



# 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

From the Principal...

## School Council Vacancies & Elections 2016

Each year approximately half the members on school council face election as part of a process to ensure mentoring and renewal of this body. The council members facing elections this year as their current terms have expired are:

Parent members: Susan Rennie, Phillip Papas, Frances Coppolillo & Moh Tagliano.

DET members: Trevor Robinson & Jason Sergi.

The role of School Council, the various categories of membership election and calls for nominations for the 2016 election are detailed below. If you choose to nominate, please attach a written paragraph about yourself that can be published in the event of an election and for entry into the newsletter.

If the number of nominations exceeds the vacancies then an election is conducted for members of the School Council of Wales Street PS. *Before considering standing for School Council please consider the time commitment as it is an expectation that as a School Council member that you will also be a member of one of the sub committees.*

For a timeline for the elections and more information on what school council does please click [here](#).

## Prep Information Evening

Last Tuesday we held our annual Prep Information evening for parents. The evening was well attended by the new and returning parents. The feedback received indicated that the evening was informative and enjoyable.

## Parent Information Evening

Last Wednesday the PIE night was held for our Grade 1 to 6 students. A large number of parents attended and spoke with their child's teacher about the up-coming year. This exchange of information will be valuable to build a productive three way partnership between the classroom, parent and student.

## Events

Monday February 29<sup>th</sup>

School Photos

Tuesday March 1

Parent Helpers induction Session

Thursday March 3

Parent Helpers Induction Session

Staff room at 9.10am

Friday March 4

Ride 2 School Day

Sunday March 13

Working Bee

Saturday March 19

School Fete

Thursday March 24

Term 1 Ends at 2.30pm



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## THE RESILIENCE PROJECT 2016 - Key Dates

<b>May 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Student sessions</b>
<b>May 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Parent Information Evening 7pm</b>

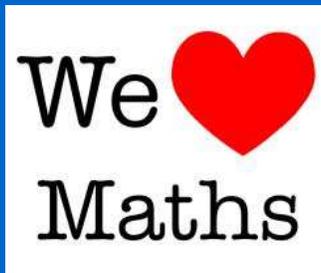
This year Wales Street Primary School will be participating in the "Resilience Project". As we all know the Affective Domain is a critical consideration in the holistic development of students within a school. At Wales Street PS we are looking for ways to ensure our students develop a strong sense of personal self-worth enabling them to become positive contributors not only to the Wales Street community but also to the global community.

Hugh will be running student, staff and parent sessions this year. Pencil the parent date into your diary.

Hugh van Cuylenburg the Founding Director of The Resilience Project has been working in education for over 12 years. Starting out as a primary school teacher, he then moved into a position with Cricket Victoria as a development facilitator working with disengaged adolescents. The highlight of his teaching career, however, was the year he spent in the far north of India volunteering and living at an underprivileged school in the Himalayas. It was here that he discovered resilience in its purest form.

Inspired by this experience (and subsequent trips to Bangladesh and Sri Lanka) Hugh returned to Melbourne and commenced working on his own programs for schools. 'The Resilience Project' was born. Strongly influenced by the work of Professor Martin Seligman and Dr Barbara Fredrickson, Hugh's presentations emphasise the value of gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. Of note, Hugh has developed and facilitated programs for over 180 schools Australia wide. Beyond schools Hugh has developed and facilitated resilience and mental health training for The Melbourne Storm, Hawthorn Football Club, the Collingwood Football Club and the Australian Institute of Sport. He has also run successful programs for troubled youth around regional Victoria. He has written and implemented programs for the Education Department. Hugh has also served as CEO of Step Back Think.

Using Hugh's experience in this area the aim this year will be to begin a journey with the students, staff and parents in developing a whole school understanding of what it means to be resilient and nurture one's own mental wellbeing through a focus on gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. The program is mapped to the Victorian School Curriculum and embeds understandings through a series of integrated lessons.



### Maths Puzzlers

#### Foundation

What can you find in your house that there are two of?

What can you find in your house that there are four of?

