



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.**

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

Friday March 31

Term 2 Ends at 2.30pm



From the Principal...

Wales Street Primary School Fete – 2017

Congratulations to everyone on another successful Wales Street Fete. Tracy and here team did a fantastic job. The day was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the dozens of volunteers who contributed tirelessly to make the event one to remember.

Interim Reports And Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will be having a curriculum day to conduct Parent/teacher interviews on Monday 1st May. This means students are not expected to attend on this day. These will be 15-minute interviews.

Your classroom teacher will issue an Interim Report to all parents through the COMPASS portal before the end of Week 1 in Term 2 (Friday 21st April). This will allow parents & carers to read through the report prior to the interview.

The parent/ teacher interview allows your child's new teacher to discuss their progress and develop a shared understanding of where they are at in reference to their academic and social development.

The meeting will focus on how your child is performing in 2017 and where required, outline the supports in place for the student.

This meeting provides you with feedback from a range of sources including testing data, teacher observations and a comparison (where appropriate) of your child's performance against normative data.

School After Care will be available all day should you require it.

School Council Parent Vacancy

One parent position remains vacant on the School Council. In particular, we are seeking an individual who would be interested in working as the Treasurer for the School Council. This primarily involves liaising between the Finance sub-committee and the council on any financial issues as they arise. Please contact Christian Woodcock (Principal) if you are interested in assisting.

School Council Members 2017

Congratulations to our School Council who have been successfully elected.

President	Lucy Thornton - dlthornton@optusnet.com.au
Vice President	Phillip Papas - phillip.papas@gmail.com
Principal	Christian Woodcock
Parent	Susan Rennie
Parent	Fiona Clarke
Parent	Michael Greenwood
Parent	Maurizio Tagliano
Parent	Royce Monk
DET	Sue Losada
DET	Jenny Deeble
DET	Robyn Jones

Assembly Roster – Term 2

Moving into the colder and wetter part of the year we will split the school into two groups for assembly. This means your child's class will attend a fortnightly assembly (on an even or odd week cycle) in the hall in Term 2 and 3. In Term 4 as the weather improves we will resume assemblies on the school oval.

During Term 2 assemblies will be now held at 9.15am in the hall to accommodate the Grade 5/6 students attending Friday afternoon winter sport.

The schedule for assemblies is attached below :

WEEK	DATE	CLASSES ATTENDING
1	17 APRIL	EASTER MONDAY HOLIDAY
2	24 APRIL	Prep C & D Grade 1/2 - A,B,C,D Grade 3/4 - A,B,C,D Grade 5/6 - A,B,C
3	1 MAY	Prep A & B Grade 1/2 - E,F,G,H Grade 3/4 - D,E,F,G Grade 5/6 - D,E,F
4	8 MAY	Prep C & D Grade 1/2 - A,B,C,D Grade 3/4 - A,B,C,D Grade 5/6 - A,B,C

5	15 MAY	Prep A & B Grade 1/2 - E,F,G,H Grade 3/4 - D,E,F,G Grade 5/6 - D,E,F
6	22 MAY	Prep C & D Grade 1/2 - A,B,C,D Grade 3/4 - A,B,C,D Grade 5/6 - A,B,C
7	29 MAY	Prep A & B Grade 1/2 - E,F,G,H Grade 3/4 - D,E,F,G Grade 5/6 - D,E,F
8	5 JUNE	Prep C & D Grade 1/2 - A,B,C,D Grade 3/4 - A,B,C,D Grade 5/6 - A,B,C
9	12 JUNE	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
10	19 JUNE	Prep C & D Grade 1/2 - A,B,C,D Grade 3/4 - A,B,C,D Grade 5/6 - A,B,C
11	26 JUNE	Prep A & B Grade 1/2 - E,F,G,H Grade 3/4 - D,E,F,G Grade 5/6 - D,E,F

School Nurse – Update

The school is currently engaged in recruiting a new school nurse. In the interim Wales Street PS has appointed a qualified first aid person to attend to students.



Working Bee – Thank you

Thank you to all the parents and staff that attended the Working Bee on Sunday 19th March. The school looked very tidy in readiness for the fete.

School Prep Tours – 2017 (Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

Bookings are being taken for tours commencing next term. The dates are listed below. Please contact the front office to make a booking.

Tours commence at 9.30am in the front office.

Tuesday 2 nd May	Wednesday 3 rd May
Tuesday 9 th May	Wednesday 10 th May
Tuesday 16 th May	Wednesday 17 th May
Tuesday 23 rd May	Wednesday 24 th May

Respectful relationships

As stated earlier this year, we were successful with our application to become a lead school in the Respectful Relationships Education initiative. Yesterday, a team of teachers attended the first day of training for the Respectful Relationships Education (RRE) initiative to learn about the programs and strategies that we will be implementing over the next two years.

We will be working to develop a whole school approach involving and embedding systemic changes to policy, practice, procedures, environment leadership and culture. This is very important work for our school and the team will lead the work with the support of Partners in Prevention, DET and local and community organisations who have expertise in this field. *Respectful Relationships Education (RRE) is the comprehensive approach to the primary prevention of gender-based violence in schools.*

“The evidence reveals that a whole school approach is the most important component in RRE” (Department of Education and Training 2014)

For more information, please check out the link below:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/respectfulrelationships.aspx>

We will keep the community updated as we progress through the implementation of RRE.

Jenny Deeble

Assistant Principal







Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is on again this year and Wales Street Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2017.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All Wales Street students will be entered in the Challenge this year and we strongly encourage your child/ren to participate. It is a great tool to help parents and teachers inspire children to read and to explore new titles, genres and authors.

We will be providing each child with a username and password via COMPASS email so they can join in and record the books they read over the next 6 months.

Remember to make a list of books that you have read from mid-March, so that you can easily enter them when you receive your log on details.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to the Library, your teacher or the School Office as soon as possible.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Happy Reading

Sallie McCleery (Librarian) and Robyn Jones (Assistant Principal)



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: *Department* refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, *Person* refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

1) Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

2) Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

Publish your child's name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

3) Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

4) The Department will endeavor to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx> Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au . ***If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.***

Yes I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour roll



Story Book Lunch Time With MR P

Qkr Promotion

Winners of Village Movie ticket passes for 2 X Adults & 2 X Children

Are – Julie Kinnersley and Rebecca Ziffer

Congratulations to our Sports House Captains for 2017

ST DAVID	Emily Boyle	Jackson Tier
WALES	Maya Duncan	Taeven Ziras
CLYDE	Miranda Lester	Phillip Jolevski
SPEIGHT	Lily Beech	Dion Moulas

The students will receive their badges at assembly on Friday.

Last week we welcomed the new Junior School Council for 2017 at assembly.

