



West Leederville Primary School

as described by you, our community.

The teachers are the best I have come across A wonderful community..... culture of kindness and courtesy

.... The parents are great contributors to the success of the school....

..... Nurturing Environment

the school team is focused on inspiring courteous citizens

inside and outside the classroom..... Confident children

..... A clear dedication to excellence in teaching.....

Great School Spirit..... a happy, friend environment

for kids to learn and make local friends..... Visionary Leaders

..There is a strong relationship between the school and the community...

An exciting school..... the children are taught to

be kind and inclusive.... Capable and passionate leaders.....

Friendly and inviting.....

From the Principal



Dear Parents,

School Survey

I would like to thank everyone who responded to our biennial school survey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and helps us to celebrate our successes and plan for future improvements. By triangulating the feedback from parents, students and teachers we can capture an accurate picture of the thoughts and feelings of all stakeholders in the provision of education at West Leederville Primary School. As a staff we are very proud of our school and according to the parent and student survey feedback, so are you. Thank you all for your on-going support and participation in the education of your children, our students.

Of course, as always in dynamic situations where humans are involved, there is room for improvement and opportunity for variety of opinion. This will always be the case in education as it is an aspect of our society that we all value highly. Using the information gathered from the survey, the school staff together with the School Board as your elected representatives, will look to make changes for improvement and/or address any concerns raised. Some concerns can be easily addressed through communication, so I intend to provide information on these through updates in our fortnightly newsletters.

Participants in the survey were given the opportunity to provide contact details in order to be entered in a draw for a \$50 Coles/Myer voucher. The lucky recipient of this prize is Peter Kailis who completed the survey as a Kindergarten parent. Congratulations.

Uniforms

School dress requirements play an important part in promoting a positive image of the school and create a sense of identity and belonging among students. It is expected that all students at West Leederville Primary School wear the school uniform each day. In recent times the number of students NOT wearing the school hat has been somewhat problematic. I would ask that all students, particularly with the hot summer months soon to be upon us, bring a school hat (wide brimmed/bucket hats are available from the uniform shop), daily. Any students without a hat will be directed to remain in the shade for the duration of their recess or lunch break and their participation in PE lessons may be limited.

Teacher Professional Learning Day – Monday 10th October

Please note that the Monday 10th of October is a pupil free day. School staff will be using this valuable collaboration time to participate in a variety of activities including analysing data (such as NAPLAN and our recently completed surveys); first aid training and MoneySmart teacher development.

Happy holidays

I hope you all have a fun-filled school holiday break and return to us safely on Tuesday the 11th of October for another exciting term.

Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly
Principal

Dates for your Diary

23 September

Last day of term.

Wear your footy colours to school.

10 October

WLPS PD.

Students do not attend school.

11 October

Term 4 commences.

17 to 28 October

Kindness project, PP

24 October

Shenton dog refuge visit, PP

27 October

WLPS Art exhibition, 6pm until 7.30pm

1 November

Milo Cricket Carnival ,City Beach, Yr 5-6

16 November

Kindergarten Green & Yellow orientation for PP 2017.

23 November

Kindergarten Blue & Red orientation for PP 2017.

30 November

2017 Kindergarten parent meeting, school hall, 2pm to 3pm.

30 November

2017 Pre-primary parent meeting, room 13, 9.15am to 10.15am.

5 to 15 December

Interm swimming classes for PP to year 2 students, Beatty Park

Please check the West Leederville Primary School Website or Mobile App for regular updates to the school planner.

Science Day at WLPS



Emerson from Year 1 using a pipette during the Science tabloid session last week.

National Science Week presents an opportunity to discuss current science topics, do science experiments and celebrate its cultural and economic impact of society. First held in 1997, National Science Week was held right throughout Australia and has become one of Australia's largest festivals.

At WLPS, last Monday, 12th September each classroom became a science lab for the session with different activities and experiments. The students were grouped into multi age groups and were allocated 2 different rooms to attend. The students loved learning about the different science concepts and below are some excerpts of reflections written following the session.

