From the Principal...

Welcome Back

Term two will be very busy with the Year 3/4 camp, school concert, Resilience Project and book fair to name a few events. The key, as always is to ensure we all remain focused on our core business of teaching and learning.

Assembly Planner Term 2 and 3

The Semester 2 Assembly planner will be sent out through COMPASS next week and published in the week 3 newsletter (28 April issue).

Holiday Chicken Carers – THANK YOU

Thank you to Jenny Marcen and Linda McCormick for caring for the Wales Street Chickens during the holidays.

Holiday Care

The first holiday care program coordinated by Leap Kids has proven to be very successful with a high number of enrolments across the fortnight. Ali the coordinator is planning to survey parents and carers to see what aspects of the program were highly valued and where future improvements can be made. Thank you for supporting this program.

ANZAC Day Holiday

A reminder that Monday 25th April (week 3) is a public holiday with staff and students returning on Tuesday 26th April.

Christian Woodcock

Principal
Wednesday 8th & 9th June
School Concert Grade 3-6
The Centre Ivanhoe
Time TBA

Monday 13 June
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th June
Curriculum Day
No students at school

DID YOU KNOW?

A quick refresher about the IB PYP at Wales Street PS as an authorized IB world school.

What is an IB PYP School?

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) aims to do more than other curricula by developing inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who are motivated to succeed. Regardless of location, size, or make-up, an IB PYP school strives to develop an internationally minded person. More than 50% of IB World Schools are state-funded.

The mission of the IBO:

- To develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people.
- To create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.
- To work with schools, governments, and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment.
- To encourage students worldwide to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

The IB is different from other curricula because it:

- encourages students to think critically and challenge what they are told
- is independent of governments and national systems, and therefore able to incorporate best practice from a range of international frameworks and curricula
- encourages students to consider both their local and international environment.

What does that mean at Wales Street PS?

It means our students are taught WHY they should know something and HOW it connects to other subjects and the world around them. It means high quality teaching and learning—challenging instruction and worldwide knowledge. We ensure that the learning is engaging, relevant, challenging
and significant. By helping students make connections and see that learning is connected to life, a strong foundation for future learning is established. We teach through an inquiry approach and focus on developing a set of transdisciplinary skills that are relevant to all learning.

**How does the IB PYP teach students to be internationally minded?**

We teach students to be internationally minded through teaching and modelling the “Learner Profile.”

Regardless of the IB world school a child may visit, these characteristics or “Learner Profile” remain the same—foundational to the IB PYP learning experience.

**What does it mean to be “internationally minded” and why is it important?**

It is a thoughtful, critical perspective that applies to who we are and what we do. It includes how we communicate, our political awareness, cultural understanding, celebrating diversity, global awareness of global issues, and a reflection on how knowledge is constructed and applied. At WSPS, we focus on moving students toward becoming people who reflect the characteristics of the “Learner Profile.”

**What is the “Learner Profile?”**

These are qualities or attributes determined to be most important in creating positive and productive citizens of the world. A profile is the description of a person’s qualities, values, and characteristics.

**What are these “Learner Profile” qualities?**

- **Inquirers**—I am curious and know how to discover answers to many of my questions. I love to learn!
- **Thinkers**—I use my thinking skills to make good choices and solve problems.
- **Communicators**—I understand and share ideas in more than one language.
- **Courageous**—I try new things, love to explore, and confidently share my experiences.
- **Knowledgeable**—I explore big ideas that are important. I know and can do a lot of important things.
• Principled—I am fair and honest. I can make good decisions about what is right and wrong for me.

• Caring—I am concerned about other people’s needs and feelings. I believe it is important to help others.

• Open-Minded— I am comfortable with differences. I welcome and respect other people’s points of views and ways of doing things.

• Balanced—To be healthy, it is important for me to balance the needs of my mind and body.

• Reflective—I think about and discuss my learning, skills, and products.

POLICY SNIPPETS... from the Wales Street PS Sun smart policy

**Clothing/Hats**

- Ensure all children and staff wear broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat (with a brim of at least 6cm) which protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside (recess, lunch, sport, excursions, camps and the Out of School Hours program) from **September 1st until May 1st**. The children need to have their shoulders and midriff covered when outdoors. See dress code for further details.

  - Children without a sun smart hat or appropriate clothing coverage will be required to play in a designated area under shelter. Parents will be notified if their child continually fails to wear a sun smart hat or have inappropriate clothing coverage.

  - Sun Protective clothing is included in our school uniform/dress code and sports uniform.

**Jenny Deeble**
Assistant Principal and PYP Coordinator

**LOST PROPERTY**

There are a lot of hats and jumpers already in the lost property tubs just outside the office area. Please make time to collect any items that may belong to you.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

What a busy term ahead! Apart from reading some picture story books that relate to their units of inquiry, all students will be reflecting on ANZAC Day next week and further into the term, they will continue to work on some library skills.

**VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE**
In the last week of First Term, I sent home with each student, a registration form for the VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE. I’ve had a great response so far, with over 180 students sending back their forms. All year levels are strongly encouraging students to take part, as it is a great tool to help teachers and parents inspire children to explore new titles, genres and authors.

If you have lost your form or were away in the last week of term, please download the form from the School’s website, fill it in and return it to the Library. User ids and passwords will be sent out by email via COMPASS.

BOOK FAIR IS COMING
Beginning on the afternoon of Tuesday May 17th, the Library will be hosting a week long Scholastic Book Fair. Please mark it in your diary. Many students have already asked me when it is happening this term. I just love their enthusiasm! More details will follow.

Thanks
Sallie McCleery, Librarian
2016 CHESS TOURNAMENTS Term 2

Dear Parents, Chess tournaments are the best way for your child to improve while having a whole lot of FUN!! In Term 2, there will be two Chess Victoria Zonal qualifier tournaments.

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| 5/5/16 Preston Primary School, 16/6/16 Viewbank Primary School 9.30am* till 2.30pm
240 Tyler St, Preston 9.30am* till 2.30pm 2 Nevin Parade, Viewbank |

These are popular events, so to avoid disappointment, please register and pay EARLY. Payment must accompany your registration form and both must be put in one envelope.

**Deadline for registration:** 28/4/16

✓ Parents need to transport their children to and from each event.
✓ *It would be greatly appreciated if you could attend and represent the school.*

😊 Please indicate below if you can be a representative. Thank you 😊

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**Registration form**

Please return this part to the school office with your payment in a clearly-labelled envelope. Please keep the top half. Please pay the correct amount (CASH ONLY). Thank you.

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I give permission for my child to attend the above Chess tournament and, in case of a medical emergency, to receive any emergency treatment considered necessary at the time. Signed: _________________________ Date: / / Parent’s Name: _________________________

(CASH ONLY): $20 per child per tournament Please circle amount enclosed: $20 / $40 / $60 / $80 Other $________