



West Leederville Primary School

Sock Monkeys for Bali



The Year 5 students from Ms Sherborne's class recently made sock monkeys in their own time for village children in Bali. The socks were delivered during the school holidays. Following is a recount by some of the the students.

'During recess and lunch for six weeks we worked on our sock monkeys

Sock monkey artists from left, Keaton, Jessica, Ayveen, Mac, Alisa, Olivia, Nicola & Phoebe.

to give to underprivileged children in Bali. It was a great experience learning sewing the monkeys and it was so much fun. We were ecstatic to see the Balinese children with our sock monkeys. First, Ms Sherborne sewed the body and the legs into the sock. It was hard work to sew the body because some of the socks were so fluffy that fluff got caught in the sewing machine. We then filled the monkeys with stuffing and sewed the tail, arms, ears, nose and the goggly eyes onto the monkey's body. This took a while as we had to make sure that the stitches were tight and very neat. Afterwards, we took pictures by the big tree. Ms Sherborne went to Bali to deliver the sock monkeys. We were so happy to see the finished product and how happy the Balinese children were. It is a great feeling to know we helped someone out.'

By Angus Kikeros, Keaton Penn and Alisa McDonnell, Yr 5



From the Acting Principal



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members

Welcome to Term 3. I hope all families had an enjoyable school break and have plenty of memorable family times to talk about in years to come! Staff hit the ground running with a full day of planning and professional learning last Monday the 18th of July.

This term promises to be a busy one with the faction athletics carnival, the interschool athletics and we will try for a third time to hold the faction cross country on the morning of Wednesday August 17th. Could I ask the whole community to cross their fingers and pray for kind weather? We also continue with activities such as coding club and morning phonics and will commence athletics practice with Mr Gavin Bond and Mrs Sonja Belle (see attached letter). There are many exciting learning activities planned by teachers for this term; this week we had the Constable Care protective behaviours show for P-2, year 2 students visited the State Library and the years 5 and 6 went to MLC to watch their production "Little Shop of Horrors". The journey of learning is an exciting and rewarding one for everyone involved and we look forward to continuing the partnership of education with you all.

We have a number of new students starting at West Leederville Primary School this term. We warmly welcome our new students and families as they start a new chapter in their educational journey.

Staff Update

This term we welcome Mrs Joanne Rembalski to West Leederville Primary School. Jo will be teaching Wednesdays in Mrs Wilson's kindergarten as unfortunately Mrs Tamara Mission has taken up a full time position for the remainder of the year. We warmly welcome Jo and sadly say goodbye and thank you to Tamara.

Will your child be at West Leederville Primary School in 2017?

To assist with planning for 2017, please inform us if you are leaving our wonderful school. The information will remain confidential but assist us in making decisions about staffing and school structure. We currently have places available in our Kindergarten. Please contact the front office.

Children's Book Week 2016

Book Week is always a big affair at West Leederville Primary School. We hold the annual dress up parade, our Open Night and the Book Fair, which will all be held on Wednesday 24th of August. Students, start researching and thinking about your costume for Book Week. This year's theme for the costume is Australia: Story Country. This could be anything to do with Australian book characters, Australian History, Aboriginal stories, Historical Fiction or wherever your imagination takes you!

In my house our "author of the moment" is Mark Greenwood, who has written Ned Kelly and the Green Sash, The Legend of Moondyne Joe, Jandamarra and Our Big Island, just to name a few. The talented Frane Lessac beautifully illustrates many of his books and Midnight-Story of a Lighthouse is one of those books. One of my daughters has announced she's considering dressing up as Midnight, the horse with the star blaze who served in WW1... and I was thinking Ned Kelly.

National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability survey 2016 (NCCD)

Our school is part of a national project about students with disability and/or learning difficulties. All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability every year. All education agencies are now required, under the Australian Education Regulation 2013, to provide information on a student's level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education. We have been asked to provide data about the number and learning needs of children at our school. The name of the school and the name of the students will not be reported. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9381 1655 or by email, Lisa.Wade@education.wa.edu.au or the Western Australian Department of Education NCCD Helpline on 0477 741 598, or alternatively visit this website: <http://det.wa.edu.au/supportforschools>.

