



# Wales Street Primary School Newsletter

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Enrolments

Learner Agency

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

Tuesday 24th July  
Grade 6 VIC MKT Excursion  
Wednesday 25th July  
Foundation Fire Education  
Thursday 26th July  
Grade 2 Science Incursion  
Thursday 2nd August  
Foundation Fire Education  
Wednesday 8th August  
District Basketball

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

Welcome back to Term 3. With lots of curriculum to be covered and various events planned by teachers across the school the term will move quickly. We are all looking forward to a productive 10 weeks.

### CURRICULUM DAY TERM 3 - MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER (TERM 4)

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our final curriculum day for 2018. The staff will be involved in professional learning about the teaching of writing and looking at our student data collection systems.

### ASSEMBLY TERM 3 - CHANGE OF DAY / TIME

During Term 3 our assemblies will continue to be held in the hall (due to the cold weather). Now that interschool sport is finished we will move assemblies to **Friday afternoon from 3.00pm.**

### RELIEVING STAFF

Some staff are currently on Long Service Leave and will return in coming weeks. A big welcome to the following replacement staff who you may see around the school :

Mr Stathis Moshis – Replacing Alex Darlington for Semester 2 in Grade 3C.

Ms Tarni Williams – Replacing Spiro on Long Service Leave in Foundation C.

Ms Jen Hoskins – Replacing Toby on Long Service Leave in Grade 2C.

### VARIATION OF ATTENDANCE - PARENT REPORTING DAY – 3 WAY CONFERENCES (TERM 3) – THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Our parent and teacher interviews have proven to be very useful for sharing valuable information about how your child is progressing during the school year. The school council has endorsed the provision of a day for teachers, students and parents to engage in a three way conference to discuss student learning progress.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August (week 7, term 3) has been identified as the day when this will occur.

Classes will not be running during that day. All students are expected to attend the three way conference as they will also have a role in part of the reporting process.

## Events



## Contact Us

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Each conference will be 15 minutes in duration and will be able to be booked through COMPASS closer to the date.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE - UPGRADE

We are looking to upgrade and improve our school website. Our aim to make information easier to find and the site more user friendly.

If you have expertise in the area of web design we would be grateful if you would contact Christian at the school for a discussion.

### 2019 ENROLMENTS - REMINDER

If you have a child/sibling planning to enrol at Wales Street Primary School in 2019 please contact the office and complete an enrolment form as soon as possible. Likewise, if you are planning to move away in 2019, please inform your child's teacher and the office to assist us in future planning.

### LEARNER AGENCY

Last term I placed some information in a newsletter around the concept of Learner Agency. One of our curriculum focus areas this year has been writing and how we can further improve our outcomes in this area of the Literacy Curriculum.

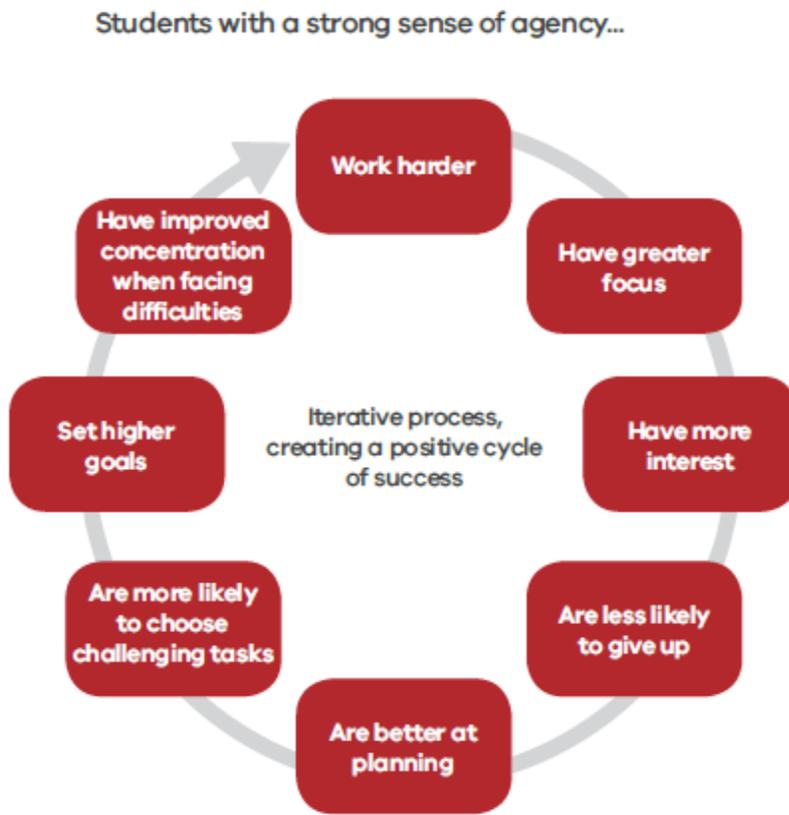
It must be noted that the International Baccalaureate (Primary Years Program) PYP at Wales Street already provides opportunities for students to have significant input into their learning. This next level of work within our school has allowed us to dig deeper in further developing student and teacher understandings.

