



Wales Street Primary School Newsletter

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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.**

Recess: 10.40am-11.10am

Lunch eating time: 12.50pm-1.00pm

Lunchtime: 1.00pm – 1.50pm

School Finish: 3.30pm

Events

Friday 22nd December

Last Day of school for 2017

Early Finish

From the Principal

MERRY CHRISTMAS

2017 is almost over. It's been a busy yet rewarding year for the school. I'd like to wish all our Wales Street Families the best for the Christmas & New Year period. We will look forward to seeing you all again in 2018.

FAREWELL

As another year draws to a close, we would like to thank the following staff members who have been a part of the Wales Street staff this year and who are leaving us at the end of the year, and wish them all the very best for the future.

- Bonnie Jones from grade 34G- has secured a teaching position at Green Hills PS in 2018
- Bairbre Munnis from Grade 34B- who is returning to Ireland
- Mary Heymanson, who has been an integration aide working with Anna and Shana Dang for the past seven years is retiring in the new year
- Olga Anderson, Janelle Mahoney and Simone Hamilton-Poulos who have been a huge part of our ES Integration staff and supported our teachers.

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING STAFF MEMBERS

In 2018, we welcome a new staff member to the Grade 2 teaching team- Katelyn Vandenberg who has worked overseas in previous years.

We also welcome back returning members of staff in 2018- Lisa Teasdale and Angela Monardo who will be grade sharing in the Grade 2 and Grade 3 teams respectively.

We would like to lastly welcome our new nurse for 2018- Ashley Cartledge. Ashley has been working part time in the position for the past few weeks and will take up permanent employment as the school nurse next year.

SCHOOL START DATE 2018

Grades 1 to 6 commence on Tuesday 30th January.

Prep students commence on Thursday 1st February.



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CLASS PLACEMENTS

These are still being finalised based on teacher, parent and student input. The following is preliminary list of classroom teachers for 2018. This is of course still subject to change.

Foundation Louise Scally, Annie Wilson, Spiro Pantazopoulos & Marie Apostolou.
Year 1 Rachael Sear & Emily Corcoran, Chris Hingston, Rosemary Hughes & Lesley King.
Year 2 Toby Marquette, Kate Bowran, Bronwyn Capsalis, Lisa Teasdale & Katelyn Vandenberg.
Year 3 Sue Losada, Kim Chau & Angela Monardo, Alex Darlington-Cramond & Jason Sergi.
Year 4 Renee Patkas, Ben Jones, Shannon Hayes, David Altis & Sotiroulla Kyprianou.
Year 5 Steve McArthur, Anne Graham & Seraphim Kyprianou.
Year 6 Geoff O'Connor, Maria Mandilas & Jo Ristos.

WSPS HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to all students who participated in our annual House Swimming Carnival today (Wed 13th Dec). It was great to see so many students trying their best and enjoying the event. A big thank to all the staff, parents and house captains who assisted with the timing, marshalling and recording of results. It was a very hot but enjoyable day!

The final results for the day:

4th place with 91 points, Speight
3rd place with 121 points, Wales
2nd place 122 points, Clyde
1st place with 140 points St David

Congratulations to everyone who participated and thanks again to all those who helped out.

Anna de Vos

DAREBIN SAFE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL SURVEY - HOW DO YOU GET TO SCHOOL?

Darebin City Council is investigating what works well to make school journeys easier and safer for everyone. Changes to roads and paths have been made around your school, but that is only part of the picture and they need your help. As the person who makes the school run twice a day, come rain or shine, it is you and your children that know the journey inside out. They want to know about your experience.

Please help Darebin as they try to improve the school journey by completing this short parent/guardian survey and the even shorter student survey* by Friday 15 December. It takes less than ten minutes. Participants enter a prize draw and can win a \$50 gift voucher – just in time for Christmas!

Parent/guardian Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZJXHTZD>

Student survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZBGYRV8>

Farewell to our graduating students

We wish our Grade 6 graduating students all the very best for the future at secondary school and beyond taking with them the lessons they have learned and the memories they have shared

