



WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

Harmony Day



Pictured above, students from Year 2 add to the colourful display of costumes and clothing on Harmony Day

Harmony Day was celebrated at West Leederville Primary School today Thursday, 22nd March and was an occasion to celebrate our cultural diversity as a school and as a nation. The theme for this year's Harmony Day, 'Everyone Belongs', was beautifully exemplified by our special Harmony Day assembly where the whole school came together to showcase different cultures. Students dressed in costumes or outfits to reflect another culture or in the special Harmony Day colour of orange. The undercover area was awash with colour and the atmosphere was one of joy and unity.

We extend a big thank you to Year 3 teacher Ms Yvonne Greenway, for organising many of the Harmony Day celebrations and activities.

Pictured right, Levi, Lewis and Taj from Year 3 found their Perth Scorchers shirts were the perfect shade of orange to celebrate Harmony Day.



From the Principal



Dear Parents and Caregivers,
School budgets and P&C fundraising

To cut a long and somewhat boring story short, by the time we have allocated funds to the non-negotiable areas of school operations such as electricity, water, cleaning, gardening, maintenance, furniture, technology reserves, photocopying/printing and stationary, there is a much reduced amount of funds to be allocated for the 'fun stuff' like learning area and classroom budgets. This is where the P&C comes in. To assist us to provide an outstanding education at every opportunity, each year the P&C contributes money toward the learning areas, in 2017 the P&C contributed close to \$40 000 across 12 learning areas ranging from \$250 in LOTE to \$3000 in Phys Ed. Items purchased with this money are used directly in the day to day activities the



An increase in our student numbers results in an increase in the number of readers required. The valuable resources pictured above were purchased directly from funds donated to the school by the P&C. These lucky students were first to use them. Top, guided readers in science topics for the middle and upper primary students are a recent purchase from P&C funds. These will be built on gradually each year.

children participate in, this could be playing soccer for sport, making model volcanoes erupt in Science or watching chickens hatch in Kindergarten. It's every day, fun learning activities and your support in providing the resources to offer these activities is greatly appreciated.

Please keep an eye on the P&C section of the newsletter where we will regularly update you with our amazing resources that you help us afford.

Semester 1 Reports

Our Semester 1 Reports will be delivered electronically for the first time this semester. This will be an efficient and effective way of communicating these with families.

Parents will be emailed a link to their child/ children's report and will then be able to save and keep their reports. The link will be active for four weeks. The Department of Education is looking to improve this to an eight week window sometime in the future.

Across the state, over 270 government schools delivered last year's end of year reports to parents electronically.

Harmony Day

We've celebrated Harmony Day today by having our students dress in both traditional costumes and the Harmony Day colour of orange. The parade this morning was a huge success and the students and staff looked amazing. We had a wonderful collection of greetings and introductions in other languages and even a song in Mandarin. Well done all!

School photos this week

This week we've had our annual school photos. The students were all well-presented and the weather was generally kind.

Once we have approved all the photos and correct spelling of names, students will be issued a personal key for families to be able to view class and individual photos on a secure website and place orders.

Sibling photos will be taken on April 4th.

Swimming

Coming up on Tuesday 10th April is the Interschool Swimming Carnival at Claremont Pool. We have an amazing team of approximately 30 students who have all received their information and permission notes. We strongly encourage the whole team to participate in before school swimming at Beatty Park with Ali Chadwick and Sally Gilfillan on Wednesday and Friday mornings. The team will be practising dives, relay touches as well as sprints and building swimming fitness. Mrs Lisa Wade is looking for a couple of parent helpers to assist at the carnival with judging. Please let her know via the school on 93811655 if you can assist.



Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly



Kindergarten playground fun



The students from kindergarten embrace their new water play feature of the nature playground.

Ben Baarspul from ProjectScape has designed and installed an amazing new water play feature into the nature playground at the Lake Monger Kindergarten site. It took four strong men (and one very determined kindergarten teacher) only three days to create water flowing through some natural log elements and into a rocky creek bed under the protection of two shade sails. The children are delighting with the freedom to paddle, mix terrible mud stews on the kitchen bench area and to direct and investigate the way the water moves and travels over different levels.

We are very appreciative of our P & C who have supported each step of the nature playground development for our youngest children and their families and donated \$5000 towards the water play project.

Another very popular addition to the playground is a bookshop train (*below right*) was donated by the



family of students Einan and Fionn Healy. We would like to thank this family for their generous donation.

Principal, Ms Fiona Kelly joins in with the water play and making mud pies, left, and right the new bookshop bus is a hit with the kindergarten students.



Dates for your Diary

19 Mar to 29 Mar

Interm swimming- Yrs 5 & 6, Bold Park, 12pm

20 Mar & 21 Mar

School photos-PP to Yr 6

21 Mar

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

22 Mar

Harmony Day assembly, 8.55am, undercover area.

23 Mar

School photos

28 Mar

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

29 Mar

Assembly- Yr 3 White, Undercover area, 2.15pm

30 Mar to 3 Apr

Easter break, students do not attend school

4 Apr

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

4 Apr

School photos - siblings

5 Apr

IncurSION- Cyber Busters, Years 3 to 6

6 Apr

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

6 Apr

Excursion- Naturescape, Kings Park, PP Red, Blue & White

10 Apr

Interscholar Swimming Carnival, Claremont Pool, 9.30am

12 April

Assembly- Yr 4 Red, Undercover area, 2.15pm

13 April

Last day of Term 1. Free dress. Gold coin donation.

