From the Principal

LANGUAGES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SURVEY OUTCOMES

Thank you for your input into the Languages Survey. The survey results were shared with the School Council last week. The Council has endorsed the results recognising that the Italian language was ranked the highest first and second preference by parents (refer to the table below). As mentioned in the briefing paper, during 2016 the Grade 6 students will be provided with the opportunity to complete their studies in Greek or Mandarin as part of the transition to a single language.

It is understandable that some parents may be disappointed with the result. To support these families, the school is prepared to provide rooms for out of hours language lessons for Mandarin and Greek. To gauge the level of interest in these languages the working party will send out a brief Survey Monkey next week asking parents to indicate their preferred choice of language for an out of hours program.

Language learning at Wales Street

Please state your language preferences. The languages listed below are currently taught at Wales Street Primary School. Please place a ranking beside each language according to which language

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**answered question 132**  
**skipped question 0**
ASSEMBLY 2016

The School Council has looked at the parent feedback requested from the survey conducted. The major themes for the feedback centred around parents enjoying both the indoor structure for assemblies and the outdoor structure. Friday’s were the most popular day for the assembly. Merit awards were well supported as a key component of the structure. There was support for the singing of the national anthem.

In response to the feedback we will organise assemblies for outside in Term 1 and 4 in 2016 and have the mini-assemblies in the hall during the colder/ wetter months. We will continue presenting merit awards with only one award per class for each assembly; this will provide the opportunity for all students in any given class to be recognised for their achievements within the school year if teachers should wish to do so.

CHESS TEAM and STATE ATHLETICS CELEBRATIONS!

The chess team recently competed in the State semi-finals. The students who participated were: Luca Thornton, Jules Robinson, Dan Patch, Lewis Tan, Harry Loulakis, Chris Anastasiou and Gus Negrelli. It was a great team effort which placed Wales Street PS fifth overall.

The top five students from Wales Street PS, who will compete in the State finals later this month are: Lewis Tan, Harry Loulakis, Jules Robinson, Chris Anastasiou and Gus Negrelli.

In the State Athletics championship last week, we had 5 competitors:

Maya Duncan came 8th in the State hurdles Final
Ben Little, Giorgio Serdenes, Nicholas Georgopoulos and Thomas Reynolds came 6th in the State 4 x 100 m relay.
Thomas Reynolds came 4th in the State 100m final and has been invited to compete in the 4 x100 m relay for Victoria.

Congratulations to all the students on their great performances and for representing Wales Street Primary School at such an elite level.

Christian Woodcock
Principal

Compass Update

Our school uses Compass as our Parent Portal. Using compass allows you to access up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child’s progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child’s attendance, and enter approval for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child’s teachers, and update your family contact details
- Monitor your child’s progress and semester reports
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees

We have now started using Compass to send school event details, giving parents the opportunity to give approval and pay online for upcoming events.

Your child/ren’s school reports are available to view online or download. Semester two school reports will only be available through Compass.

We are strongly encouraging parents to use these features as it is the most private and confidential means of communication our school has to offer.
Logging in to Compass

To log in you will require your unique family username and password. These details were provided to you to allow you to book your parent-teacher conferences.

Upon first login, you will be required to change your password and confirm your email address. Your email is used for communication throughout the year. It is imperative that we have your correct email address for this reason.

If you have lost your details or forgotten your password, you can recover your details by clicking the ‘Don’t know your username? Forgot your password?’ link on the front page.

Cath the nurse

Hello everyone,

You must all know by now that I do love the Asthma Foundation of Victoria. They are such a professional body who do wonderfully helpful things for all of us who suffer asthma, or who care for those with asthma. They have help lines you can call, information books for free, an excellent website with a crazy amount of information and they also give education sessions.

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria Staff can come to school and speak directly to Parents & Carers of children with asthma about:

- What is asthma?
- How to recognise asthma symptoms
- Asthma medications and how to take them
- What to do in an asthma emergency
- Asthma Action Plans

(Please note: we require a minimum of 5 attendees per session.)

This initiative is conducted as part of the Asthma Child and Adolescent Program and supported by the Australian Government Department of Health

Now to hold a session I will need to have names/numbers of attendees.

I shall pop up a list at the office so you can write your name down as an interested party. Once I have the numbers we can then look at booking a time.

To read further on this topic please click here.

There has been a recent report of ”Scarlet Fever” in the 5/6 area.” Streptococcal infection – group A is also known as streptococcal disease. It is caused by bacteria known as Group A (beta-haemolytic).

Streptococcus.
Streptococcal infection – group A is a common infection that can cause sore throats (pharyngitis), scarlet fever or impetigo (school sores)."

A Streptococcal sore throat is the bacterial infection of the throat and tonsils.

The symptoms include fever, sore throat, tender swollen glands in the neck.

Rarely the bacteria make a toxin which can be carried around the body in the blood.

This toxin can sometimes cause Scarlet Fever the person becomes ill with a high temperature, sore throat, swollen tonsils and neck glands, lack of appetite, vomiting and a general feeling of being unwell.

Within 24hrs a fine red, raised rash appears on the neck, chest, under the arms, in the elbows and groin and on the inside of the thigh.
The rash looks like sunburn and feels like rough Sandpaper and the face looks flushed with a pale ring around the mouth.

The rash lasts for about 2-5 days, often the skin peels after the rash fades.

Often the tongue looks redder than usual and the lumps on the tongue are larger (like a strawberry).

“If your child develops streptococcal infection – group A, including scarlet fever or impetigo, you should:

- Keep them away from children’s settings such childcare centres or school until your child has received at least 24 hours of antibiotic treatment and the child feels well.
- Make sure your child completes the entire course of antibiotics.”

Any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to ask.
Take care
Catherine Fisers
School Nurse

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