



West Leederville Primary School

Edu-Dance extravaganza



Pictured left, and below, the students enthusiastically dance their routines for the audience.

The Edudance concerts are eagerly anticipated events on our annual calendar and as witnessed this week, this year is no different. The Kindergarten Blue and Red classes held their concert on Tuesday before their extended family and friends and staff. Yesterday it was the turn of the classes who have received their lessons from Tina Belladonna from Edudance. Dressed in various costumes with face paint and in some cases, coloured hair to match the students went through their dance steps in front of a very appreciative audience. The Kindergarten Red and Yellow concert will take place tomorrow and concert 2 is scheduled for the remaining classes taught by teacher Leanne Swain on Monday, next week.



From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

I just love the Edu-dance concerts! What a fantastic demonstration of the children's ability to memorise a sequence of movements, focus on a rhythm, demonstrate their fitness and their confidence. Yesterday's concert was fantastic and I'm looking forward to another great show on Monday.

Tomorrow, students will bring home their semester one formal reports. These reports are so everyone has a clear picture of their child's current achievements and the progress they have made. Every student report from pre-primary to year two contains a scale from 'Very Low' to 'Excellent'; and from years three to year seven an A-E scale; to ensure reporting against common state-wide standards. This means that the ratings your child receives in their report have the same meaning at every school across the state.

The achievement standards refer to what a child should typically be able to do by the end of the year, at each year level. Each achievement standard provides the key reference point for reporting on student achievement, including the appropriate scale referred to above. When student achievement is reported mid-year, students will be making progress toward the expected achievement standard. In the middle of the year teachers make an on-balance judgement as to what level of achievement the student is demonstrating in relation to the standard, taking into account the curriculum taught and assessed to that point in the year.

Your child's report will have clearly written comments that tell you what your child knows and what they can do. The report may also identify areas in which your child needs further help or can improve, and some recommendations for your child's future learning. Please read the report with your child. Praise them for their achievement and discuss personal goals that they could set for second semester. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to make a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Last Friday night I had the good fortune to attend the annual P&C quiz night with a table of my colleagues and a room full of outrageously dressed parents. It was a great night, with lots of laughs and many very tricky questions. There were some incredible prizes to be won, and items to be bought at auction, and although I have not heard what the final funds raised figure is, I'd be surprised if it was not a record breaker. An enormous thank you to the organising committee and to all the very generous members of our wider community.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, there are several members of staff who take their long service leave by the end of this year. This includes me, so for second time this year I will be missing in action for a few weeks at the beginning of next term. Mrs Wade will be relieving in my absence ably backed up by Ms Hollett. I will be back on deck on August 15th. Other members of staff taking long service leave in semester two are:

Ms Hawson - 29th August until the end of Term 3, replaced by Mrs Judith Curtis.

Mrs Ballantine - every Friday from 22nd July for Term 3, replaced by Mrs Fiona Lanigan

Mrs Natalie Terry - 5th September, until the end of Term 3, replaced by Mrs Joy Reeves

Miss Shannon Rendel - 16th Septemeber, until 14th October, replaced by Mrs Penni Vogel.

Congratulations everybody on another successful term here at WLPS. Teachers and students alike all deserve a relaxing, enjoyable holiday. Take care and enjoy.

Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly
Priincipal

Arbor Day



Students from Year 3, Tarquin, Jake, Oliver and Francis brave the rain to plant trees and learn about the local bird life at Lake Monger on Arbor Day.

The rain had really set in when the Year 3 students excitedly donned raincoats and hats in readiness for their tree planting excursion to Lake Monger.

Students received a talk about the local birdlife and were then given a pair of binoculars to go bird spotting. Purple swamp hens, black swans, coots, pacific black ducks, reed warblers and swallows were just some of the local wildlife seen by their keen eyes.

After bird watching, students worked in pairs to plant a couple of groundcovers while the rain came down. Oh well, at least we didn't have to water the plants.

All that hard work required some sustenance.

Everybody was treated to a sausage sizzle or two (compliments of the local Rotary Clubs).

Finally it was back to school. A fantastic day was had by all.

Nicki, Grace, Liv and Jacob check out the bird life at Lake Monger.



