



West Leederville Primary School

Student Leaders 2017



Pictured above, our new student leaders for 2017.

Each year at West Leederville Primary School a group of students are elected by their peers to represent all students. The school offers a diverse range of leadership opportunities including School Councillors, Faction Captains, Super choir leaders and Home reading coordinators. School and House captains play an active role in our school community acting as ambassadors and undertaking leadership responsibilities. All students from Year 6 were eligible to nominate as candidates for the leadership positions. All candidates prepared and delivered a presentation highlighting their individual qualities. Following the election eight students were elected from the student cohort for Student Councillor, two captains for each faction and four Home Reading Coordinators. Congratulations to the following students who were successfully elected to leadership positions:

Student Councillors

Nicola Archibald
Amaya Garwood-Blue
Bella Love
Phoebe Pether
Harry Hopwood
David Milios
Innes Raeburn
Oliver Porter

Faction Captains

Cambridge- MacGregor Watson & Phoebe Raby
Northwood- Cooper Ginbey & Toby Gates
Kimberley- Jack Lubich & Olivia Anderson
Woolwich- Angus Kikeros & Tom Carleton

Home Reading

Ayisha Mlilo
Chloe Gates
Elektra Coker-West
Karis Sant

From the Principal



Dear Parents,

It's that frantic time of year, both at school and in our home lives, with the need to suddenly 'see everyone before Christmas' being a phenomenon that always fascinates me. I hope that you can all manage to take the time to enjoy all of your end of year events, including those on the calendar here at school.

Christmas Concert

On Wednesday 14th of December we will be holding our end of year Christmas concert. Our intention is for this to be a casual evening in the amphitheatre with a short, fun, Christmas item from each year group. The children will have all received some information about a simple costume that will help them to get into the Christmas spirit. Please have your children in their classroom, dressed in their costume, by 5.30pm ready for the concert to start sharply at 6pm. We'd love you to bring along a picnic to enjoy on the lawn during the concert but please remember that there are a lot of people who will be trying to fit into a small area, so please squish up and be friendly to your picnicking neighbours. As space is limited, picnic blankets and cushions are preferred to chairs. If you need a chair please be sure to sit on the top tier of the amphitheatre only. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Graduation Ceremony

As the Year 6 students' time in primary school is coming to an end, they are all a mixture of excited, sad and nervous. It's a wonderful time in their lives but they may all need a little bit of extra TLC at home. Our graduation assembly is being held in the school hall on Tuesday morning the 13th of December. Students from Years 4 and 5, along with invited guests and family, will witness their farewell from our school. They are a wonderful group of students and their secondary schools will be lucky to have them! I wish them all the best for the future.

Student Councillors

As we farewell one group of students, we welcome a new group of leaders into their final year of schooling. Students love being the biggest children in the school, and without exception take on the responsibilities that go with this whether they have elected leadership roles, or not. The students, elected by their peers, will have the added responsibilities of special leadership positions in their final year at West Leederville Primary School.

End of Year Book Awards

The End of Year Book Award Assembly will be held on Thursday 15th December at 9:15am in the school's undercover area. The purpose of this assembly is to acknowledge the outstanding achievements and efforts of the students at West Leederville Primary School.

This year, there are four categories of award:

- 1) Endeavour Award: one recipient per class. The recipient of this award will have shown persistence and set learning goals, working enthusiastically towards them.
- 2) Citizenship Award: one recipient per class. This award recognises a student who is highly involved in their classroom, shows initiative, is responsible, reliable and courteous.

- 3) Academic Award: one boy and girl recipient from each year level from 3 to 5. The recipients of this award will have achieved outstanding results. This awards are moderated by teachers within year levels.
- 4) Specialist Learning Area Awards: one recipient, from any year level. The recipients of these awards will have shown a particular talent in, and enthusiasm for, either Phys-Ed, LOTE, Music, Drama or Art.

Warm regards,

Update on iPad BYO Portals

I have been in discussion with both Apple and JB HiFi to gain best prices for our families as they purchase iPads for students. Progress has been made and the JB HiFi portal is nearly ready. Although cases are offered, they are unable to offer a case with a keyboard through the portal unfortunately. We do highly recommend this option and there are many suitable cases on the market. I will be in touch with all parents the moment the portal is open.

Michael McInerheney
Associate Principal

Snapshots



Left & right, students from Year 2/3 proudly show the 'hands' they created during their art classes.



Left & right, having fun at lunch time.



Christmas Concert 2016



Pictured above, students from Mr McInerheney's class try on their costumes for the concert.

On Wednesday 14 December, our Christmas concert will take place in our amphitheatre. The students are to arrive at their classrooms at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. Parents are welcome to bring along picnic rugs, nibbles and drinks and enjoy all of the performances.

Miss Samsa has given all class teachers costume information to disperse and if you have any queries, please contact your child's class teacher.

