



# Wales Street Primary School Newsletter

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Term 2, Number 4

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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 5**

Talk the Talk

**Tuesday June 6**

Talk the Talk

**Thursday June 8**

Prep Soccer Clinic

**Tuesday June 13**

Italian Day

**Thursday June 15**

Grade 1&2 Museum Excursion

**Monday June 26**

Talk the Talk

Parent Only Information

Evening From 7pm

**Friday June 30**

Term 2 Ends at 2.30pm

**Wednesday August 23**

Curriculum Day

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### SEMESTER 1 STUDENT REPORTS – 2017

The Semester 1 reports will be issued through the COMPASS system on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July Week 1 Term 3. The reports are currently being modified across the school by learning teams to reflect the new Victorian Curriculum. 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. 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

We have had our second meeting with the Architects this week. The session involved looking at a timeline for consultation with various stakeholders. The architects have suggested that the initial consultation should include staff, students, School Council, and the Facilities sub-committee. This process will provide feedback to the architects on some of the key elements the school community would like considered in the planning process.

Using this information the architects will be intending to draft up a preliminary plan which can be shared with the wider school community for input and consultation.

### Talking the Talk -parent evening Monday June 26th

We have organised a parent night presented Vanessa Hamilton on Talking the Talk how to talk to your child about sex education. This has been a successful well-attended evening for the past two years and I strongly encourage people to attend if you have missed out in the past or if you are new to the school. See the website for further details.

Jenny Deeble

Assistant principal

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Just a couple of reminders for parents my hours of work are from 10.30-3.00pm – Monday to Friday.

Please always send any medication in original packaging with a visible expiry date so that it can be easily identified and the required dosage is included. Medications sent to school without the original packaging can't be administered to your child. This is in addition to the five R's of medication administration-right person, right drug, right dose, right route and right time. And an appropriate medication authority form also needs to be completed-available from myself or office staff.

If your child is ill please keep them home or make alternative arrangements.

Thank you

Sue Shaw

School Nurse



### Contact Us

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### RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS.

Over the past two weeks we have been continuing our journey of developing a respectful relationships school community. Mandy Britt, a representative from Child wise-a protective behaviours/child safe communities organisation, presented a professional development session for staff and parents to build our capacity as a child safe community. If you missed the night but would like information about this topic, there are extra copies of the booklist at the office.



Last night, our staff were presented with more information on the drivers of domestic violence and gender equity from Sharon Simon, our Respectful Relationship Facilitator, to support the staff in their understanding of this initiative. This is the second session in this series of professional development to build the capacity of staff to address the themes of this initiative.

We have established a Respectful Relationships Team of teachers to champion the initiative and will be working in their teams to address gender equity in all aspects of the teaching and learning program. This work will take time and we will be working with other partner schools in the future to share our experiences and support the implementation as a community of practice.

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### FOUNDATION (PREP) 2018 ENROLMENT

Do you have a Foundation child starting WSPS in 2018?

Please call the office on 9484 3949 to complete an expression of interest.

Enrolment forms are available from the office. Please complete and return to the school office by 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

## FINAL CURRICULUM DAY FOR 2017

Our final student free curriculum day will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The purpose of the day will be to look at the Digital Learning Technology curriculum and continue work on of the Whole school Annual Implementation Plan for 2017.

School Aftercare will be available and booking is essential. Places fill fast !  
Please call 9484 3949 to make a booking.

## SCHOOL FEES

A reminder to families that school fees were due by 31<sup>st</sup> March.  
Your contributions are crucial to our school community and every cent counts towards your children's education.

## LIBRARY AND BUILDING FUND

Both the Library and Building Fund are a tax deductible donation. It would be greatly appreciated if families are in a position to contribute to these valuable funds. Donations paid by the end of the financial year will be included in your 2016/2017 tax return.



## ITALIAN DAY

On **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**, Wales Street Primary School will be celebrating **Italian Day**.

Teachers and students are encouraged to join in the fun and dress in an Italian costume / outfit or simply the colours of the Italian Flag.

During Italian Day, all students will be participating in a variety of cultural activities to promote an **appreciation** of the Italian language and culture. Students will also be entertained with an Italian Comedy Show. This wonderful day will also highlight the PYP attitudes and develop **international mindedness** at Wales Street Primary School.

Students are asked to bring **finger food** 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 required to bring their own food on this day.

Kind Regards,

Specialist Team



## WINTER HOLIDAYS 2017

Monday 3 July – Friday 14 July

## Bookings Now Open!

Click on the attachment below for a full program schedule:

<http://leapkids.com.au/images/download/Flyer-Wales-Street-Red-July-2017-web.pdf>

Book online at [www.leapkids.com.au](http://www.leapkids.com.au)

## New Parent Portal!

All bookings are made via the Parent Portal. Existing users of our services will shortly receive an email containing your log-in information. New users will need to *Sign up for a new account*.

For more information and enquiries, please contact us on 1300 366 235 or email [enquiries@leapkids.com.au](mailto:enquiries@leapkids.com.au)

# SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION PRESENTATION



For Parents of Pre & Primary School Age Children at Wales St PS

Learn how to tailor conversations with your children about:

- Healthy & Respectful Relationships
- Body & Protective Safety
- What is normal early childhood sexual behaviour
- How babies are made and born
- Puberty Preparation
- Internet Safety and our Sexualised Society

**Monday**  
**26<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
Prep – Yr 6 Parents  
7:00pm – 8:25pm  
Followed by curriculum info  
Session for Yr 5 & 6  
Parents only  
8.30 – 9.00pm

Learn how to choose suitable information about sexual health

- What is appropriate for my family?
- How much do I need to tell them?
- At what age should I discuss these topics?



Presented by  
**Vanessa Hamilton**

23 years experience as a  
Sexuality Nurse Educator  
and Mother of three

[www.talkingthetalksexed.com.au](http://www.talkingthetalksexed.com.au)

## Testimonials from Parents

- *"Brilliant, every parent should have access to this talk..."*
- *"This talk was very helpful to me as a parent of both a kinder and a primary school child, thank you..."*
- *"Such a clear presenter - easy to listen to, I liked the humour as it took the pressure off heavy topics..."*
- *"I feel a lot more confident talking to my kids now..."*

*"Vanessa's presentation is probably one of the best parenting sessions I've ever attended. Honest, engaging, knowledgeable, fantastic. Thank you..."*

*Primary School parent 2016*

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending:  1 or  2 (Please note this session is not suitable for children)

Session/s you will attend:  7.00 – 8.25pm (all year levels)  8.30 – 9.00pm (Yr 5 & 6 only)

RSVP: Please tick boxes and return this tear off to office by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017