I went to Miss Rendel's class and we got some tubs of water and we put some colours in it. Then we put some paper towels inside it . They were all primary colours and when we put the paper towels in the colours went into each other. The red and the yellow mixed together and made orange. At the end I got a cookie. In Miss Nash's class we got some flowers and put them in some water and put colour in it and we had to leave them for about a day and when we come back the flowers would suck all the blue water up and turn blue.

*Spencer Hathrill
PP Blue*

I liked Science Week. First I was in Ms Ballantine's class and we learned about movements. We did how far things go. Then I went Miss O'Neill's class, and that is my class. We did The Water Cycle. I learned about water vapour evaporating and it turns into water in a cloud. We made clouds with shaving foam and water and dropped edicol dye into them until it looked like it was raining. I love science week.

*Anushka Chaturvedi
PP Blue*



We had lots of fun making clouds. We put some water into a jug and then put shaving cream on top. We got some blue edicol dye and tried to make the 'rain' fall into the jug.

Miles Gaspar
Year 4/5

We made Ublik, which was corn flour and water. It's a solid and a liquid! I can't wait for Science Day next year!

Charlie Dawson
Year 4/5

We saw how helium balloons float up. Helium is a gas that is formed by explosions on the sun. It took eight helium balloons to lift a smurf!

Asher Aylmore
Year 4/5

We made pocket rockets! We filled small film canisters with water and then put a tablet in them. The tablet dissolves in water. Then we turned them upside down and it shot off the ground!

Lucas Hughes
Year 4/5

We experimented with things that can fly. I went to the testing area and my final design flew the farthest! I was amazed!

Ewan Williams
Year 4/5

City to Surf



The WLPS City to Surf Team had a great time running in the 4 KM event. The students took off like rockets from the start line leaving Mr Braimbridge and their parents in their wake. They braved the cold, wind, drizzle and some enormously steep hills to end up at City Beach with smiles on their faces and success to their name. Congratulations to the students who participated in this challenging event.

Pictured above with teacher Mr Braimbridge are students Matilda, Maddy, Elsie, Sienna, Alisha, Amelia and Jess.

STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Olive Keane
Spencer Hathrill
Benjamin Love
Preston Parker

Year 1

Piran Wallace
Mollie Brown
Andrew Reaburn
Taj Williams
William Griffiths
Isabelle Devenish-Hooper
Cohen Dunning

Year 2

Tetsushi Aoyama
Lewis Bishop
Sarah Emmett

Kaan Aykut
Felix Cooley
Evie Hughes

Year 3

Nathan Callaghan
Genevieve Kelly
Jacob Oates
Emily Strika

Year 4

Owen Simpson
Dillon Curtis
Matilda Carmody
Oscar Roxby

Year 5

Aoibhean Dhepnorrarat

Qi Hang Gao
Phoebe Raby
Oliver Reid
Annabelle Russ

Year 6

Rohan Baldwin
Grace Soucie

Congratulations to our Star Students.



Pre-primary scarecrow



Pictured above and right, the students from Pre-primary Red in front of their scarecrow entirely constructed using recycled items.

In the Pre-primary Red class, a programme running entirely during Term 3 culminated in the construction of a class scarecrow which can be found in the school garden in front of Miss Ballantine's classroom. During the term, parents sent in materials to use in the construction of the scarecrow. The materials used included reused and recycled items, and during construction, only nails, bolts and wire. The aim of the programme was to encourage the pre-primary students use their imagination to design, construct and work as a team. Many parents assisted with the construction and everyone should be proud of their scarecrow. Please look in the garden and see how the students in Miss Ballantine's class are using recycled materials to create a garden.



Science Day at Kindergarten



Calum, Aedan and Shannon engage in exciting Science experiments with Mrs Wira. Students from Mrs Wilson's and Mrs Terry's classes rotated to various science activities in both classrooms and engaged in some hands-on scientific tasks during science week at WLPS.

