From the Principal

CURRICULUM DAY TERM 2
Welcome back to Term 2! On Monday 13th April the Wales Street staff and School Council parents were engaged in designing a Strategic Statement to assist everyone to audit a range of areas relating to how we operate as a school on a daily basis. The purpose of the exercise was to take stock of where we are currently at with respect to our strategic direction and how as a team we can focus on the future of Wales Street and continuing to build on the good work that has already been done in previous years.

The statement will also be used as a guide for staff as we complete the current Strategic Plan (already in place) and will also serve as a catalyst for future strategic planning moving forward.

It was great to see the enthusiasm and knowledge that the staff and School Council parents brought to the table. I think everyone left the day feeling energised and empowered and I’m personally looking forward to using the rich information collected from the participants in the near future.

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE - REMINDER
Please be reminded that Victorian Government schools do not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for decisions regarding their children’s accident insurance, including ambulance cover. Wales Street Primary school does not have a whole-of-school accident insurance policy covering students.

If a parent/guardian makes the decision to take out accident insurance for their child(ren), such insurance policies are available through a number of companies. Parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs.

These costs may be recoverable where the injury is caused by negligence (carelessness) of the Department, a school council or their employees or volunteers under the Department’s public liability insurance policy.
ATTENDANCE
Based on our Term 1 data the average percentage of attendance throughout Wales Street Primary School was 95%. Thank you to all the parents and guardians for showing such a consistent commitment in getting their child(ren) to school. A high attendance rate plays a major role in helping students to succeed.

PREP B – CLARE CHAMBERS
Clare Chambers will be taking parental leave from Week 4 onwards (as of Monday 4th May) during Term 2. Clare will be replaced for the rest of 2015 by Rebekah Husk.

Rebekah is an ongoing experienced staff member at Wales Street Primary School and has worked in the prep team over the past few years. Clare will conduct a thorough handover of the class to Rebekah before going on leave.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Clare for her dedication as a staff member to the Wales Street community.

We all wish Clare the very best as she moves into parenthood.

School Photos
School photos will be held on Monday 27th April. Envelopes were sent home with students yesterday, Wednesday 15/04/15. Payment can be made online by following instructions on the front of the envelope. Sibling order envelopes are available at the office.

Instalment School Fee Payment
We will be processing payments over the next couple of weeks for families who have elected to pay quarterly school fees.

School Fees
Thank you to families who have paid school fees in full or through our quarterly or half year instalment payment system. For those families who are yet to pay, could you please make arrangements to settle accounts as soon as possible. Statements will be sent home next week.

Prep Tours
Prep tours will start on Tuesday 21st April and will run every week until 16th June, excluding 19th May. Enrolment packs for 2016 will be available at the office from Monday 20th April.

Graduation Garments
Ordered graduation tops were handed out to students today. We are still waiting on a backorder of a few size 14 and 16 polo tops. These will be distributed to students as they arrive.

Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge
There is still time to join! We have over 200 students enrolled so far. We will issue User ids and passwords, on receipt of permission forms. To read more on the Challenge and to download a permission form, click here and return it to your child’s class teacher.