The order of the Christmas concert is as follows:

1. Kindergarten from both Mrs Wilson and Mrs Terry
2. PP Ms O'Neill & PP Ms Mulgrew
3. PP Ms Ballantine & Year 1 Ms Addison
4. Year 1 Ms Nash & Year 1 Mrs Holmes
5. Year 1/2 Ms Weston & Year 2 Ms Gatcum/Mrs Klumper
6. Year 2 Ms Stanton & Year 2/3 Mrs Mackaiser
7. Year 3 Mrs Hill & Year 3 Mrs Murphy
8. Year 3 Ms Hawson & Year 4 Mr Braimbridge
9. Year 4/5 Mr Savatovic & Year 5 Ms Sherborne
10. Finale - Year 5/6 Mr McInerheney & Year 6 Ms Pallas

The theme this year for the Christmas concert is traditional. The classes have been practising their items really hard, so don't be alarmed if your child comes home asking to look up their song and sing it for you!

Happy singing,

Miss Samsa

Dates for your Diary

1 December

Overnight camp- Year 5 Zoo sooze sleepover

1 December

Assembly, Year 2 White undercover area, 2.15pm

2 December

Surfing clinic, Years 5&6

2 December

Boardies Day, gold coin donation to Surf Lifesaving.

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)

6 December

Excursion- Year 3 to Fremantle, 9am to 2.45pm

13 December

Graduation Ceremony, 9.30am, School Hall

14 December

Christmas Concert- WLPS Ampitheatre, students arrive at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

15 December

Book awards assembly, Undercover area, 9.15am

15 December

Last day of 2016 school year

16 December

School Development Day- students do not attend school

25 January 2017

School Administration open

30 January 2017

School Development Day- students do not attend school

31 January 2017

School Development Day- students do not attend school

30 & 31 January 2017

Uniform shop open 10am to 12pm

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

Craft Club with our Chaplain



The WLPS Chaplain surrounded by the after school Craft Club. The Craft Club has consistently grown this year.

Craft Club just about tripled in number this term so we have had a LOUD but wonderful time learning how to draw cartoon characters which we perfected on a mini canvas, made juggling balls, dream catchers and lovely decorations for our rooms. The best part is, of course, hanging out with new friends and learning new skills! We're looking forward to Christmas decorations next!

PEAC

Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) is a part-time program for public school children in Years 5 and 6. Children are tested in Year 4 and are selected to participate in a range of innovative and challenging programs offered in a variety of ways. Children are withdrawn from regular class to attend PEAC programs.

In recent testing at WLPS, six students have been selected to participate in the PEAC program. Congratulations goes to: Dominic Bailey, Indianna Casement, Sasha D'Arcy-Burke, Shardul Inamdar, Harry Saunders and Ewan Willams.

Boardies Day

Pull out your favourite board shorts, grab your zinc and get ready for 'Boardies Day' on Friday December 2nd! Celebrate summer and ditch your usual school uniform and make a gold coin



donation to help raise vital funds for Surf Life Saving. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to participate and it is a great way for you to support your local volunteer surf lifesavers.



An Adventure to Coles

On Thursday November 17th, we went to Coles Supermarket as part our studies in our Money Smart topic in Mathematics.

Coles Adventure

Ducking and weaving from aisle to aisle, we start our Coles adventure. We split up and discover our destination-amazing Coles. We start our adventure by finding out a whole lot of clues. Then we changed and found out all of our bargains. We found out that Deli is short for delicatessen and Royal Blue Potatoes are actually purple.

By Catherine.

Our Team name was Potatoes in High Heels.

As we reached Coles, we got our clipboards out, ready to find the items we were looking for. Our group rushed in and tried to find all the items we could. It wasn't long until we found all the items and got ready for the next activity.

For the next activity we were trying to find the items we have for breakfast. On my list I had: bacon, white toast, caramel topping, cocoa pops, spaghetti, butter, self raising flour, a dozen eggs, milk and ice-cream.

Some of the interesting things I found out were: Weet-bix is the most popular breakfast cereal sold, followed closely by Cornflakes. Bananas are the most popular fruit bought. Coles at West Leederville has 25,000 products for sale. Three times a week, a food charity comes to collect the fresh products not sold.

By Marley

STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Zahi Mohammed
Isla Stacevish
Andrea Joice
Ewan Bengson
Oliver Trilling-Kirkwood

Year 1

Adelyn Boda
Rinzen Chan-Lim
Molly Baker
Ruby Eaton
Guia Mallarini
Dylan Clark
Lila Aylmore

Year 2

Ryley Adams

April McCallum

Thomas Curley
Riley Pawlowitsch
Zara Stevens

Year 3

Liloue Farish-Luhan
Joshua Maxwell
James McDonnell
Eliza Wood

Year 4

Owen Soucie
Katie Owen
Oisin Flynn
Ayden Nazir

Year 5

Olivia Dawson
Keaton Penn

Year 6

Gabriela Hudzik
Matilda Wood

Congratulations to our Star Students.



