



West Leederville Primary School

Old School



Pictured above, Mathilda, Keira, Allie and Zara dressed in their 'olden day' clothes ready for their assembly item.

As part of our history unit, Year 3 Blue, together with Year 3 Red, have studied education in the 'olden days'. We have explored continuity and change in education by making comparisons of photographs, watching videos and listening to oral histories.

Year 3 Blue took a close look at what education looked like about 120 years ago. Mrs Munday helped us write a play for our assembly, to showcase our knowledge and understandings. In addition to history, we have integrated this theme into other learning areas such as writing and art. It is fun learning about the past in such an interactive way.

One of the highlights so far, has been an interview we conducted with Miss Ballantine to find out what school life was like for her in Year 3. (see page 3)



Pictured above, Will, Ethan, Harry, Oscar, Elliot and Lachlan take time out for a photo dressed as students from 120 years ago.

From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter. West Leederville Primary School is always a busy place but the pace seems to have increased as we head into the home straight in the lead up to the end of the year. So much is happening and planned to happen over the next four weeks. Please keep an eye out for notes in your children's bags and check Skoolbag regularly.

Information went home yesterday via email and Skoolbag around work being done on our school grounds. That information is also in this newsletter. Most important to note is the south-east (Lesser Street) area of the school is completely out of bounds and no access is available before or after school.

This will be in place until the beginning of Week 8. New information received today means that timeline parents received yesterday will have altered slightly.

Our Moreton Bay Fig tree is currently being pruned and braced. This work will be completed towards the end of next week. The front lawn is being completely replanted on Friday and Saturday of this week and will then be out of bounds for the rest of the year. The grassed area in the lowest part of the amphitheatre will have artificial lawn 'planted' on Saturday and our transportable rooms will also be gone by the end of next week.

Therefore, we will both lose and gain space. Processes are being put in place to make sure students have suitable play space and areas for physical education. As we have done so successfully in the past, I'm confident we will be able to resolve any minor issues and have happy, safe students in our playgrounds for this period.

Swimming classes for our Year 1 and 2 students start next week. This will be followed by our PPs in Weeks 9 and 10. We wish them well. It certainly looks like the weather will be perfect for swimming.

Parents of current Year 3 students have been invited to one of three BYO iPad sessions to be held in our school library over the 22nd and 23rd November. During the sessions, teachers and students will outline the program, discuss and demonstrate apps and address issues.

A very successful orientation session was held in the library, on Wednesday morning, for 2018 Pre-Primary parents. Lisa Wade, Associate Principal Early Childhood, led our team of Julie Ballantine, Gail Collet, Sinead O'Neill and Jess Schofield, to outline procedures, curriculum and expectations for the upcoming year. The meeting was very well attended. Many thanks to the teachers for leading such a professional discussion.

The WLPS Board held their last meeting for 2017 on Tuesday evening, capping off a great year that has seen us through a very successful DES IPS review, the amazing building program and the completion of our 2018 – 2020 Business Plan. We would like to thank Board members for their dedication and commitment to improving outcomes for the students of our school.

Finally, we cannot stress enough the importance of student school-based accounts being in credit. Please ensure before you tick the 'debit my child's school-based account' box that there are sufficient funds to cover the cost of the activity.

Kind regards,

Michael McInerheney





Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Over the next few days and weeks, a number of major tasks are scheduled to be undertaken to improve our school grounds. Please read below for timelines and anticipated impact on students, staff and parents. Students will not be disadvantaged while areas are closed to them. More classes will be taken to the park for PE and break times, ensuring students are able to play in open areas.

Tree works: Thursday-Saturday 16-18 November. The pruning and bracing of our Moreton Bay Fig Tree will be undertaken. The Lesser Street entrance to the school will be closed. Please make arrangements to use other entry and exit points.

Students may not access the climbing 'spider' frame and adjacent play areas while the work is in progress. All areas south and east of the tree will be out of bounds.

Works will interfere with before and after school access, recess and lunch use of the south east corner of the school while in progress.

Front lawn: Friday-Saturday 17-18 November. New lawn will be laid in the front area of the school. The whole area will be cleared on Friday for turf to be laid on Saturday.

This area will then be out of bounds for the remainder of the year and school holidays. This will give the greatest chance for the lawn to take root and be in really good shape for 2018.

Works will interfere with student use of the front lawn from Friday 17 through to the start of 2018.

Amphitheatre artificial turf: Saturday 18 November. A new artificial turfed area in the now turfed half of the circular lower level of the amphitheatre will be laid.

Works will not interfere with classes in any way.

Removal of two transportable classrooms: November. (Date TBA) The two transportable classrooms in the south east corner will be removed shortly. The area will be re-turfed with roll on lawn once they are removed. A timeline for this work is not yet available. An update will be issued as soon as this is known.

Works will interfere with recess and lunch use of the south east corner of the school while in progress.