Genevieve ALLAN

David ANASTASIOU

Sofija ATHANASIADIS

Sumaya ATWA

Lilian (Lily) BEECH

Charlotte BENNETT

Jemma BILLING

Eliza BORGEEST

Rory BOWER

Emily BOYLE

Louella BREACH

Thomas (Tom) CAMERON

Hessie CLARK-WALSH

Kyle COTTREN SCOTT

Tasman COWIE

Anna DANG

Shana DANG

Anna DENTON

Maya DUNCAN

Ruby ELLIOTT

Thomas FLETCHER

Sienna GEDEON

Eric GOFFIN

William (Will) GREEN

Astrid HAMILTON

Georgia HOLMES

Phillip JOLEVSKI

Georgia KEFALAS

Rex KELLY

Annika KENRICK JOHNSTON

Alexandra KOKKINOS

Ava KONIARAS

Sebastian KRAUS

Nicky LAMBRINOS

Isabella LE PLASTRIER

Jasmine LEAVER-ANAG

Miranda LESTER

Ellen MACFARLANE

Yemi MAITRI

Alexander (Alex) MAKOPOULOS

Sam MARASCO-LIDDELL

Sotiri MARKOU

Mia MCCORMACK

Harry MCCUBBIN

Jack MEADOWS

Amelie MENTIPLAY

Samuel (Sam) MEWS

Bella MIEZIS

Dion MOULAS

Dylan MURPHY

Noah NASSER

Emanoil NEDELKOS

Gus NEGRELLI

Amelie PARK

Sneh PATEL

Natasha PETREVSKI

Chloe PORTOGLOU

Anya PRADEL

Noah RACOVALIS

Lenny REEVES

Morgan RENOLDS

Link RICHARDSON-STUBBS

Ellen RODRIGO

Jett RUTHERFORD

Evita SACCO

Kyim SCHOLTMAYER

Xavier SMITH

Felix SPIRASON

Levi STAVROS

Sam TALIADOUROS

James TASIYAN

Jackson TIER

Leo TIEU

Oliver TORMEY-PULLIN

Luke TRBIC

Riley TREW

Alex TRIPPER

Rose WEST-THOMPSON

Joshua WILLIAMS

Taeven ZIRAS

Denotes Families leaving WSPS

Award winners from last night Graduation:

RSL award – Rex Kelly and Mia Mc Cormack

Leadership Award- Yemi Maitri and Levi Stavros

Art- Jett Rutherford, Felix Spirason, Morgan Reynolds, Anna Denton

Performing Arts- Alex Makopoulos, Jasmine Leaver- Anag

Italian- Sienna Gedeon, Will Green

PE- Josh Williams, Maya Duncan

Leaner Profile Awards:

Balanced- Annika Kenrick- Johnson

Principled- HESSIE Clark Walsh

Reflective- Miranda Lester

Open minded- Emily Boyle

Inquirer- Ava Koniaris

Knowledgeable- Alex trippner

Communicator-Sofija Athanasiadis

Thinker- Thomas Fletcher

Courageous- Isabelle Le Plastrier

Caring- Natasha Petrevski

We are also saying farewell to many longstanding families who have seen all their children pass through Wales Street PS. Thank you for your support of the school and the many ways you have helped us along the journey.

A special mention to many of our parents who have held positions on the FASE Policy committee for a number of years-especially retiring members- Ann-Maree Duncan, Linda Cooke, Penny Kokkinos, Candice Spirason and previous FASE coordinators Sam Walsh and Natasha Kinsman.

CHESS CHAMPIONS !

Last Friday at our assembly the school chess team were acknowledged for their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to you all.



VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS SECONDARY SCHOOL

We are extremely proud to announce that Wales Street Primary has two students; Yemi Maitri and Morgan Renolds, who have successfully been offered places at the Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School (VCASS). Yemi doing y. 7 music (violin), and Morgan doing Y7 dance.

VCASS is a government funded state high school, except it's not quite the same as a "normal" school. It is a school for people who have a keen passion for a certain specialist subject including, dance, music, theatre arts and visual arts. Though you do spend half the time doing your specialist subject, you also do the normal academic work that any high school would do. The great thing about VCASS is that you get to be in an environment that has people with the same interests as yourself.

It was a hectic time throughout the duration of months preparing for the nerve racking auditions and then actually performing in front of an audition board. As you could probably guess, the audition process for each specialist is slightly different. But the similarity is that all students must be quite competent in their specialist area in order to have a place at the school. This is why it was so nerve racking auditioning.

You must not only be good at your specialist but love doing it as well. It's a perfect place for people who love their specialist. In other words, have a great interest.

By Yemi and Morgan

Morgan and Yemi are two very dedicated, passionate and balanced students who have completed an exemplary final year in their primary education. I congratulate their efforts and self-management skills that have helped them achieve entry into VCASS. Wishing you both all the very best in your very bright futures. Wales Street PS community looks forward to hearing about your achievements.

Best wishes

Maria



(Tuesday 2 January – Thursday 25 January)

Please follow the link below to view the full schedule of this amazing holiday program:

[Wales Street Primary School – Holiday Schedule](#)

Book online at www.leapkids.com.au

Bookings close Sunday 24th December 2017

For information and enquiries please contact Leapkids on 1300 366 235 or email enquiries@leapkids.com.au

Mathematics: Some activities that you can do with your children at home

Capacity: Children learn to compare containers by their capacities. Sometimes children think that a tall skinny glass holds more than a short fat one. Playing with containers and water helps.

Children can use water or rice to compare the capacity of containers. They also learn about litres, then about millilitres.

You can:

- Talk about the size of the containers, of items such as washing detergent bottles and medicine glasses
- Describe objects in terms of their capacity such as a 375ml bottle of coke, or the 5 ml spoon.