Confucius Institute Day Celebration



Last Thursday, the students from the Year 5/6 class set off to the UWA Claremont Campus to participate in the Confucius Institute Day Celebration. The students engaged in a range of hands-on activities and Chinese cultural experiences including Chinese calligraphy, Chinese wash painting, mask and kite making, paper cutting, dumpling making (and tasting) and Kung Fu workshops. The students also had the opportunity to practise some of their Mandarin they have learnt during their LOTE lessons. The students thoroughly enjoyed being immersed in the Chinese culture in a beautiful and entertaining environment. In fact they had such a great day at the Institute's 11th birthday that they are all hoping they can attend again next year!



From the Chaplain

Another busy term done and dusted! The last 10 weeks have been jam packed with lots of action, I particularly enjoyed watching the kids doing their best at the Cross Country event and tried to cheer on every single runner! Well done to all!

Craft Corner will celebrate the end of term with a little party this week and gear up for more crafty fun and new friendships next term. If your child is interested in joining us, they are most welcome! Next term commencing in **week 2**, we meet on Thursday afternoons in the Hall straight after the last bell until 4pm. Please contact me if you are interested or have further questions.

During the holidays I will be attending a Youth Mental Health First Aid course and of course, enjoying the Royal Show with the family!

Happy Holidays to all!

CoraliS@youthcare.org.au

Cross country 2016

After a few false starts because of inclement weather this year, our annual Faction Cross country competition was finally held on Friday, 9th September. Lake Monger proved to be a picturesque backdrop once again for our students as they ran in the age group and gender races, in between swans and ducks walking their brood across the paths. There were some individual first-rate performances and the winners of the medals were as follows:

Year 1 boys-Lewis Duplock
Year 2 boys-Ethan Parker
Year 3 boys-James McDonnell
Year 4 boys-Sean Flynn
Year 5 boys-Oliver Mawle
Year 6 boys-Wil Steiler

Year 1 girls-Maeve Dhepnorrarat
Year 2 girls-Camryn Penn
Year 3 girls-Sienna Hathrill
Year 4 girls-Amelia Goodacre-Paul
Year 5 girls-Bella Love
Year 6 girls-Iris Townsend

Thank you to all the parents who came down to enthusiastically cheer on the students and make the cross country such a greatly anticipated event on the WLPS calendar.



WLPS netball

Recently the WLPS Netball Club wrapped up another successful Winter Netball season, with presentations to over 45 players. The WLPS teams - Bluebirds, Blue Wings, Swans, Blue Angels & Dolphins had some great games, ably supported by their families.

The superb efforts by the players, parents, coaches, managers & umpires throughout the season must be acknowledged. Congratulations to all the girls who participated in the WLPS netball teams, but in particular to Hannah Roxby (from Year 6 Dolphins) who won the PNA goal shooter award for Year 5/6. Any enquiries for WLPS Netball can be directed to wlpnetball@gmail.com.



Reversible School Bucket Hats

Our new school bucket hats will be available from the Uniform Shop in term four. These gorgeous hats are available in all the faction colours and have our school logo printed on the front (navy side). Hat sizes are Small, Medium and Large. Price - \$12



Order hats online at ouronlinecanteen.com.au or visit the Uniform shop on open days, term 4.

The Slouch Hat remains part of the WLPS uniform. The new reversible bucket hats replace the original navy blue bucket hats.



A safe and happy school

The data from our recent school survey shows the the huge majority of our students feel safe and happy at school. However, there are always some occasions when children may struggle with a social situation or an individual. The article to the right was published in The West Australian this week and might be of some interest to parents.

School Banking

The P&C are seeking a parent to take on the role of School Banking Coordinator and assist in weekly tasks including:



- Being at school each Monday from 8.25 to assist Fletcher and Elsie with the deposits
- Taking the deposit slips and money
- Entering the deposit slips into an online portal
- Depositing the money into a CBA (branch or post office)
- Ordering of certificates, rewards etc

Unfortunately, if a parent volunteer is not found, this program may have to cease.

