FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Cyber Bullying Information Night - Tues 21st August
A Cyber Bullying Information session will be presented by Sally-Anne McCormack a clinical Psychologist and a former teacher on Tuesday 21st August from 7.00-9:00pm. The cost of the session is $5 and is to be paid at the door.

I would encourage all families to attend this special evening talk.

Enrolments for 2013
Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have completed their enrolments applications for 2013. These will now be reviewed and over the next two weeks families will be informed as to the outcome of their application.

I am anticipating next year that there will be four prep classes and the school will have an overall enrolment of approximately 560 students.

Christopher Sexton
Principal

MULTICULTURAL DAY (MINI OLYMPICS): WEDNESDAY 8th AUGUST

With only 6 days to go in hosting our Mini Olympics at Wales St Primary, we wish to kindly remind everyone of the following.

All staff and students are encouraged to dress as an Olympic athlete on the day, e.g. a cyclist, a gymnast, a runner. Comfortable footwear (runners, sneakers) are a must, as students will be participating in a variety of sporting activities. We would prefer that students not wear AFL gear please.

To continue the celebrations, we would like students to bring a plate of finger food (with ingredients listed) to share at the Multicultural luncheon to be held in classrooms.

Many thanks - Specialist Team
FATHER’s/SPECIAL PERSON’s DAY STALL - THURSDAY 30TH AUGUST

* Gift Bags: $5, $10, $15
* Children need to bring money in a named envelope or purse.

PARENT HELPERS required for stall on Thursday 30th August 8.45am - 11.30am.
If you can help on the stall please notify Fiona Park (1/2C), 0418 249 595 or Sarah Hamilton (1/2C), 0408 920 022.

FREE EXERCISE IN THE HALL

Wednesday 8th August
9.00-9.50am
Last week in this series!
Come along to support the program.

SCHOOL AGED CARE

DONATION
We have been making marble runs at Aftercare this term. This experience has been really popular and has inspired many different creations. If anyone has any old pipes, hoses or tubes they would be put to great use here. We are also teaching the children how to knit, if anyone has any spare knitting needles they would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

REVIEW OF POLICIES
Our Medical Condition/including Anaphylaxis, Accident/ Illness and Authorisation to Administer Medication are under review to meet the changes under the National Quality Standards. These 3 policies and procedures govern how the program is implemented and guide our daily practice at SAC.

It is really important if you would like to see any changes to these polices or make suggestions in the review process.
These policies will be available at the information desk for feedback.

Education Maintenance Allowance
Health Care Card & Pension Card Holders – Instalment 2

Applications for Instalment 2 of the Education Maintenance Allowance close on Friday 3rd August, 2012.

If you completed an application form for Instalment 1 at WSPS at the beginning of the year you do not need to re-apply for Instalment 2, this automatic.

If you did not apply at WSPS at the beginning of the year but are eligible (Pension Card/Health Care Card must be valid at 16/07/12) you will need to complete an application form to receive payment of Instalment 2. Please come to the school office. Applications Close Friday 3rd August 2012.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers

Thanks for a great effort. We now have over 27,000 stickers. Keep them coming! Please put the completed forms in the box to the right of the School Office or if you have stickers on the roll, envelope them and we will fill in incomplete forms.

Coles sports for school’s vouchers

Thanks to everyone who has been supporting this great initiative, it’s exciting to see so many vouchers piling up in the box in the office! Keep up the good work. We can keep collecting until 14th August.

Please remember to obey the parking regulations. Stay away from the crossings and DO NOT double park.
Please consider the safety of our students!
SCHOOL NURSE’S REPORT

Hello Everyone,

Have you noticed the sun is setting later? Just that ½ hr difference is lovely and reminds me of the spring to come… Apologies, but I will not be discussing “Fever” today, as mentioned last week. Information regarding Asthma Care has taken priority…I have been recently notified of a change in policy for the use of Spacers in the treatment of Asthma, and would like to share with you the changes. The Asthma Foundation informs us…

Spacer Use in Schools/Preschools: Advice for Parents & Carers

As of the 1st July 2012, schools and preschools in Victoria will be implementing a new policy in regards to single person spacer use.

This means that schools and preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers and face masks from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students and children with asthma symptoms.

Spacers should always be used when administering reliever ‘puffer’ medication because:

- Using a spacer with a ‘puffer’ ensures that more medication reaches the airways
- Spacers are much easier for children to use than a ‘puffer’ alone, and allows school and preschool staff to help students/children during an asthma attack, often in an emergency situation
- Spacers are an essential part of the Asthma First Aid procedure that Victorian schools/preschools are instructed to follow

Asthma first aid kits should only ever be used as a back-up for when a child with asthma does not have their own spacer available, or if it is a first asthma attack or the cause of breathing difficulty is unknown. Your child’s school/preschool may implement a policy where parents/carers are responsible for the cost of the spacer if one must be used from the asthma emergency kit.