Dates for your Diary

24 June

Kindergarten Edu-Dance concert

24 June

Interschool sport vs. City Beach PS

27 June

Edu-Dance concert 2, undercover area,

28 June

Cross Country event, Lake Monger, 1.30pm

29 June

Canning River Eco Education Centre, Years 1/2, 2 Blue & 2 White, 9am to 2.30pm

30 June

Assembly, Year 4/5, undercover area, 2.15pm

1 July

Interschool sport vs. Churchlands PS

1 July

Last day of Term 2

18 July

Staff PD, Students do not attend school

19 July

Term 3 commences for students

20 July

State Library excursion, Years 2 White & 2 Blue

26 July

Excursion to MLC production, Years 5 & 6

27 July

Constable Care protective behaviours puppet show, PP to Yr 2.

28 July

Australian Maths competition, Year 3 to 6,

1 to 19 August

Peak trampoline, Year 2

24 August

Book week assembly, Open night and Book fair.

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

News from the Board

The Board have met twice this term, as scheduled. The first meeting of the term was our 'open' Board meeting, where any member of the school community could come along and experience first hand, the activities of the Board. It was disappointing that no one other than the Board members attended. At the same meeting, my term as Board Chair concluded. As there were no other nominations for the position, the Board members nominated me to continue in the position of Board Chair. I accepted the nomination and will continue as Board Chair until the end of this school year, after which my tenure will finish. To ensure continuity, the Board discussed and will be implementing a succession plan, which should allow a smooth transition for the incoming Board Chair.

The plans for our classroom addition on top of the library building has begun. A process that the Board will oversee along with our Principal Fiona Kelly. One of our Board members, Andrew Porter, has an engineering and project management background and has attended the first of the planning meetings. His involvement has already proved to be invaluable and we look forward to his ongoing input.

Sadly at our last meeting we said goodbye to Board members Natalie Terry and Belinda Hickman who have completed their tenures. The Board would like to thank them both for their invaluable contribution over the last 3 years.

Kind Regards

Cheryl Hughes
WLPS Board Chair

Rescheduled Cross Country

As the saying goes "the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry" and it proved to be true with our planned Cross Country event scheduled for June 10th. A windy, wet day greeted us on the morning of the event and consequently we rescheduled the Cross Country for next Tuesday, 28th June. All the details remain the same, with the students due to set off walking to Lake Monger at 1pm and the races commencing at approximately 1.30pm. The course will be set up on the eastern side of the lake which borders Lake Monger Drive and the Mitchell Freeway. We hope to see our vocal and colourful parent cheers squad cheering on the students.



Peel Zoo visits kindergarten

As part of our Science and HASS learning at Kindergarten, the students are learning about Australian animals, plants and Australian culture. Last week we had a visit from Peel Zoo and saw a variety of Australian animals and birds.

Pictured below from left, Alastair is stroking Pilgrim the "brush-tail possum, Lani and Mia with 'Poppy' the potaroo and Brayden has the Red Tail Black Cockatoo .



After school Robotics club

A parent within our school community will be running a pilot program after school during Term 3 in Robotics for students in years 4,5 & 6. This 10 week programme will teach students to design, program, and control fully-functional models using **LEGO® MINDSTORMS®** components. They will use software to plan, test, and modify sequences of instructions for a variety of life-like robotic behaviours. Students will learn to collect and analyse data from sensors, using data logging functionalities embedded in the software. Curriculum lessons are developed from Lego Education and Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Academy and provide a series of real-life activities, covering topics within science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. All equipment will be supplied, and an instructor and assistant will be on hand to work with the students.

The course is designed to be a fun after school activity while meeting some important STEM educational needs.

The program will be held at WLPS library once a week from 3:15 – 5PM with the day to be either Monday or Tuesday (possibly both, subject to take up) and a maximum of 16 places available per course. The cost of the 10 week programme is \$150.

Please register your interest at gfraserwatson@gmail.com by Friday the 24th of June with the Subject "Robotics Programme" stating your preferred day, Monday or Tuesday, or state both days if your child can attend either.

Regards,
West Leederville PS P&C

Artist in residence



Artist in Residence, Stephanie Davis demonstrates the intricacies of making a mask to Olivia and Phoebe.

Over the past three weeks some West Leederville students have been lucky enough to have had an Artist in residence, Stephanie Davis from Filmbites, teach them how to make latex masks and create amazing bruises and wounds using special effects make up. It has been a fantastic experience for the students and was made possible by The Town of Cambridge and their Artist in Residence Program.