Please contact Kylie Gibson
kyliegibson@iinet.net.au or
Sonja Belle Wood
sonja@occupationalfitnesssolutions.com.



Picture: Getty Images

PARENTING

Could *your* child be a bully?

Sensible ways to stop your kid hurting others

There are no one-size-fits-all approaches to preventing or stopping bullying but here are some strategies I've found effective:

Be specific

Bullying is too often treated in the abstract but talking in specifics can make the conversation and its results much more tangible. Let them know that this isn't what strength is, that it isn't right, and that you know what they are doing. Kids often think they can get away with anything. Let them know that they can't.

Purpose of bullying

Bullying, for many kids, is affirming. It provides a feeling of power that is frankly intoxicating and puts into action the dominance that they, as children, lack in the outside world.

Bullying can feel cool

Talk to your child about morality and power. The opposite of a bully, as I tell students, is a leader. Redirecting energy needed for dominance in a positive way can pay lasting dividends.

Realisation

When a child is engaged in bullying patterns, they're lashing out at a perceived irritation — a student, a speaker, a policy — with internal justification. They think it's everyone else's fault. If your child has a long list of enemies and frustrations, that should be a warning sign that

they may be lashing out in response. But when you remove the bullying, you're left with a kid who is annoyed, bothered, angry and sad.

Ask kids how they feel

Work with them to remove the external pronouns. "He annoyed me" is a responsibility-shirking projection, but "I'm annoyed when..." is an honest, emotional expression. It emphasises adapting internally, rather than blaming external conflicts.

Internal problems

Insecure older children may lash out at younger kids, eager to distinguish themselves. A young girl who is overly worried about her appearance may deride others in an attempt to maintain a position in a social structure. You most often see your child in a family structure, where they feel safe confiding their struggles. You don't necessarily see how they cope with those feelings in a more social setting.

Be firm

Being treated with kid gloves can provoke real frustration for bullies, who are often seeking dominance and maturity.

When parents look away, it does their children — and their classmates — a disservice. If your kid is bullying someone, help them find a solid, sincere and proud way to fix the relationship.

■ Author Lev Novak is a former after-school teacher. This edited article is from The Washington Post.

Shakespeare with a difference

Yesterday the students from Years 3 to 6 participated in a hilarious interactive tribute to the plays of William Shakespeare with an incursion called Shakespeare: As You Write It.

Three actors collaborated with the students to create a brand new Shakespeare play. To achieve this they introduced and explored elements and techniques that Shakespeare used.

The building blocks that the students had to understand included scenes, similes, soliloquies, and sword fights; poetry, prose, and iambic pentameter; all mixed together in theatre. The students were thoroughly engaged and settled on a Shakespearean version of Harry Potter where the hero had lots of muscles! Shakespeare: As You Write It proved to be one of the most entertaining and inspiring ways of introducing Shakespeare, acting and Elizabethan theatre.



A visit from an Olympian

The Year 5 & 6 students were very fortunate today to receive a visit from Rio Olympian Joel Swift. Joel was part of the Australian Water Polo team that competed at the recent Olympics. He spoke to the students about his journey that led to competing at an international level; his training regime and being part of a team. The students enjoyed the visit and took the opportunity to ask some insightful questions.



Pictured above, with Joel are Thomas, Fletcher and Oscar from Year 6.

2017 Booklists

Although the school provides most text books, reading materials, work books, art materials, mathematics and science equipment, parents are expected to provide the daily consumable items. Last week we sent home the [student requirement lists for 2017](#). You are welcome to purchase these items at any retail outlet of your choice but we do offer the convenience of pre-ordering and home delivery through our chosen supplier, Campion. Parents may place their order online (www.campion.com.au) using the code **8MBU** or visit the supplier's shop. Parents have the option of paying for Voluntary Contributions and the school diary when purchasing online. All orders place before Friday, 14th October will have their order delivered to the nominated address for a \$4 fee. To ensure your child commences their learning in the 2017 school as smoothly as possible, please ensure they have all the requirements as listed.