



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.**

An important reminder that any change of address or contact phone numbers needs to be updated with the office. This includes work numbers and emergency contacts. It is very important that the school is able to contact families in the event of an accident or illness.

Recess: 10.40am–11.10am

Lunch eating time: 12.50pm–1.00pm

Lunchtime: 1.00pm – 1.50pm

School Finish: 3.30pm

Events

Monday June 26

Talk the Talk Parent Information Evening

Friday June 30

Term 2 Ends at 2.30pm

Wednesday August 23

Curriculum Day

Wednesday August 2

Student Led Conferences

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2017 STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

VARIATION OF ATTENDANCE 2ND AUGUST

Student Led Conferences will be held on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday 2nd August. As this is a variation of attendance day, students will finish early at 1pm. Parents and carers are asked to pick their children up or organise SAC at Wales Street. Students are expected to attend the Student led conference with their parents/carers. Each conference will take 15 minutes and bookings can be made through COMPASS early next term.

WHAT ARE STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

At Wales Street Primary School we conduct Student led conferences as another way of communicating to parents and families, the learning experiences of our students in a meaningful and purposeful format. The students reflect and articulate their understandings through the sharing of their portfolio. The portfolio includes work samples and evidence of the learning experiences throughout the semester. This process places the student at the centre of the learning and is an important part of the reporting process that is focused on 'what the child can do'. Written reports are sent to parents prior to the SLC to inform them of their child's progress against the standards according to the Victorian Curriculum.

Student-led conferences involve the student and the parents. The students are responsible for leading the conference, and also take responsibility for their learning by sharing the process with their parent. The conference involves the student discussing and reflecting upon samples of work that they have previously chosen to share with their parents. These samples have been previously selected with guidance and support from the teacher, and could be from the student's portfolio." (*Making the PYP happen: A curriculum framework for international primary education*, 2009)

THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR SLCS ARE

1. To offer a more concrete and meaningful dimension to the concept of assessment for learning in which students, and subsequently their parents, would be more focused on the learning process as opposed to a summative assessment grade.
2. To give further meaning and importance to the IB Learner Profile for the students themselves, i.e. that they are involved in reflecting upon themselves as learners.
3. To move the student to the centre of the reporting process as opposed to being a passive bystander. Moreover, to shift the focus of attention away from teaching and more on learning with teachers acting more as facilitators in an extension of the learning process.
4. For students to use and demonstrate the trans disciplinary skills that they are learning in a real and significant context.
5. To more directly involve our subject specialist teachers in the report process and give greater significance and importance to their subject areas by helping parents to understand a little more about the learning that takes place in each of these subject areas. We hope you enjoy the experience.



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REMINDER - SEMESTER 1 STUDENT REPORTS 2017

The Semester 1 reports will be issued later this year due to the changes we have made to our reporting schedule and the transition to the Victorian Curriculum. The reports will be sent through the COMPASS system on Friday 21st July Week 1 Term 3. The report format has been currently modified across the school by learning teams to reflect the new Victorian Curriculum and alignment with our Units of Inquiry. Work is also being done to make the reports more parent friendly with less educational jargon. The aim is to make the report format more concise.

With the introduction of the Victorian Curriculum, the requirements for reporting has changed so teachers will be assessing against achievement standards related to the content that has been taught this semester. As we have aligned our units of inquiry to the Victorian Curriculum, we will report on those elements that are relevant, and comments will be focused on overall achievements and areas for improvement. We will seek feedback around the new format from families in Term 3.

Please also be aware that the review process for reporting to parents will continue in Semester 2. To this extent, we aim to have additional improvements in place for the Semester 2 reports.

MASTER PLANNING FOR WALES STREET UPDATE

Last week at our School Council meeting Michael Taylor from **Taylor Oppenheim Architects** outlined the work that had been started at Wales Street. This included having an initial conversation with the staff and student groups to gather information about how we work on our school site each day. Staff and students were also asked to think about what some of the key design features they would like to see within the master plan. Following these preliminary discussions Michael will take the feedback away and begin thinking about creating some initial drawings that can be shared with parents.

CURRICULUM DAY 23 AUGUST

Our final student free curriculum day will be held on Wednesday 23rd August. The purpose of the day will be to look at the Digital Learning Technology curriculum with staff and continue work on the implementation of the whole school Annual Implementation Plan for 2017.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE LIBRARY FUND & BUILDING FUND

TAX TIME IS APPROACHING!

It's not too late to contribute. Donations received before 30/06/2017 will be included in your 2016/2017 tax return. Payment can be made via Qkr/cash/efpos/credit card. If payment is by cheque please make cheque/s payable to WSPS Library Fund and/or WSPS Building Fund. All donations gratefully accepted. Please contact the school office if you have any queries. Dear

PARENTS AND CARERS

Could you all please take the time to check your management/action plans and medications are up to date if your child has **asthma, allergies or anaphylaxis**. Please bring any new plans or new medications in clearly labelled with your child's name.

UKULELE CLASSES @Wales Street PS

DID YOU KNOW WALES STREET PS HAS A UKULELE PROGRAM?

Taught by uke4kids, the program uses a unique framework to build *resilience*, encourage school *engagement* and develop each child's own *musical expression*.

It is great for *all* year levels, and particularly suited to children from Prep to Grade 3 taught in small group lessons which are a powerhouse of focused *fun, skill development & cooperative learning*

Half hour classes are held on TUESDAYS after school.

To reserve a place for your child, or for further information, call or email our office:

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Wales Street Primary School 2017

Art Show



The Art Show is a celebration of our student's artistic journey.

Wednesday 13th September

Art Show Opens at 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm (3/4 Building)

Wales Street Family 'Neon' Disco

Friday 23 June 2017

6:30 - 8:30

School Hall

\$10 entry

Fabulous DJ
Face painting, snack bar, drinks and a bar
Prizes for best dressed kids and adults

DISCO

The Wales Street Primary School Disco is for everyone - Prep to Grade 6 and family members (no drop offs).
Come dressed in your brightest fluoro/neon outfit.

Register (using the name of the adult attending with the kids) and pay through TryBooking. <https://www.trybooking.com/289043>
Names checked off at the door (no requirement to print tickets).
All adults and children require a ticket. Strictly limited numbers.
NO DOOR SALES on the night.