Before School Uni-Active

One of the before-school programs on offer for students from Kindergarten to Year 3 is a UWA exercise program, Uni-Active. Uni-Active is a FUN school-based program that aims to improve children's movement skills to ensure that every child has the opportunity to enjoy and participate in sport and exercise. Two different skills are focused on throughout the term using fun activities, games and drills. Children have an initial assessment of their Fundamental Movement Skills which are made available to parents and are then placed in a group with children of a similar skill level. This enables the activities and instruction to be appropriately targeted for their skill level and helps to build self-esteem and motivation levels. The focus of the program is to help children enjoy movement in an environment that encourages participation, fun and learning of movement skills. Parents interested in enrolling in this program can find more information at the following link: [Uni-Active](#)



A Trip to the Zoo



On Friday, 25th November, the Year 1 classes set off on an excursion to the Perth Zoo. To complement their classroom learning, the children participated in the Magic Forest program. The students participated in a roleplay using puppets and costumes to explore the basic needs of our native species and threats to their survival. They discovered that protecting trees ensured that forests stay magical places for both animals and people. Walking around in groups the students were able to meet live mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians up-close, causing great excitement and lots of smiles.

Before school surfing



Our before school surfing lessons for students from Years 5 & 6 have proved to be a huge success, with 28 students taking up the opportunity to learn to surf with 6 representatives from Surfing WA. The students arrive at Trigg beach every Friday morning during Term 4 at 7.20am enthusiastically carrying their surfboards into the surf. This is the second year that the program has run and the progress the students have made with the surfing skills has been impressive.



Above, Lachlan & Hamish surfing like 'pros' and right, Tom & Angus enjoy catching a wave.



WLPS Fete

...and what a fete it was. Our biennial fete proved to be a huge success once again, not only in takings but providing the opportunity for the wider West Leederville community to come together and socialise. Many former students and parents at the school were seen milling around the various stalls, chatting to old faces. The WLPS fete is a 'must attend' event in the West Leederville community and a huge thank you must go out to all those who worked so tirelessly to ensure that the fete would be a success. In particular the core organisers of the fete committee, Insiyah Nazir, Morgan Penn, Annette Dawson & Derry Simpson must be acknowledged for a job well done.



From the WLPS Board Chair

Both scheduled board meetings have been very busy this term. At our first meeting, Shelley Hollett presented a detailed analysis of the schools NAPLAN performance. Overall, WLPS is performing well when compared to like-schools both nationally and within WA. Board members were very supportive of the data analysis undertaken by the teachers and staff, and how this information is being used for future planning of focus areas of the school curriculum.

Other Board activities this term included the review and feedback from the parent, student and staff surveys. The response rate from parents in particular, was very good when compared to the survey responses in previous years. Fiona and her team have been reviewing these comments, and have already implemented some suggestions.

Also this term, we reviewed and approved the school contributions and charges for the 2017 school year, and the uniform and 'sun aware' school policies. Preparations are now underway for the IPS review which is due to take place in February 2017.

Progress is also being made with the new classroom addition on top of the library building. Planning is underway to try to ensure that the building process has a minimal impact on play space and school operations in the first part of next year.

The Board has discussed the possible changes to catchment areas for high schools in light of the announcement of the new high school being located at City Beach. We are trying to gauge parent interest and preferences regarding catchment areas and if you would like to contribute your thoughts please follow the link to a [short survey here](#). The information gathered from the survey will be collated and sent to the Education Department for their consideration.

At our last meeting of the year, we welcomed our 2 new Board members, Ryan Hathrill and Tahnee Davies. Both new members attended this meeting, prior to commencing their tenure in 2017.

Finally, at the end of this term, I will finish my tenure as Board Chair as well as Board member. I'd like to thank all Board members current and past, for their invaluable contributions to our school. I have been privileged to have held the position of Board Chair and I wish the new Board Chair and School Board the best of luck for 2017.

Merry Christmas to everyone. I hope you all have a safe summer break and enjoy the time with your families.

Cheryl Hughes, WLPS Board Chair

From the P&C President

I'd first like to start by thanking everyone who helped to make this year's Fete a success. Thanks to the parents, who set up things, ran stalls, emptied bins and tidied up. To the students who helped out busking, creating a haunted house, made crafts, worked on stalls and even got wet in the dunk tank.

To the teachers and staff who helped encourage students to participate, organise stalls, turned up and those who volunteered for dunking in the tank! This all helped make the day a great success. I would especially like to thank our Fete committee, Insiyah, Morgan, Annette and Derry. They have done an amazing job and on behalf of the P&C I'd really like to say, Thank you very much. From all of the amazing efforts of the day the Fete made \$38,686! So well done West Leederville School Community!

On a different note, the P&C would be interested in volunteers to organise a Parent Social function in Term 1 2017. If anyone is interested could they contact us by emailing our secretary on wlpspancsec@gmail.com. Also I'd like to remind people that the last P&C meeting for the year is on Tuesday the 6th of December, school library 7:30pm. Please come along.

All the best for the holidays,.

Andrew Bailey, P&C President