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Sleeping with the Sharks









Mr John McInerheney pictured with his students in front of the aquarium at AQWA.

On Monday, 7th November, the Year 5 students from Mr Savatovic and Mr McInerheney's classes along with their teachers went for an excursion with a difference when they went for a sleepover at the AQWA aquarium. Below is a short recount from two of the students.

"I can tell you, it was pretty scary waking up with sharks directly above you, staring at you with their killer stare then you realise you are on the best school excursion ever. On the 7th of November Mr Mac and Mr S took the Year 5's to AQWA for a sleep over! We had the once-of-a-lifetime experience sleeping on the conveyer belt under the sea aquarium, making badges, creating pencil cases and observing marine life in a totally different way."

by Olivia Harris and Amaya Garwood-Blue, Year 5

From the Principal



School Review

Every three years Independent Public Schools are reviewed by the Department of Education Services. West Leederville Primary School will be reviewed during Week 4, Term 1, 2017. The purpose of the independent review is to provide assurances to the Minister for Education on the extent to which the school has met its commitments as outlined in the Delivery and Performance agreement and associated Business Plan. Additionally, the findings inform school improvement. The focus of the review is on:

how well the school has implemented self-review

- how well the school has improved student learning (achievement, progress and engagement) for all students
- · how well the school has created an environment the promotes learning and student well- being
- how well the school is placed to sustain and improve its performance.

Although any review or assessment causes a certain level of stress, we are very proud of the work we do here at West Leederville Primary School and are looking forward to this opportunity to showcase our great school.

The tree

Those of you that have been to the school this week will have noticed the canopy of our Moreton Bay Fig tree having a haircut with the help of an enormous cherry picker and some brave men. This difficult work has been supervised by an arborist to ensure the works are done to safeguard the longevity of the tree and the safety of our playground. Fortunately this work will all be completed in time for this weekend's fete. Thank you to Mrs Gatcum, Mrs Klumper and their students for managing the inconvenience of not having access to your class for the week.

Staffing 2017

We are in the final stages of finalising our staffing for next year and look forward to sharing this information with you as soon as it is available. Please ensure that you have informed us if you are not returning to West Leederville Primary School in 2017 as this information is imperative for the planning of classes and staffing.

BYOiPad 2017 Event

Three very successful sessions were held in our school library yesterday with parents of 2017 Year 4 students to outline our BYO iPad program. Our BYO iPad program commences in Year 4. Detail was added to accompany the information booklet sent home two weeks ago. Parents were able to see demonstrations of how some apps are currently used by the students themselves and hear about successes and insights from the classroom teachers. A digital copy of the booklet and accompanying letter sent out to those parents have both been placed on the school's website. Please feel free to download and read both these documents.

<u>Fete</u>

The fete date is finally upon us. I look forward to seeing you all at this fantastic community event and important fundraiser for our school. See you on Sunday!

Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly



Dates for your Diary

17 November Assembly, Year I Red undercover area, 2.15pm

18 November Surfing clinic, Years 5&6

18 November Incursion- K (Blue & Red), Farmyard on Wheels

20 November WLPS SCHOOL FETE, 10am to 4pm

21 November Incursion- K (Green & Yellow), Farmyard on Wheels

22 November School Board meeting 6.30pm

23 November Kindergarten Blue & Red orientation for PP 2017.

25 November Excursion- Year I & I/2 to Perth Zoo, 9am to 2.30pm

25 November Surfing clinic, Years 5&6

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

I December Overnight camp-Year 5 Zoo sooze sleepover

I December Assembly, Year 2 White undercover area, 2.15pm

2 December Surfing clinic, Years 5&6

5 to 15 December Interm swimming classes, PP to Yr 2, Beatty Park Leisure Centre

6 December P&C meeting, library, 7.30pm (note change of date)

13 December Graduation Ceremony, 9.30am, School Hall

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

New decking for kindergarten



The Kindergarten Blue students enjoy eating their lunch on the new decking recently installed in their playground.

Many thanks to our P&C for the latest instalment to the nature play area at the offsite Kindergarten. We now have a superb outdoor classroom deck area which the children are looking forward to using for "eating lunch, reading books and dancing".

Rob Farish, ably assisted in building by Greg Finch and Jack Warburton on the shovel, were

busy all week. David Lorimer, Ivan Li and Chen Ng gave up their Sundav afternoon to do some more digging and put the log seating in place. A special thanks also to Jessie Ng and her most generous donation of native plants that she and the Finch, Wang and King families helped to plant along the fence line.

We are very lucky to be able to provide such a wonderful space for learning and thank all those involved.



Mr Greg Finch and *Mr* Rob Farish pictured with Campbell putting the finishing touches on the decking.

Shenton Dog Refuge Visit



Today a lady called Gaye from the dog refuge centre came to our class to talk to us about how to treat dogs and how to take care of them. In this session I learned that if a dog is licking his lips or has white eyes it means that the dog is very sad, scared or frightened. Also in this session, Gaye showed the class a couple of videos about how to treat and look after dogs. In one of these videos it showed us a child playing around with a dog and it looked very cute but then it showed us the dog's perspective and it broke my heart and taught me not to treat dogs the way I used to treat them. It showed me to

Pictured above, the students from Year 5/6 & 6 learn how to safely interact with dogs. treat them. It showed me to play a lot more gentle and caring with dogs. Gaye also answered all of my questions perfectly and made my day by teaching me loads of new dog tricks. It was probably the best moment I have ever had at West Leederville Primary School. I hope I'll be able to see Gaye again.

By Freddy Lovett, Year 6

STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Bonnie Nash Jay Park Eliza Dawson Marion Turner James Sommerfield Lena Pawlowitsch

Year I

Mateen Baba Darsh Koli Bonnie Harris Brigette Keyser Indigo Caudo Rhys Walker Madeleine McAlpine

Year 2

Lachlan Allen Jack Earley Sofia Stinton

Year 3 Anna Lubich Sofia Littlejohn Jiselle Yap Alisha Silbert Tasha Henderson

Year 4 Jaylan Tolentino Arman Sharma **Year 5** Stephanie Dawson Angus Kikeros

Year 6 Freddy Lovett Jeremy Karagania

Congratulations to our Star Students.



















A day in the life of Pre-primary



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eBook library

Recently WLPS subscribed to ePlatform by Wheelers Books, giving our students access to over 100 eBook titles. ePlatform is quite simple to use once the app has been downloaded (see below) the program includes a raft of helpful features that students will appreciate like the ability to customise settings, make annotations, look-up words and save bookmarks. eBooks can be easily borrowed and are returned automatically. They can also be read on a computer, laptops or mobile devices. We are sure the variety of choice and access to the latest titles in eBooks will help keep our students reading.

