From the Principal

PYP ACCREDITATION PROCESS

Next week is an exciting time for Wales Street Primary School. After four years of being a candidate school in the International Baccalaureate -Primary Years Program, we will be hosting visitors from the IBO who will be here to see our program in action and to assess our eligibility to become an accredited IBO school.

We began the PYP journey in 2012, and it has been the major focus of our Strategic Plan for the last four years. All staff have been trained in program delivery and we have seen evidence of the growth of the program through the student portfolios, open afternoons, student led conferences and the Exhibition. The staff have worked tirelessly over this time, to embed the program of inquiry and improve teacher practice to fully implement the Primary Years Program through a very rigorous process. The visitors will be at the school for two days – Monday and Tuesday, to interview all staff, leadership personnel, parents, students and school councillors, as well as visiting all classrooms to see the program and the teachers in action.

In addition to this event, the Grade 6 Exhibition will be held on Wednesday night in the grade 34 (Clyde) building from 6.30pm onwards, starting with a performance by the grade 6 students.

We would like to invite all parents and families in our school community to come along and celebrate the efforts of the grade 6 teams and share their learning journey on this special night. The Exhibition is a culmination of student learning in the PYP and will also be open to the community on Thursday morning from 9.30-12pm.

CURRICULUM NEWS - POWERFUL LEARNING PROJECT

Wales Street Primary School has joined an exciting new project with a number of other schools in our region which assists schools to reflect on their current practice and develop whole school processes aimed at improving student outcomes. The project is being led by Professor David Hopkins and Wayne Craig (ex- NW Regional Director, Victoria). We hosted David at Wales Street on Wednesday and spent time focussing on what is working well and what other areas we would like to improve in. The project is set to run through to the end of 2017. Our school will be working with the Powerful Learning team to develop improvement plans which complement our existing focus areas.
FAMILY ENROLMENT INTENTIONS FOR 2016 – REMINDER
Apart from Year 6 students, could parents/guardians who currently have children attending Wales Street and are planning to transfer at the end of this year please notify the school office by Friday 9th October. It is vital that we have accurate information as it greatly influences planning of class numbers and staffing for next year.

HATS – REMINDER
We are back into the season for wearing hats! Students must wear a hat when outside during recess and lunch breaks. Please ensure you child(ren) have hats with them at school. Thank you.

There has been a confirmed case of Whooping cough in the Prep area.

“Whooping cough is a respiratory infection (infection of the lungs) which causes long bursts of coughing. The infection is caused by bacteria called Bordetella pertussis. Pertussis is another name for whooping cough. Whooping cough is very easy to catch. It is spread by tiny drops of fluid when coughing and sneezing. It can also be spread on hands to the nose if the hands have come in contact with the bacteria.

Signs and symptoms:-

Whooping cough usually starts with symptoms like a cold, such as a runny nose and dry cough, which last for about one week.

After that, a more definite cough develops, which may last for many weeks. The cough comes in long spells and often ends with a high pitched ‘whoop’ sound when they breathe in.

Some children cough so much they vomit afterwards.

Children are usually well between coughing spells.

In more severe cases, babies and children may have problems catching their breath after a coughing spasm.

Other infections such as pneumonia (chest infection) and middle ear infections are common.

Very young babies under six months of age may have pauses in breathing (called apnoeas) instead of a cough.

Your child should not attend school or day-care: for 3 weeks from the start of the cough, if no antibiotics are given or until they have had at least five days of their course of antibiotics.”


From Cath the nurse

Hello everyone,

Welcome to Term 4- the term of sun, water, hats and swimming! Who doesn’t love the sun? It seems however that the fierceness of the sun has had its merry way with us these last few days with crazy high October temperatures. Unfortunately I have had a couple of children in first aid who suffered the effects of this heat (and I’m sure there were more out there!) hence some information on the topic is timely. The more we know how our bodies work the better prepared we are. Thanks to the “better Health Channel” for the causes, symptoms, treatment and prevention. For more information on this topic please click here
Prep Swimming Program
The Prep eight week Swimming program will commence Term 4 week 2.

Grade 1-2 Swimming Program
The Grade 1/2 eight week Swimming program will commence Term 4 week 2.

Grade 3/4 Swimming Program
The Grade 3/4 three week swimming program will commence Term 4 Week 1.

Mango Fundraiser
It's that time of year again! If you are interested in supporting the school with this popular fundraiser you can purchase boxes of North Queensland mangos direct from the farm to you for only $25 a box. Each box weighs approximately 7kg which is between 16-20 mangoes depending on their size.
Order forms have been sent home today with students. Please return order form and payment to the office by 30th October. Mangoes will be ready for collection in late November / early December depending on the mangoes ripening.
Orders must be paid before delivery.

Home Made Kids Film Fest 2
Do you like making short films? Would you like to have your short film shown to 100’s of Wales Street families?
If so, we are looking for a range of short films to be shown before the feature film at the outdoor Movie Night on Friday 20th November.

All films must be made by Wales Street Students with minimal assistance from grown-ups. Films cannot be longer than 2 minutes and suitable for ages 2-12. Each film must include a fish of any kind or noodles. It doesn’t have to be about fish or noodles, it just has to include a fish or noodles somewhere in the film.

Films must be submitted by Friday 7th November.

Whole school photos
Whole School, Grade 6 Graduation and Sport photos will be taking place on Monday 26th October.
All students need to be in full uniform.