South east lawn: (Date TBA) New lawn will be laid in the south east corner of the school. Timeline not yet available. Lawn area will then be out of bounds for the remainder of the year and school holidays. This will give the greatest chance for the lawn to take root and be in really good shape for 2018.

Works will interfere with student use of the lawn area from date of installation through to the start of 2018.

Carpark Lesser St: December-January 2018 A new seven car parking area will be constructed on the verge near the Lesser St entry to the school. This work is part of the new building works at the school. Work will commence from December 8th and progress to completion mid-January.

Works will not interfere with classes in any way.

Potential closure of entry point to the school from December 8. More information will be supplied as it becomes available.

Kind regards,

Michael McNerhoney Principal

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The Year 3 Blue class step back in time for their assembly item.

As part of their history unit and exploring what education looked like in the past, the students of Year 3 Blue invited Pre-primary teacher Miss Julie Ballantine, to their classroom to interview her about her recollection of being in year 3.

Here are some of our responses to that interview:

I found out that only boys got the cane while girls were smacked with a ruler. They also had a 'naughty corner'. I now know that the children brought all of their books in a cardboard case. I wonder if there was a 'sick bay' or if you had to go home if you were sick.

Grace Wood

I learned that at playtime when the first bell rang, children had to stand up straight in the playground. When the next bell rang they had to walk back to class. I now know that when the kids were naughty, they got smacked hard.

Harry Stevenson

I learned that there was a white line in the middle of the playground. If a child crossed it, he or she would get into trouble. Sometimes Miss Ballantine and her friends did a little step over the line just for fun. I couldn't believe they got one hour for lunch. For playtime they had 30 minutes and they even had afternoon playtime.

I wonder if the school had a hall and if they had assemblies in it.

Ethan Parker



Dates for your Diary

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 Red, 2.15pm

27 November

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

4 December

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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

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8 December

AQWA excursion, Year 1, 10am to 2.30pm

12 December

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

14 December

Book Awards assembly, 9am, undercover area.

14 December

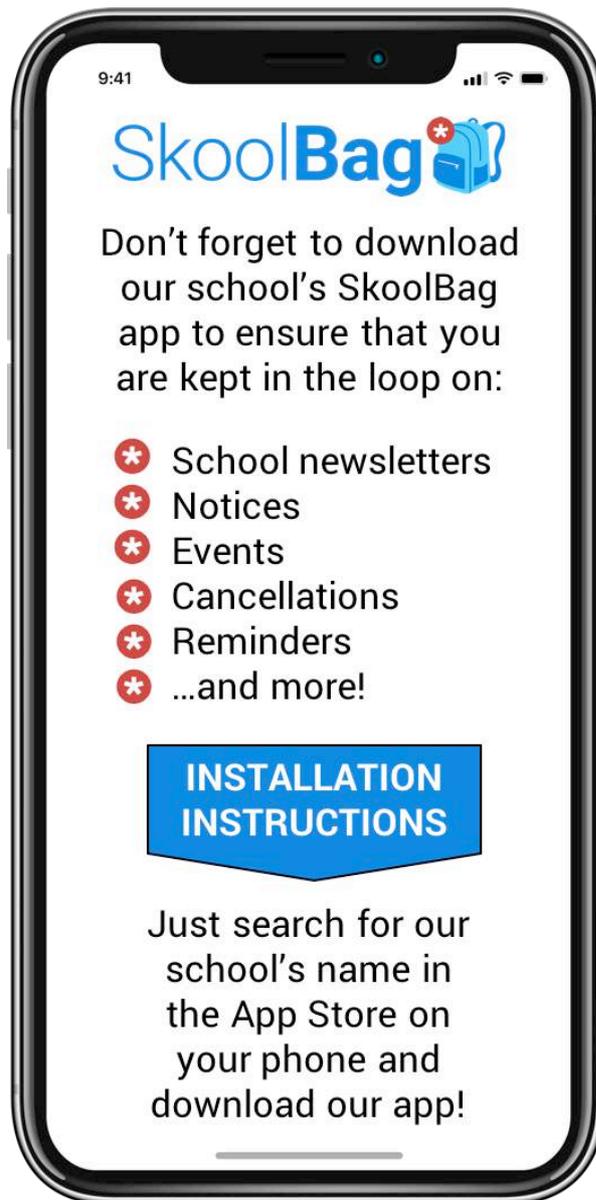
Last day of 2017 school year.

15 December

2018 class lists emailed to parents.

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

Skoolbag app

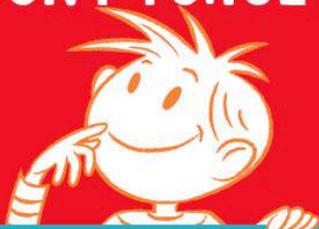


The more you know about your child's school, the more you will be able to support your child's learning. At WLPS we have several platforms to communicate to parents and one of the most effective ways to push out information quickly, is through our Skoolbag app.