#### Grade 1/2

If A=1 , B=2, C=3 etc..then what is your name worth?

#### Grade 3/4

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How can you add eight 8's to get the number 1,000? You can only use addition.

#### Grade 5/6

In the farmyard there are some pigs and some chickens. In fact there are 87 animals and 266 legs.

How many pigs are there in the farmyard?

Students can bring their answers to Trevor and feature in our next newsletter!



### Working Bee March 13

We will be having our working bee on Sunday March 13 10am – 2pm. Look out for a tiqbiz message with more details next week!

### Parent Helper Induction Sessions

The parent helper induction session is a 20 minute presentation on the expectations and responsibilities of a parent classroom helper.

If you've missed this week's sessions, and you would like to help in a classroom, you must attend one of the two remaining sessions offered next week.

You are not required to attend if you have been inducted previously.

The sessions will be at 9.10am Tuesday 1st March and Thursday 3rd March.

All sessions will be conducted in the staff room which is located in the St David building (behind the library next to the oval) by Robyn Jones and Trevor Robinson.

### After School Chinese Program

Learn Mandarin Chinese while having fun!

Chinese Painting, Crafts, Cooking, Games...

Listening, Speaking,

Reading and Writing basic Chinese

When: 3:45 – 5:30 pm,  
Tuesdays.

Where: Wales Street Primary School

Cost: \$100/term

Contact: Annie Wong

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Sino Bridge Education

XinJinShan Chinese Language and Culture School Inc.

Please go to our website:

<http://xinjinshan.com/html/AfterSchoolProgram/>



## **PYP Learner Profile Attributes**

- Open Minded
- Principled
- Reflective
- Courageous
- Thinker
- Caring
- Communication
- Inquirer
- Knowledgeable
- Well Balanced

## **PYP Attitudes**

- Appreciation
- Enthusiasm
- Cooperation
- Creativity
- Confidence
- Commitment
- Curiosity
- Integrity
- Empathy
- Tolerance
- Independence
- Respect

## **TiqBiz**

A reminder that Wales Street PS uses TiqBiz regularly as one of our communication tools. Please log on to update your details and logon and download the app if you are a new user.

[tiqbiz.com/au/tiqbizapp/](https://tiqbiz.com/au/tiqbizapp/)

## **Christian Woodcock Principal**

### **School Nurse's Report**

So far this term there have been fewer than 300 students who have visited first aid this term.

The beginning of the year as you know has brought lots of different illnesses, all the contagious and serious illnesses being reported to you via Tiqbiz and to individual classrooms as the case may be. Thankfully we haven't any confirmed cases of Measles in our school, however it's a good idea to revisit this illness and educate ourselves further about it.

The Department of education informed us that there has recently been a measles outbreak in the Brunswick area of Melbourne, including cases at a primary school.

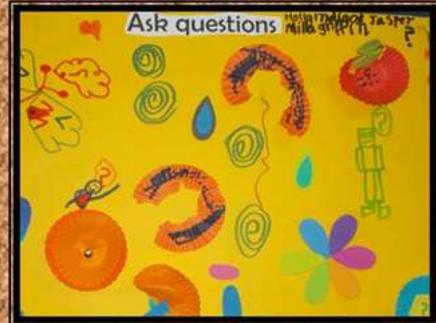
In light of this, your cooperation is sought in ensuring we have a record of your child's immunization status on file. This will ensure the school can respond quickly should a member of the school community contract a vaccine preventable disease. In the event of a disease outbreak immunization status certificates help us quickly identify the immunization status of each child and implement the advice received from the Victorian Chief Health Officer and the Department of Health and Human Services, which may include sending an unimmunized or immunocompromised child home until the risk of infection has passed.

School Nurse  
Catherine Fisers (R/N)

# 1-2G Essential Agreement

As a group we discussed, voted and agreed on ...

“What makes an awesome learning team?”





**WALES STREET  
PRIMARY FETE**

**SATURDAY 19TH MARCH, 12 - 6PM**  
**FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT 6-7PM**



**CORNER WALES & SPEIGHT STREETS**