Even if your child has mild asthma, it is essential that their medication and spacer (and a compatible face mask if under 5 years old) is always available to school/preschool staff. To ensure that a spacer is not left at home, we would recommend that parents/carers purchase a second spacer for their child to have with them at school/preschool at all times if possible.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au

“As well as responding to national infection control guidelines, this move reflects the manufacturers’ product instructions. The risk of transmission of infection via mucous is removed by this new protocol.”

Wales street Primary School will now have disposable/single use spacers in all our Emergency kits-I will be ordering them this week. We already have a few “single person use” spacers for immediate use if required. At present I have many students Personal Spacers Sets located in their own compartment in the First Aid Room – this is terrific! Keeping them in First Aid means I can also help the children with effective technique when administering Ventolin, keep an eye on their asthma and then follow up this with a note to their parents. It’s a great system that works well.

Would all other parents of asthmatic children please ensure their child has his/her spacer and medication at school for personal use? This is required to be available to our staff to assist in effective administration of medication. If you could leave their clearly labelled medication/spacer on my desk it would be much appreciated.

I’m also suggesting to all our asthmatics that they keep their First Aid Spacers/Medication Set etc in a coloured Pencil case - it makes it easier for them to spot their particular set amongst all the others! Looks groovy too! (The kids really like it) These sets also accompany them on all excursions and camps.

I look forward to the arrival of spacer sets and to coloured pencil cases for new and/or existing sets. I appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Until next week, take care.

Catherine Fisers - School Nurse (R/N)

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Book Week Celebration with Susannah McFarlane! (EJ12 Girl hero & Boy vs Beast author) Thursday 23 August, 4pm. Preston Library, 266 Gower St, Preston. For kids aged 5 – 12 yrs & children must be supervised by an adult. Book online at
Multicultural Day / Mini Olympics
Wednesday 8th August, 2012

Dear Parent/s,

Wales Street Primary School will be holding a Mini Olympics on Wednesday 8th August as part of Multicultural Day. Students will be participating in a range of fun sporting activities. We encourage all children to dress as an Olympic athlete on the day. Some suggestions include: a cyclist, a runner, a gymnast.

A whole school performance of African Drumming will conclude this wonderful event. The cost of the performance is $4.00 per child which will be deducted from the Excursion Levy.

If you have not paid the Excursion Levy please forward payment of $4.00 per child to your child’s class teacher.

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Multicultural Luncheon

As part of our celebrations all students will be taking part in a Multicultural Luncheon from 12:00-1:00pm. Each student is invited to bring a plate of finger food (sweet or savoury) from any cultural background. Students will also be able to order a Gelato cup each, orders due by Thursday 2nd August.

Taking into account the various food allergies students may have, it would be greatly appreciated if the attached form could accompany your plate listing the ingredients used.

Thank you for your participation.

Regards - Specialist Team

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Multicultural Luncheon
Wednesday 8th August - Please return this slip with your plate of food to share

Child’s Name & Grade: ________________________________________________________________

Name of Dish: _______________________________ Country: ________________________________

Please tick either: Sweet ☐ OR Savoury ☐ Date Baked: ________________________________

Ingredients: ________________________________

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Student Well being program, we would like to invite parents and carers to this special evening talk on Cyber bullying as this is a hot topic for all modern day parents. This is an adult only evening for the Wales Street PS community.

When: Tuesday 21st August 2012
7.00pm – 9.00pm

Where: Wales Street Primary School
Clyde Street Building (Grade 3/4 building)

Cost: $5 per adult. Payment can be made at the door.
Tea/coffee and refreshments provided

The Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria Presents

CYBER BULLYING - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:
A SESSION FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Presented by Sally-Anne McCormack, Clinical Psychologist

Cyber-bullying refers to the use of technology to harass, torment, embarrass or harm another individual. In previous years, this was typically achieved through the use of mobiles, emails and instant messaging, but the latest trend appears to be bullying via social networking sites such as Facebook. There are a number of reasons why people bully others, some including boredom, attention seeking, revenge, wanting to be ‘popular’ and the list goes on.

This session will provide an opportunity to have your questions answered on issues relating to Cyber Bullying.

- Please come equipped with specific questions as this session is an informal question and answer format.
- Sally-Anne will welcome every question asked. Although she may not have all the answers, she will answer to the best of her ability.

Sally-Anne McCormack is a clinical psychologist, a former teacher and a mother of four girls. She has extensive experience dealing with a broad range of mental health disorders especially depression, anxiety and sleep, as well as parenting and educational issues. She is also the creator of a website specifically for parents www.ParentsOnline.com.au. Sally-Anne has a regular TV segment on Channel 10s "The Circle" regarding parenting issues.

Please return for catering purposes by Monday 20 August:

We /I will be attending the Cyber bullying evening on Tuesday 21st August, 2012.

Name: ___________________________________________ Number attending : _______

Payment of $5 per adult can be made at the door.