



# West Leederville Primary School

## Big Splash WA Assembly



*Pictured left, Ruth O'Boyle and Stitches the Bear unveiled the dolphin sculpture as part of the Big Splash WA mental health campaign.*



On Tuesday the 31st October WLPS invited Ruth O'Boyle and Stitches the Bear to join us for a special assembly. The assembly was to introduce the Big Splash WA mental health campaign that is raising awareness of child and adolescent mental health.

The ripple effects of a mental health crisis are enormous and we all know the impact on families, school friends and the community can be devastating. However, early intervention is the key and through this campaign we hope to empower our WLPS students with the knowledge that they are not alone, that it's ok to talk about their feelings and concerns and real help is available.

We introduced the dolphin sculpture to the students and encouraged them to participate in planning a design and name for the dolphin that will make it part of the WLPS Community. Early next year our dolphin will join many other adopted dolphins in a Farewell Event in the city.

Our participation in The Big Splash WA also gives us access to age appropriate resource kits developed by leading experts in the mental health field and are to be used in conjunction with the Bounce Back Program within the school.

We hope that this initiative will promote positive conversations about mental health and wellbeing in our school and wider community.

Sally Gorey  
Art Specialist



# From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter. Term 4 is now in full swing.

Teachers are currently very busy with assessments as they compile and refine evidence for your children's Semester 2 reports. End of year reports will be sent home at the end of Week 9.

School planning for 2018 is continuing. I ask parents not to make requests for next year via classroom teachers and that any correspondence is sent through admin after first reading the Class Placement Policy, on our website at [www.wlps.w.a.edu.au](http://www.wlps.w.a.edu.au).

Our P&C held their very successful Spring Fair last Sunday. The weather was fantastic, it was very well attended and was great fun for all. Thanks to those who gave up so much time for the students of our school.

## Around Our Grounds

The Moreton Bay Fig tree is still roped off and out of bounds. I have had a number of parents ask after the schedule and timing of the bracing and pruning of the tree. I am in almost constant communication regarding the work and am told that it is imminent.

The two transportable classrooms will be removed this month, making way for much needed play space for our students. This area will be surfaced with new turf once the buildings are removed.

Several new car parking spaces will be made available outside the grounds on Lesser Street with work commencing in early December.

I had the pleasure of attending our kindergarten orientation meeting in the school library yesterday afternoon. Over fifty parents of next year's kindergarten students listened while Lisa Wade, Associate Principal Early Childhood Learning, outlined the procedures for orientation and Sue Wilson and Natalie Terry, our kindergarten teachers spoke, outlining their philosophies of teaching. As the grandad of a three-year-old myself, Oliver, who will attend kindy at another Perth school next year, I sincerely hope his teachers will be every bit as good as ours are.

Pre-primary orientation will be held in the school library on the afternoon of the 15th of this month. Parents have been notified.

I can't finish this week's newsletter without a sincere and personal thanks to Caroline Finch for her unflinching duty as our Kiss and Drive attendant. Under Caroline's direction, the area is running smoothly and efficiently. Please assist us to keep your children and our students safe, by abiding by the rules for the safe use of the area.

Warm regards,

Michael McInerheney





## Excelling at Mathematics



*Pictured left, Taro, Tetsushi and Saya are congratulated by Mr Michael McInerheney, Acting Principal.*

Earlier this year, a number of WLPS students from years 3 to 6 participated in this year's Australian Mathematics Competition. The Australian Mathematics Competition is a mathematics competition run by the Australian Mathematics Trust for students from Years 3-12 in Australia and their equivalent grades in other countries. Since its inception in 1976, the participation numbers have increased to around 600,000, with around 100,000 being from outside Australia, making it the world's largest mathematics competition.

At last week's assembly, those who achieve at distinction level and higher were acknowledged. Three of our students, Tetsushi Year 3, Taro Year 6 and Saya Year 4, scored high distinctions, with Saya awarded a prize and 'best in school'. Taro's and Tetsushi's scores placed them in the top 3% of students tested in their respective groups in Australia and Saya scored in the top 1%. Congratulations to all our competitors.

