From the Principal

Merry Christmas to all our parents, carers and friends!

STAFF GOODBYES

We have a few staff leaving Wales Street Primary School this year to do other things in 2016.

Congratulations to Lalita Vijendran from Prep D who has successfully won a position at Birralee Primary School for 2016.

Donna Bucklow from 1/2 D will be travelling next year and intends to return to Wales Street in 2017.

Stephanie Iredale from 5/6 D will also be travelling and we hope to see her return to Wales Street in the future.

Rachael Sear from 5/6 F will return to family leave for 2016 and beyond.

Louise Young is retiring after a long association with Wales Street PS.

I’d like to thank these teachers for their hard work and dedication and wish them well for 2016.

TREVOR ROBINSON

Trevor will be returning to Wales Street Primary School for the start of 2016. Trevor has been working in an acting capacity as the Principal of Abbotsford Primary School. Trevor is looking forward to continuing to make a valuable contribution to Wales Street.

FUNDRAISING AND SPECIAL EVENTS F.A.S.E. – farewell to two amazing women all the very best from the wales street school and community.

I would like to echo Sam Walsh’s sentiments from the latest In the Loop Newsletter.

The end of the school year is almost upon us and it is very sad to be saying goodbye to two amazing FASE members, Anne Roberts and Kimberley Laurence. We will be losing two extremely talented, creative and
hardworking people as their children move on. The remaining FASE members will definitely miss them and can't thank them enough for their ideas and efforts to help raise much needed funds.

SEMESTER REPORTS 2, 2015
End of Year Report on Compass
Reports have been released this week on Compass. You should have received an email and a tiqbiz message when they were released.

As stated mid-year, we will no longer be sending home printed copies of the reports as they will now only be accessible via the parent portal on Compass. You will need to use your password to access Compass and then choose the Reports tab for the Semester Two report. If you need a hard copy in the future, this report can be downloaded as a pdf at any time.

The move to a web based system allows our staff greater flexibility and the ability to tailor the report to our school needs. If you do not have access to Compass and require a copy of the report, please email the office and the report can be forwarded to you.

STUDENTS Return to school in 2016
(Grade 1 to 6) Friday 29 January
(Preps) Monday 1 February.

CURRICULUM DAYS 2016 - REMINDER
TERM 1 - Wed 27 and Thursday 28th January. No (SAC) available
TERM 2 - Tuesday 14 June (13th is the Queen's Birthday).
TERM 4 – Tuesday 20 December.

CHESS RESULTS
Congratulations to our school chess team for 2015!
Wales Street Chess Champion 2015
Christopher Anastasiou
Runner Up – Dan Patch
Equal Third – Frank Shen
Equal Third – Lewis Tan
Rising Stars 2015
Sebastian Kraus, Alex Trippner, Xavier Coglan-Rennie and Eden Pearl.
Teacher’s Awards 2015
Harry Loulakis, Archie West and Ben Linke.
Best Girl – Vesna Laffy.
Runner Up Girl – Deeva De Silva.
3RD Place Girl – Isabel DeWijn.
Great Effort Ribbons
Jules Robinson, Luca Thorton, Leo Tieu, Gus Negrelli, Gus McEvey, Adamo Coppolillo, Xavier Bestel
Sotiri Markou, Nicholas Dingli
Junior Rising Star 2015
Here is the staffing structure for 2016. We would like to welcome four new staff members—Lesley King, Haylee Little, Kathy Kyriakopoulos and Annie Wilson as well as welcoming back Bronwyn Capsalis from family leave and Noel Carter from extended leave.

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WALES STREET CHICKENS – HOLIDAY CARE ROSTER

If you are able to assist with caring for the chickens at Wales Street over the holiday period could you please contact Jason Sergi in 3/4 B. Jason is drafting up a help roster.

sergi.jason.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Christian Woodcock
Principal

Cath the Nurse

I cannot believe this is the year’s 2015 last newsletter! What an amazing year full of interesting, wonderful things. I leave you with my numbers- the “famed” attendances to first aid as documented by myself and other fabulous staff

Term One: 45 children were sent home. 60 presented with asthma. A total of 721 visit’s over 9 weeks
Term Two: 65 children were sent home. 84 presented with asthma. A total of 963 visit’s over 11 weeks
Term Three: 111 children were sent home. 43 presented with asthma. A total of 985 visit’s over 10 weeks
Term Four: 76 children were sent home. 70 presented with asthma. A total of 1008 visits over 11 weeks

Total:  297 home   257 asthma     A grand total 3680

As with most years we have had our fair share of the flu lurgies as well as the notorious gastro bug. We called an ambulance 5 times which is unusual but thankfully all ended well with all our lovely children. We had broken bones and the requisite slings with sprains, strains and the odd looking rash or three.
There is always something our beautiful children bring home to us that tests our knowledge, so we looked at various things of interest via my newsletter in the hope that we can all be more informed about the various injuries and illnesses out there.
I hope you and yours have a fantastic Christmas time with your friends and family. May you have peace and happiness.

Take care,
Catherine Fisers
School Nurse (R/N)