Coming Up...

Saturday 21st March  WSPS Fete
Monday 23rd March  Grade 5/6 Ceres Excursion
Tuesday 24th March  Harmony Day
Wednesday 25th March  School Council A.G.M.
Thursday 26th March  Prep Happy Hour 2:30pm
Friday 27th March  Last Day of Term (Finish 2:30pm)
Monday 13th April  Curriculum Day
Tuesday 14th April  Term 2 Begins

WALES STREET NEWS
March 19 2015

From the Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL A.G.M.

The Wales Street School Council A.G.M will be held next Wednesday 25th March at 7pm. All are welcome.

WORKING BEE THANK YOU - FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

Thank you to all the parents and staff who contributed time on Sunday preparing our school grounds ahead of Saturday’s School Fete. It also gave me the opportunity to meet more parents and friends of Wales Street. Teams of people were busy mulching, planting, sweeping, weeding and maintaining throughout the school. Drains were cleared and maintenance was carried out in a few needy areas. All volunteers were treated to a hearty lunch before finishing mid-afternoon.

WALES STREET FETE 2015

It’s upon us already. There has been a flurry of activity in and around the school over the past two months leading up to the big event this Saturday. Don’t forget to use the word of mouth strategy to encourage your friends and family who may not have a direct link with the school, to think about supporting the fete this weekend. Gates open at 12pm. We will look forward to seeing you there!

CURRICULUM NEWS

As we head towards the end of a very busy term one, the students have been engaged in completing their first unit of inquiry summative assessment task and have been reflecting on their learning so far. The students include these reflections and tasks in their portfolios as their samples of evidence they will share with parents and carers at the Student led conference in term 2. You may have already shared with your child their current unit and the ideas and concepts they have been exploring in class.
Planning has begun for next term and each team has produced an information brochure on their next unit of inquiry, telling you about the explicit learning of skills and engaging tasks that they will be involved in next. For example, in the grade 12 classes, artefacts are being brought along and shared to tune into the Central idea: *Life style choices affect our health and wellbeing (Who we are)*. For more information or to view our Program of Inquiry, please see your tiqbiz class news or the website.

**LOST PROPERTY**

There are a lot of hats and jumpers already in the lost property tubs just outside the office area. Please make time before the end of Term 1 to collect any items that may belong to you.

**PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARCH 2015**

The table below provides a snapshot of the parent contributions received to date. Thank you for your contributions. They are used to ensure a quality teaching and learning environment is maintained at Wales Street Primary School. Let’s aim for that 100% and see how we go!

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**Harmony Day**

Wales Street Primary School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} March.

Teachers and students are encouraged to join in the fun and dress in orange or wear a cultural costume or outfit of choice.

During Harmony Day, all students will be participating in a variety of cultural activities to promote an appreciation of different cultures, tolerance, respect and inter-cultural understanding. This wonderful day will also highlight the PYP attitudes and develop international mindedness at Wales Street Primary School.

Students are also encouraged to bring a gold coin donation and a plate to share for a multicultural lunch in classrooms. Please be aware of allergens (nuts, eggs, dairy, gluten, soy) that may be in the food you provide. Ingredient lists are particularly helpful but students with allergies are encouraged to bring their own food on this day.

Kind Regards,
Specialist Team
PAYMENT OF FEES

We are quickly approaching the end of the term with only just less than two weeks left of term 1. Accounts have been charged in advance to the end of the term. If you have to cancel and you have paid in advance you will receive a credit for your child/ren’s next attendance.

Accounts must be settled in **FULL by Wednesday 25th March.**

If your account is not settled your child will not be included into the next terms program until the debt is settled.

**CURRICULUM DAY – MONDAY 13TH APRIL (first Monday of Term 2)**

Monday 13th April is a Curriculum Day. The School Age Care program will be available for children who have a current enrolment form.

Bookings for Curriculum Day are essential and need to be made by **Friday 27th March**

Bookings can be made in person, email oshc.wales.stree.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or phoning SAC on 9484 3949

Operating Hours are 7.00 am to 6.00 pm

Cost $45.00 per child – less if you receive Child Care Benefit/Child Care Rebate.

Children are required to bring their own morning snack, lunch and a drink bottle.

Children cannot turn up on Curriculum Day without a prior booking: there are staffing and ratios to consider.

**LAST DAY OF TERM**

As the end of Term 1 approaches we would like to remind families that children will be dismissed from school at 2.30pm on Friday 27th March. If you require your child/ren to attend After Care on this day please remember to book them in by phoning 9484 3949, in person or above email address.

If you do not require care on the last day of care and have a regular booking for this day, then you have to cancel that booking or you will be charged a “non-cancellation fee” for a non-attendance.
School Photos

Envelopes will be given out to students in the first week of Term 2. Alternatively, orders can be made online. See below.