## Year 6 Debating

Today, teams from Kapinara, City Beach, Mt Hawthorn, Floreat Park and West Leederville Primary Schools participated in the annual Town of Cambridge inter-school debating competition. Our debate topic was that 'we should ban children under the age of 18 from participating in talent and reality television shows'.

All the schools were really competitive, very persuasive and displayed great sportsmanship. Though we did not win, we had a great time and competed to the best of our abilities. We would like to thank both Mr McInerheney for accompanying us and giving us this wonderful opportunity.



*Nicola, Amaya and Angus, Year 6*



## Dates for your Diary

### 6 November

Surfing Clinic, Trigg beach, Yrs 4,5 & 6

### 8 & 15 November

Kindergarten 2018 students may visit the Dodd Street site between the hours of 9am and 12pm.

### 9 November

Assembly, Year 3 Blue, 2.15pm

### 15 November

Pre-primary 2018 parent meeting, School hall, 9am

### 20 November

Surfing Clinic, Trigg beach, Yrs 4,5 & 6

### 20 November to 1 December

Interm swimming, Yrs 1&2, Bold Park

### 22 & 29 November

Kindergarten to Pre-primary (2018) orientation, 8.55 to 10.20am. WLPS PP classrooms.

### 23 November

Assembly, Year 3 Blue, 2.15pm

### 27 November

Surfing Clinic, Trigg beach, Yrs 4,5 & 6

### 4 December

Surfing Clinic, Trigg beach, Yrs 4,5 & 6

### 4 December to 14 December

Interm swimming, PP, Beatty Park

### 6 December

Camp-Zoo snooze, Year 5 Blue, 4.30pm. Returning 11.30am next day

### 7 December

Assembly, Year 2 Red, 2.15pm

### 7 December

Camp-Zoo snooze, Year 5 Red, 4.30pm. Returning 11.30am next day

### 12 December

Graduation ceremony, Year 6, 9.30am, School Hall.

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

## Gifted and Talented Programs

*A unique and challenging curriculum for the brightest and most artistic individuals.*

Applications are open for entry into Secondary Selective Entrance Academic, Arts and Languages Programs in Year 7, 9, 10 and 11 in 2019. Visit the Gifted and Talented Programs [website](#) for more information.

Gifted and Talented Secondary Academic, Languages and Arts Programs provide a unique and challenging curriculum designed specifically to bring out the very best in gifted children.

These elite programs are available at 18 public secondary schools, and includes a fully selective academic school and an arts college. Your child will learn alongside like-minded peers and will be taught by teachers with expert skills and knowledge. Your child will be encouraged and supported, and challenged to be the best they can be. You can apply for these programs no matter where you live in Western Australia and, once selected, your child is guaranteed a place at the school.

Entry to these elite schools and programs is highly competitive and children are selected through special Gifted and Talented Secondary Program testing.

[Apply now for entry into Year 7, 2019.](#)



Enrol your children now in VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays.

With swimming pools and beaches a part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children learn how to swim and are safe in the water is a must for all families.

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim in lessons run at pools and open water venues across the State. VacSwim is for all children – from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation.

Your children can learn to swim for just:

- \$7.00 per child for a five day short program
- \$13.00 per child for all other programs.

It's even cheaper if you have three or more children:

- \$18.00 a family for a five day short program
- \$35.00 a family for all other programs.

To find out more about VacSwim and to enrol online please visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming).



# Healthy Halloween Monster Snack Sale

The canteen took on a different look on Tuesday, 31st October, with the Healthy Halloween Monster Snack sale. The sale was a P&C initiative and the aim was to educate the students of healthy snack alternatives to packaged chocolates and lollies, whilst raising funds to support the operation of the canteen. The sale proved a huge hit with students taking great delight in seeing the different foods packaged up in novel ways to reflect the Halloween theme.

We would like to extend our great appreciation to Wembley IGA and The Growers Lane who donated many of the fresh fruit and vegetables. As



always, behind the scenes of these wonderful initiatives are a small group of parents who donate their time and talent and we would like to thank Tanya Watkins, Sheridan Raston, Zrinka Nightingale, Julie Metcalf and Sarah Williams.



## STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

### Pre-primary

Phoebe Yan  
Jett Sawdon  
Hamish Meharry  
Brayden Saunt  
Zechariah Navea

### Year 1

Room 14  
Sam Mitchell  
Cole Butler  
Spencer Park  
Elena Porter

### Year 2

Olivia Jones  
Ethan Soh  
Gabriella Sealy

### Year 3

Mathilda Anderson  
Sofia Stinton  
Sabine Galvin  
Ethan Bengson  
Oliver Stavreski  
Keira Warren

### Year 4

Kealan Dhepnorrarat  
Room 9  
Alfred Keane

### Year 5

Jessica Jones  
Keeley O'Brien  
Mia Marr  
Giorgina Pitchen

### Year 6

Amaya Garwood Blue  
Qi Hang Gao  
Olivia Harris  
Harry Hopwood

**Congratulations to our Star Students.**



# WLPS Music News

## 2017 Christmas Concert

The WLPS Christmas concert is fast approaching! Please put the date in your diary - Week 10, WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER, 6pm in the amphitheatre. ALL students from Kindy to Year 6 will be performing a popular Christmas carol for your enjoyment. Be prepared for your children to be singing the house down, as I will be asking them all to start practising in Week 4!

## IMSS Aptitude testing

Instrumental testing is underway for all Year 2 and 3 students!

Miss Samsa is currently busy conducting the MAI - Musical Aptitude Test for all current Years 2 and 3 students. For 2018 the following placements are offered:

8 violin places for Year 3 students

3 cello places for Year 4 students

It is essential to discuss with your child the commitment and dedication involved in learning a musical instrument, such as the violin and cello. Once a child is selected and a placement is accepted, it is an expectation that the child will STAY in the program until the end of Year 6 at WLPS. If any child exits the program for any reason, they are never replaced.

Some information regarding the process that you may find beneficial:

The SIM (School of Instrumental Music) program is now called IMSS (Instrumental Music School Services).

IMSS offers a number of places each year for students who demonstrate musical aptitude to learn violin, viola or cello at school (in 2018 only violin and cello are offered), so that they can further develop their musical skills. This term students in Years 2 and 3 will undergo a musical aptitude test in their music class in which innate musical ability is measured (i.e. it is not a theory test students can study for). Students who score highly on this test, and who show appropriate commitment to their study habits in the classroom, will be short-listed for further testing as to their suitability for the instrument. The program is for beginners as lessons are delivered in groups that cannot cater for varying grade levels (i.e. not for those who are already learning the instrument in question outside school).

Once aptitude testing is completed, formal offers will then be sent to the parents/guardians of selected students. Further information about the program can be found on the Instrumental Music School Services website <http://det.wa.edu.au/imss/detcms/portal/>

Thank you for your support,

*Miss Samsa  
Music Specialist*

Please note that children must never be left alone in cars, no matter for how short a time. An incident occurred just today, where a baby and a toddler were left alone in a car, parked in the Kiss and Drive area on Woolwich St with the engine running, while a parent came into the school's office area.





## Junior soccer

We are very fortunate at WLPS to have parents willing to coordinate and manage various sporting teams and groups consisting of our students in extra-curricular competitions and workshops. One such group is a junior soccer program.

Sarah Williams started running soccer in Term 2 this year for WLPS students of years PP to 3. The Leederville Sports Club manager, Nigel, has generously loaned their space each term for our children to learn soccer skills, rules and tactics. Pro

Football Training have provided professional coaching and equipment, as well as teaching the importance of fair play and sporting conduct to the students. Many boys, girls and parents have enjoyed their Friday afternoons at soccer this year.

For any parents interested in joining the soccer program, Sarah is running the program again this term on Friday afternoons. Children from Pre-primary to Year 3 are welcome to join, 3:30 to 4:30pm at the Leederville Sporting Club, \$20 per session.

If you have any questions, you can contact Sarah at [sarahwilliams71@me.com](mailto:sarahwilliams71@me.com).



## Rick 'the Rock' Eagle pays a visit



Last week, the WCE mascot Rick 'the Rock' Eagle came to WLPS as part of the Eagles Rock My School program. Accompanied by a team member, this year's presentation focused on choices and their consequences, healthy lifestyles and inclusive behaviours; giving everyone the chance to belong. The students joined Rick in some stretching exercises and enjoyed the interactive presentation.