### A compelling case to amplify

There are compelling reasons to amplify student voice, agency and leadership. When students have a strong sense of agency, starting with more commitment and a strengthened focus on their learning, a positive cycle of learning is generated (Figure 2). Students who are empowered to take ownership of their learning understand and contribute to the development of learning intentions, are invested in the assessment processes and monitor their own learning and improvement.

As students become invested in their own learning, they gain a better understanding of what good learning is and the purpose of it. This enables them to evaluate their own work, and to more purposefully discuss progress and achievement with teachers, each of which has a significant effect size on achievement (Hattie, 2009).

**FIGURE 2: GENERATING A POSITIVE CYCLE OF LEARNING (JOHNSTON, 2004)**



A small team of staff at Wales Street have been working with the Education Department to develop an implementation plan around current best practice this has involved auditing and investigating our current practice and highlighting the areas of strength and the areas for improvement.

One of the areas we have paid attention to is how as a school we are applying the “Learner Agency Lens”. As previously mentioned (Term 2, newsletter) this is a key factor in allowing students to develop their sense of ownership and responsibility in improving their individual outcomes.

In furthering this concept of agency at Wales Street the team will be working with staff and students to develop the following key indicators present in learner agency rich environments.

**Student agency is evident when the students’ :**

- Work with teachers in making decisions about teaching and learning.
- Take responsibility for their learning and are, on the whole, independent and self-regulating learners. Negotiate and design learning that stretches their thinking.
- Can track and measure their own learning growth.
- Are involved in designing and implementing school policy and programs, and actively contribute ideas about student learning.
- Display the capabilities, confidence and willingness to contribute ideas and make decisions about what and how they learn.
- Reflect, take action and accept the responsibility that comes with being part of the problem solving.

These seven points will provide a focus for the work to be done initially in the area of writing as we seek to develop common shared understandings across the school.

## **2019 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS**

This is the last week to get your 2019 Foundation Enrolments in. Due 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018.  
Enrolment forms may be downloaded from our Website or picked up from the school office.

## **2018 SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to families who have opted to pay school fees by instalments. Term 3 instalments have been received.

Thank you to all other families who have paid their children's school fees.

If your child/ren's school fees **have not been paid** payment can be made by cash/credit card/BPAY/QKR!.  
If you are experiencing financial hardship please contact the school on 9484 3949.

## **WSPS SKI TEAM**

The Victorian Interschool Snowsports Championships are held at Mount Buller in the last week of August with this being the fifth year of WSPS Ski Team involvement. Snow kids from all abilities are encouraged to enter, Prep to Grade 6, with an emphasis on fun and participation. Disciplines include skiing, snowboarding and cross country racing with cheap lift passes available for participants and team managers. For more information contact Mick Kelly (WSPS parent) on 0402 295 763 or [mwk2063@gmail.com](mailto:mwk2063@gmail.com) or go to <http://vicinterschools.com.au/home>.

## **FROM THE NURSE**

Over the next couple of weeks I will be uploading the student's individual care plans that are signed by their doctor and management plans to Compass. This allows both parents and teachers to view them if necessary.

I would also like to remind those parents who received notification at the end of last term to update expired care plans and medications. This is not only part of the WSPS policy; we require it to comply with the Department.

Ashleigh Cartledge  
School Nurse

## **CROSSING GUARD NEWS**

Our Crossing guard Anastasia would like to thank everybody who voted for her in the recent crossing guard awards.

