll be thanking you for years to come for opening up to this subject before my kids get the chance to hear secondhand from their friends…”

“...Vanessa I attended your session on Wednesday and it was totally awesome! Loved it!...I've just sent your details on to 10 of my friends and recommended that they go to the session…”

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