Skoolbag is a school Mobile App that communicates directly with iPhone and Android devices. Skoolbag provides an easy and efficient way for schools to tell parents/carers information they need to know, and provides parents with a convenient way to receive school notifications, newsletters, school notices and alerts. We would encourage all parents to download the app to stay informed.

Instructions on how to download the Skoolbag app are at the following link: <http://www.skoolbag.com.au/forparents.php>

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:

Friday 24 November

LAST ONE FOR THE YEAR!!

The School Dental Service provides free dental treatment for school aged children, up to and including Year 11 students.

The Mobile Dental Clinic which services WLPS may be contacted on 0403 926 794.



Currently the Mobile Dental Clinic is located at Aranmore Primary School.

Melbourne Cup PP Style



Last week the students from Pre-primary White joined in the fashion fun of Melbourne Cup day incorporating the construction of fascinators and crowns into their technology learning. Constructed from tissue paper, the end results were impressive and 'fashions in the playground' took on a new twist.

Three students from PP White model their fascinators.

Parent Direct Fundraiser

This year we're using the Parent Direct Toy Fundraiser to raise funds to purchase additional educational resources. This fundraiser offers you the opportunity to purchase quality educational games, toys and resources with a direct benefit to our school. Parents can place an order at parentdirect.com.au and nominate us for the fundraising voucher during checkout. Be sure to invite family and friends to place orders as well, as the more orders we get, the more educational resources we can buy.

We believe that this is a worthwhile fundraiser with a major supplier and are excited about the opportunity to buy more resources to extend your children's learning.



STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Scarlett Brown
Owen Griffiths
Hayden Striker
Miles Madigan
Miles Sealy

Year 1

Lachlan Lynch
Reina Kim
Isla Starceвич
Cole Butler
Year 1 White

Year 2

George Manser Smith
Mollie Brown

Jackson Kailis-Holland

Georgia King

Year 3

Emma Sommerfeld
Elliot Gaspar
Guillaume Daoud
Oliver Bull
Timothy Ko
Katrina Yang

Year 4

Alkere Dingo
Miranda Salt
Scarlett Vogel
Genevieve Kelly
Riley Moore

Year 5

Dominic Bailey
Sean Flynn
Emilie Stevens
Lucas Hughes

Congratulations to our Star Students.



A Spate of Bicycle Thefts

We have recently received communication from the Wembley Police Station highlighting a recent increase in bicycle thefts from schools during normal school attendance hours. Security footage has been received that shows a group of juveniles entering school grounds, utilising bolt cutters to cut the chain/steel cable locks securing the bicycle to the rack and subsequently removing bicycles from the grounds. Security footage assists in identifying who the offenders are, however prevention is better than cure and the police are encouraging students and parents to utilise a Bicycle D-lock style padlock similar to the one pictured, as these appear to be more cut resistant than the steel chain or steel cable style of bicycle lock.



Dodgeball

Year 4 Blue recently planned and held a dodgeball competition. The students formed teams which competed against one another in a knock out competition. The winning team earned the right to compete against a staff team in a finale which took place last week. The game was a highlight for the student spectators who chanted and cheered the competitors on. Although the staff did look the part with their pink headbands, at the conclusion of a well fought contest the students emerged winners 3-0.



Spring Fair 2017

What an incredible community event!

'A Spring Fair?' People asked. 'But that's new!' 'Why?'

Collaboration

Fun

Festivity

Fundraising

Creativity....

The list goes on.

Pampered pets were groomed, dressed and enthusiastically trained in the lead up to the big event. Our amazing MC, Famous Sharon, immersed herself in the parade, uncovering back stories for every pet; from hermit crabs and pedigree kittens, to performing silk worms and pooches in tutus, the parade had it all. Famous Sharon entertained everyone with her flamboyance and paparazzi pizzazz.

The Dad's Army started at 'early o'clock' on Sunday, setting up the incredible kid's alley, sausage sizzle, book and sports stalls, cake stand, nursery and the spooktacular haunted house. So many parents, kids, grandparents and other community members contributed to making this a truly memorable event. So when people ask 'Why?', it's easy to answer.

Many families and local businesses added to the success of the inaugural Spring Show; Kindling Creative, Torre Butcher and Jessie Wong, to name a few. On behalf of the school community, thank you!!

The incredible dedication, persistence and strength of the team of optimistic organisers lead this concept to reality. Morgan Penn, Ann Conlon, Mimli Kulshreshtha and Derry Simpson, you are a formidable team. A quartet of ducks, looking so calm and consistently smiling on the surface, yet paddling like mad to achieve your goals. Thank you, from the entire school community, and well done!

A school event relies on the contributions of so many. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who contributed with donations, time, participation and community spirit. Stay tuned for an announcement of the funds raised.

Sarah Williams

P&C fundraising rep.



MC Famous Sharon pictured with Lucas and his pet silk worms.



The Spring Fair proved to be a very successful community event.



Pets, great and small, at the Spring Fair.