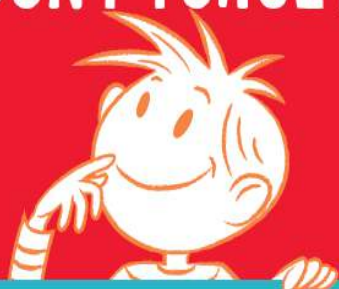
Please check the West Leederville Primary School Website or Mobile App for regular updates to the school planner.

Cooking in LOTE



Exploring the cultural side of their Mandarin LOTE classes, various students recently had a cooking lesson making sweet balls, a traditional food eaten at Chinese New Year. The students were guided through chopping, mixing and wrapping the sweet balls along with skewing fruit by volunteer parents and grandparents. Thank you to all those who came along to help, your support made the cooking lesson special and enjoyable.

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

Friday, 23rd March

Sibling photos

Sibling photos will be taken on Wednesday, 4th April. Family photograph request slips are at the bottom of the Fotomaker

letters handed to students last week.

Please ensure your children are dressed in their blue school uniform for this occasion.

Sewing in Pre-primary Red



Above, Rapha and Luke are intrigued with the threading and workings of the sewing machine.

The students from Pre-primary Red have enjoyed making their very own cushions this week, ably assisted by some class parents who very kindly donated their time and expertise. Initially starting with a calico rectangle of cloth, the students drew a picture with fabric crayons which were then sewn into a cushion by machine. Stuffing the pillows was the next step and proved to be great fun for the students who presented their pillows



Above, Sakurako and Kelly try their hand at embroidering a picture.

for the final stitching and then were very excited to try them out. The pillows will be kept in the classroom for the year and used for 'quiet time'. Thank you to all the parents who showed great patience and made the experience such a wonderful learning experience for the young students of Pre-primary Red.



Left, Saxon waits his turn to have the final seam sewn in her cushion, whilst in the background Bethany observes how the sewing machine works.

Year 6 Student Leadership Conference

Yesterday, the Year 6 Literacy Leaders, Faction Captains and Student Councillors were accompanied by Ms Hollett and Mr McInerhenny to the Grip Student Leadership Conference at The Perth Convention Centre. There, with another 2000 students from across the state, they learned how to:

- be a 'transformer'
- lead 'like a strawberry' and not 'like a watermelon'
- analyse ideas for change to make sure they are relevant and have a wide impact, and
- contribute to positive change.



The Year 6 student leadership group at the GRIP conference this week.

There were lots of opportunities throughout the day for our leaders to get to know other leaders and to discuss their ideas.

Overall it was a very valuable conference. We are looking forward to seeing what changes our leaders have in store for our school!

STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Mila Nagashima
Novy Foy
Felix Norvilas
Tiana Holtzhausen
Olivia Zanin
Clancy O'Donnell

Year 1

Leah Choi
Hugo Webb
Zach Collings
Winnie Devitt
Amy Li
Realtin Melia
Abigail Barker
Jett Sawdon

Year 2

Dylan Samanta
Isla Starcevich

Benjamin Love
Juniper Anderson
Reina Kim
Oliver Trilling-Kirkwood

Year 3

Raymond Brodie-Hall
Molly Baker
Madeleine McAlpine
Dylan Clark

Year 4

Ebony Callegari
Elliot Gaspar
Ethan Bengson
Sabine Galvin

Year 5

Shiori Tachi
Eve Brodie-Hall

Scarlett Vogel
Charlie Buckels
Catherine Imison

Year 6

Arthur Santos Macedo
Will Duplock
Emilie Stevens

Congratulations to our Star Students.



School Board Update

March 2018

This is the first School Board update for 2018 and it has been a buoyant start to the year, with the opening of the new building (with a moving Welcome to Country by Noongar Elder, Barry McGuire) and the initiation of a review into the use of play space around the school.

As the new Chair of the School Board, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Barry Harvie, last year's Board Chair, for his excellent stewardship and his on-going commitment to the school as community Board member. I would also like to state that it is truly a privilege to Chair the West Leederville Primary School Board and I am humbled by my peers providing me the opportunity.

What's happened so far this year

In the two meetings held so far this year, the board has:

- undertaken a self-assessed Board Review, to identify our strengths and gaps in performance as a Board;
- reviewed the operational framework for the delivery of the School Business Plan in 2018; and
- reviewed and endorsed the 2018 School Budget. In accordance with the School Business Plan 2018-2020, the school is putting extra resources into design and technology, LOTE (Mandarin) and literacy. The heritage building will undergo some cosmetic upgrades this year, with new air-conditioners and repaint for some of the classrooms.

What's coming up

Nominations have now closed the for two vacant Board positions. Parents will be advised of the outcome in the near future.

The Board will be reviewing the draft 2018 WLPS Annual Report before it is published later this term.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the school community that the board meetings are open meetings (unless otherwise stated) and you are all welcome to attend and observe these meetings. The next board meeting will be held in the second week of Term 2 (**Tuesday, 8 May 2017 at 6pm**).

Andrew Porter

Chair

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