



Wales Street Primary School Newsletter

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Divisional Swimming 28th March
- Class 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 –

REPORTING TO THE PARENT COMMUNITY

This year in response to feedback from both parents and staff the Reporting to Parents schedule has been reviewed to include some new ways of sharing information about the learning program and student performance. The revised schedule aims to provide a range of information to inform parents and carers on how their child(ren) are progressing throughout the school year at key times.

NEW - Parent Information Session - TERM 1

A parent/carer information session will be held on Tuesday 21st of February for grade 5/6 and Wednesday 22nd February for grade 1/2 and grade 3/4.

The purpose of this meeting is for the teacher / teaching team to share with you general useful information with all parents in a forum about the teaching program for 2017. This will include speaking about the processes in place for teaching literacy and numeracy and catering for individual student needs. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and clarify any operational points.

Format for the Information evening:

Date	Time	Grade teams	Classes	Venue
Tuesday 21 st February	6.00-6.45pm 15 minutes after for classroom visits	Grade 5/6	All grade 5/6 classes	Clyde Building
Wednesday 22 nd February	5.00-5.45pm presentation 15 minutes after for classroom visits	1/2 Red	1/2A Kate, 1/2B Toby, 1/2C Jason, 1/2D Lesley	Clyde Building (3/4 area)
		1/2 Blue	1/2E Alex, 1/2F Chris, 1/2G Rosemary, 1/2H Bronwyn/Rachael	Wales Building (1/2 area)
	6.00-6.45pm 15 minutes after for classroom visits	Grade 3/4	All grade 3/4 classes	Clyde Building

The **specialists** will be in their teaching spaces from 4.30pm- 5.30pm for any parents wishing to talk to staff about their program.

1.50pm
School Finish: 3.30pm

Events



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NEW - Parent – Teacher Meetings – TERM 2 week 2 (Wednesday 26th April)

Term 1 allows your child's new teacher to develop a detailed understanding of your child and where they are at in reference to their academic and social development. Early in Term 2 teachers will be holding individual parent – teacher interviews to discuss student progress. The meeting will focus on how your child is performing and the supports in place for the student. This meeting provides you with feedback from a range of sources including testing data, teacher observations and a comparison (where appropriate) of your child's performance against normative data.

Semester 1 Report - TERM 2

This report will be issued as usual towards the end of Term 2. This is a summative report describing your child's progress across the first semester.

Student Led Conferences – TERM 3

These will continue and allow you to view your child's progress by discussing the portfolio on display with your child and their teacher. Student Led Conferences reflect the belief that students are actively involved in their learning and should assume responsibility for the learning process.

NEW - Interim Progress Report* – TERM 4

This brief report will be issued for all students early in Term 4 and provides you with an update on how your child is performing across the three key areas of Numeracy, Literacy and Approaches to Learning i.e. (Thinking Skills, Social Skills, Communication Skills & Research Skills).

*If there are concerns about your child's progress the teacher will invite the parent/carer to attend a meeting to have a more detailed discussion.

Semester 2 Report - TERM 4

This report will be issued as usual towards the end of Term 4. This is a summative report describing your child's progress across the second semester.

CURRICULUM DAY REMINDER – MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

A reminder that Monday 27th February will be a **student free** day. The staff will be working on the Maths Curriculum with visiting presenter Michael Ymer.

School After Care will be available for parents to book their children in to. Places are limited so please book early.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Any interested parents are invited to join the finance sub-committee for 2017. The sub-committee meets twice a term on Tuesdays at 7pm.

PARENT NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL – Reminder

These close on Tuesday 21st February at 4pm

Application forms are available from the school office.

Street PS. Before considering standing for School Council please consider the time commitment as it is an expectation that as a School Council member that you will also be a member of one of the sub committees.