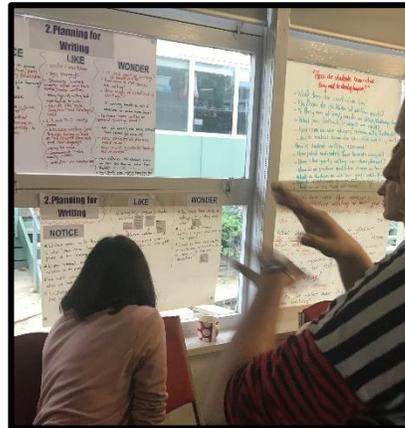
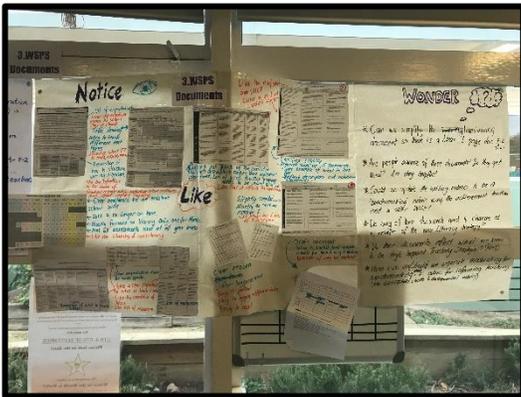
# Just Write... you have the words

At Wales Street Primary School, we are focusing on developing the 'craft of writing'.  
We have asked ourselves: What is the purpose of writing? What does an effective writer do? What skills are needed to be an effective writer? How do we teach the skills needed to develop students as writers? How do we action what students are asking for?  
We have asked students: What does a good writer do? What do you find challenging and enjoyable about writing? What do you wish writing looked like in your classroom?

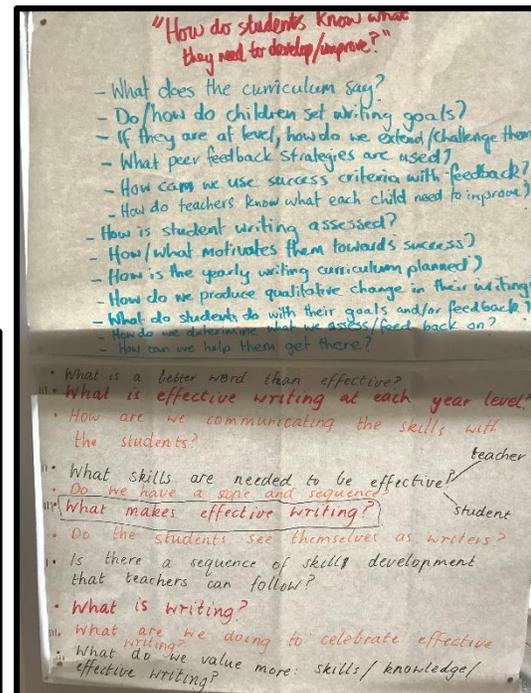
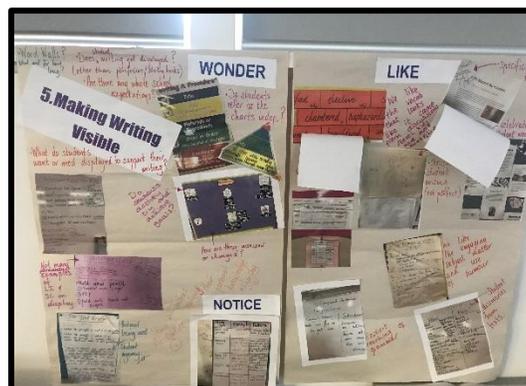
Based on our findings, a 'School Based Literacy Initiative' has been developed, which aims to-

- Introduce a consistent approach to the teaching of writing from F-6
- Establish a common language about the 'craft of writing' to both support and extend students
- Celebrate the existing writing skill and knowledge of teachers, parents and students at WSPS
- Communicate what writing is and looks like at Wales Street Primary School

-Sue Losada



## Sharing understandings through collaboration



# **WHERE IN THE WORLD IS WALLY**

## **TICKET SALES!**

**Come and see Wales Street's talented students perform in our thrilling production 'Where in the World Is Wally'.**

### **MASSIVE BARGAIN FOR TICKET SALES!**

**\$25 for an adult**

**\$12.50 for any child under 16 years**

**\$20 concession**

**BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! Under one lucky person's chair there will be a chair prize.**

**TICKET SALES WILL COMMENCE ON THE 16<sup>th</sup> OF JULY THROUGH [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)**

**A link will be put out on our website and compass.**

**Hope to see you all there!**

**BOOK NOW!**

**Just a reminder that the show will be presented on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of September.**

**Students are expected to attend both nights.**



The Centre Ivanhoe 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe  
\$25 Adult - \$12.50 child (up to 16 years old) - \$20 Adult concession – only available for purchase from the school office (Visa & Mastercard). Proof of concession must be provided.

Tickets can be purchased from Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/WPBK>