Election time frame

Mon 6 th Feb	Notice of School Council vacancies and calls for nominations. Nomination forms on the website or copies at the front desk.
Mon 20 th Feb	Closing Date for School Council Nominations at 4pm.
Wed 22 nd Feb	Notification of School Council Elections if required
Frid 24 th Feb	Display a list of candidates, nominators and seconder outside Office.
	Distribution of ballot papers by mail if necessary.
Thu 2 nd Mar	Close of ballot at 4:00 pm.
Fri 3 rd Mar	Counting of votes and declaration of the poll.
Wed 21 st Mar	School Council AGM.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019	THREE
Department of Education and Training (DET) employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2017 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019	ONE

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Votes may be posted to the Principal or placed in the ballot box at the school on any day up to the closure of the ballot. Further details on how votes may be lodged will be provided when ballot papers are sent to the electorate of the school.

School Council

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council? There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category. Its members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members. Wales Street under its current School Council membership schedule does not have any positions under this category.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important? Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved? The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations in term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate

yourself in the Parent category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Please ask at the school office for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do. It is also a very good idea to consider initially going onto a School Council Committee rather than School Council itself as a way of ensuring that you are not over committing yourself and are clearly about what is involved as a School Council Member. Contact the school for further information

School Council and Sub Committee Dates for 2017


FINANCE	SCHOOL COUNCIL	FACILITIES	POLICY & STRATEGIC PLANNING	SCHOOL AFTER CARE
Tuesdays 7pm	Tuesdays 7pm	Tuesdays 7pm	Tuesdays 7pm	Fridays 8am
14 February	21 February	13 February		17 February
14 March	21 March AGM	7 March	7 March	17 March
18 April	2 May +	18 April	18 April	28 April
30 May	6 June	23 May	³⁰ May	2 June
25 July	1 August	18 July	18 July	28 July
22 August	29 August	15 August	15 August	25 August
17 October	25 October (Wednesday)	19 September	19 September	
14 November	21 November	10 October	10 October	20 October
28 November	5 December (Dinner Meeting)	14 November	14 Nov	17 Nov

*Meeting if required

+ Special Joint School Council Professional Development meeting- Induction

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (DET) : STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE, AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOLS

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase



a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online. Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

Christian Woodcock
Principal

From Cath the Nurse

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all settling well into Term 1 the term of summer and beginnings. It's been a lovely one so far, and such a pleasure to meet all our new preppies and see how much all our existing students have grown over the summer.

This newsletter I bring you some information specifically on the thunderstorm asthma that occurred last year- information session and information are available on the school website

This looks like valuable information that is timely and welcome.

Today is my last newsletter, I am leaving to pursue other nursing opportunities- as one lovely student tells me "I am spreading my wings"- a lovely way to look at life. It has always been a pleasure to know and assist our students, parents and staff here at Wales Street. Meeting so many funny, interesting, intelligent children, as I do day to day it's a fabulous position to be in. I have been very lucky indeed to have had the opportunity to do so. I wish you all well and leave knowing I take lots of wonderful memories with me.

I wish all the best to you take care.

Catherine Fisers

Wales street Primary school Nurse

Wales Street 2017 Fete update

Things that are different this year

This year we are asking for allocated donations during allocated weeks. Anyone who has been in the shed during Fete preparation knows just how much work is involved in sorting, packing and storing and we are looking for ways to reduce this.

To provide additional drop off times, outside of drop off and pick up, there will be two Saturday drop offs March 11 & 18 from 10am.

For more information regarding the donation schedule please refer to the Fete Planner that went out with students last week.

Calling out for Fete shed helpers

Time to spare after drop off?

Come and join us in the shed for some sorting and packing. Every half an hour donated makes a huge difference.

For more information or to lock in a time contact Tracy on 0403 615 817.

Silent Auction and Hampers

We are starting our Silent Auction drive for our wonderful Fete! We welcome all donations of new items and/or services. Bring them to the Fete shed but please leave vouchers at the office.

We are looking for NEW items such as kitchen items, health and beauty items, gardening, food and beverage, new toys, travel and sporting goods as well as gift certificates and vouchers – even left over Christmas presents.

Ways you can help

- Drop off items during their allocated weeks (Feb 20-26 & Feb 27-Mar 3) or at one of the Saturday drop offs (March 11 or 18)
- Donate baskets or nice gift boxes for hampers
- Offer to canvass businesses for donations – contact us for details and resources
- Volunteer Friday evenings at the school to help wrap and sort auction items
- Sign-up to volunteer on the day of the Fete!
- Contact us if you have someone who would like to donate
- Before you engage a business please check in with us to ensure there aren't multiple requests

Contact us: Miranda Bruyn on 0417 405 718 or email miranda.bruyn@hotmail.com

Donations wanted

Feb 20 – 26 & Feb 27 – Mar 3

HAMPER & SILENT
AUCTION ITEMS

CLOTHES & UNIFORMS

CHOCOLATE BARS &
DRINKS

CLOTHES PLEASE

We are looking for quality pre-loved clothing for the clothing stall.

We kindly ask that you DON'T donate items with holes, rips, stains or broken zippers.

If you want to go the extra mile we would greatly appreciate the items folded and grouped by size/gender. Another major time saver!!!!

WSPS Facebook

Follow the official [Wales Street Primary School](#) Facebook page and stay in tuned to the latest Fete information.

In search of a coffee cart

The coffee cart was a huge hit last year with parents needing a pep up. This year we are looking for someone with a café business or coffee cart business so this service can be provided again. We can provide baristas.

If you are able to assist please contact

Heather at walesstpevents@gmail.com or on 0412 501 944

25TH MARCH 2017 WSPS FETE PLANNER

Saturday drop off & sort
 March 11th & 18th - 10:00 - 2:00

This year we ask that donations be dropped off only during their allocated week. There will be two Saturday drop off and sort sessions for the following items as well as any weekly allocated goods

Bric-a-brac, toys, books, bikes, skateboards, and big items

- Silent Auction ideas**
- Vouchers
 - New unwanted items
 - Appliances
 - Sporting equipment
 - Toys
 - Artwork
- Hamper ideas**
- Health & beauty
 - Kitchen
 - Gourmet food & beverages
 - Gardening items

MON 13 - SUN 19 FEB

Welcomes Picnic
(Date TBC)

MON 20 - SUN 26 FEB

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MON 27 FEB - SUN 5 MAR

Volunteering?
Please register for shifts
<https://goo.gl/LFPdDm>

Donations this week
DRINKS, DRINKS, DRINKS
 Soft drink, juice & water
 goal 3000
CHOCOLATE BARS
 Goal 500
CLOTHES & UNIFORMS
 in good nick.

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HAMPER AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
CLOTHES & UNIFORMS
CHOCOLATE BARS & DRINKS

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MON 6 - SUN 12 MAR

Tuesday - raffle tickets distributed

Saturday - drop off & sort

MON 13 - SUN 19 MAR

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Wristband tickets on sale

Saturday - drop off & sort

Sunday - school working bee

MON 20 - SUN 26 MAR

Wed- unsold raffle tickets to be returned

Saturday 25 12-7pm Fete Day

Sunday - Clean up

Drop off zones

The Fete shed (yellow building with roller door next to basketball court) is this year's designated drop off zone. Please take chocolate to the office.

Please drop off allocated items during their designated week(s) and note our special Saturday drop offs.

Thank you for your understanding!

Donations this week
LUCKY DIP ITEMS
CLOTHES & TOYS
CHOCOLATE BARS

Donations this week
CHOCOLATE BARS
CLOTHES
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Donations this week
PLANTS
FRIDAY - CAKES & PRESERVES

- Where will you be volunteering??**
- Sushi
 - Ice creams
 - Clothes
 - Books
 - Plants
 - Lab-o-choc
 - Rides
 - Puller Park Sliders
 - Popcorn & Lucky dip
 - Stage crew
 - Toys
 - Beanie Kid Luck Dip
 - Drinks
 - Cake & Preserves and more...
 - Spanakopita & Pita
 - BBQ
 - Body art/Face painting
 - Bric-a-brac
 - Fairy Floss
 - Silent Auction
 - Haunted House

Get in touch - Contact us via our email address walesatpsevents@gmail.com