Have a wonderful term

Lisa Wade

Dates for your Diary

28 July

Assembly, Year 1 Blue, Undercover area, 2.15pm

28 July

Australian Maths competition, Yrs 3-6

1 August

Peak trampoline, PP to Yr 2

2 August

Incursion, PP Red & White, west Oz Wildlife

2 August

P&C meeting, 7.30pm, library

3 August

Excursion, Yr 4-6, Shenton College, athletics trials, 12.30pm

3 August

Peak trampoline, PP to Yr 2

5 August

Peak trampoline, PP to Yr 2

9 August

Incursion, Yr 4-6, St John's Ambulance, am

11 August

Assembly, PP Red, undercover area, 14.15pm

12 August

Incursion, Yr 3, Constitution Centre, am

17 August

Cross Country, Lake Monger, Yrs 1 to 6, 9am to 11.30am

19 August

Incursion, Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems, PP to Yr 6

22 to 26 August

Book week

24 August

Open night, 5.30pm to 7pm

24 August

Book week assembly, School Hall, 9am

31 August

Faction Athletics carnival, City Beach PS, 9.30am to 2.30pm

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

STEM PP Buddies Activity

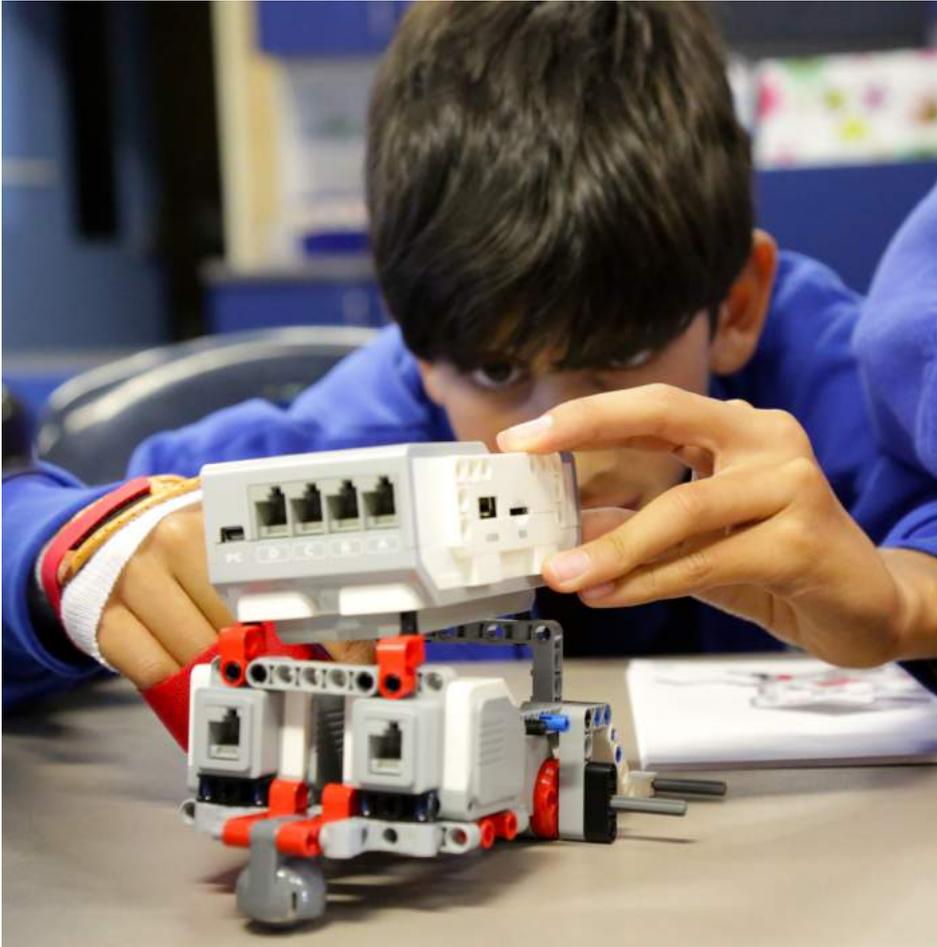


At the end of last term, we (Year 5 from Ms Sherborne's class) worked together with our PP buddies (Miss O'Neill's class) on some STEM activities that required a lot of creative thinking. We rotated through a number of different activities testing our skills with patterns, shapes and building structures. Each table had a different challenge, the Pre-Primary students and the Year 5's had to work together to complete each task. Some of the activities included catapults, cat-in-the-hat and the biggest tower. We also had to create our own invention using the recycled materials. We used our brains and put our heads together to complete some very difficult tasks. This lesson helped us to learn a lot about teamwork, and improved our skills for co-operating.

By Nicola Archibald, Miranda Carmody and Harry Hopwood



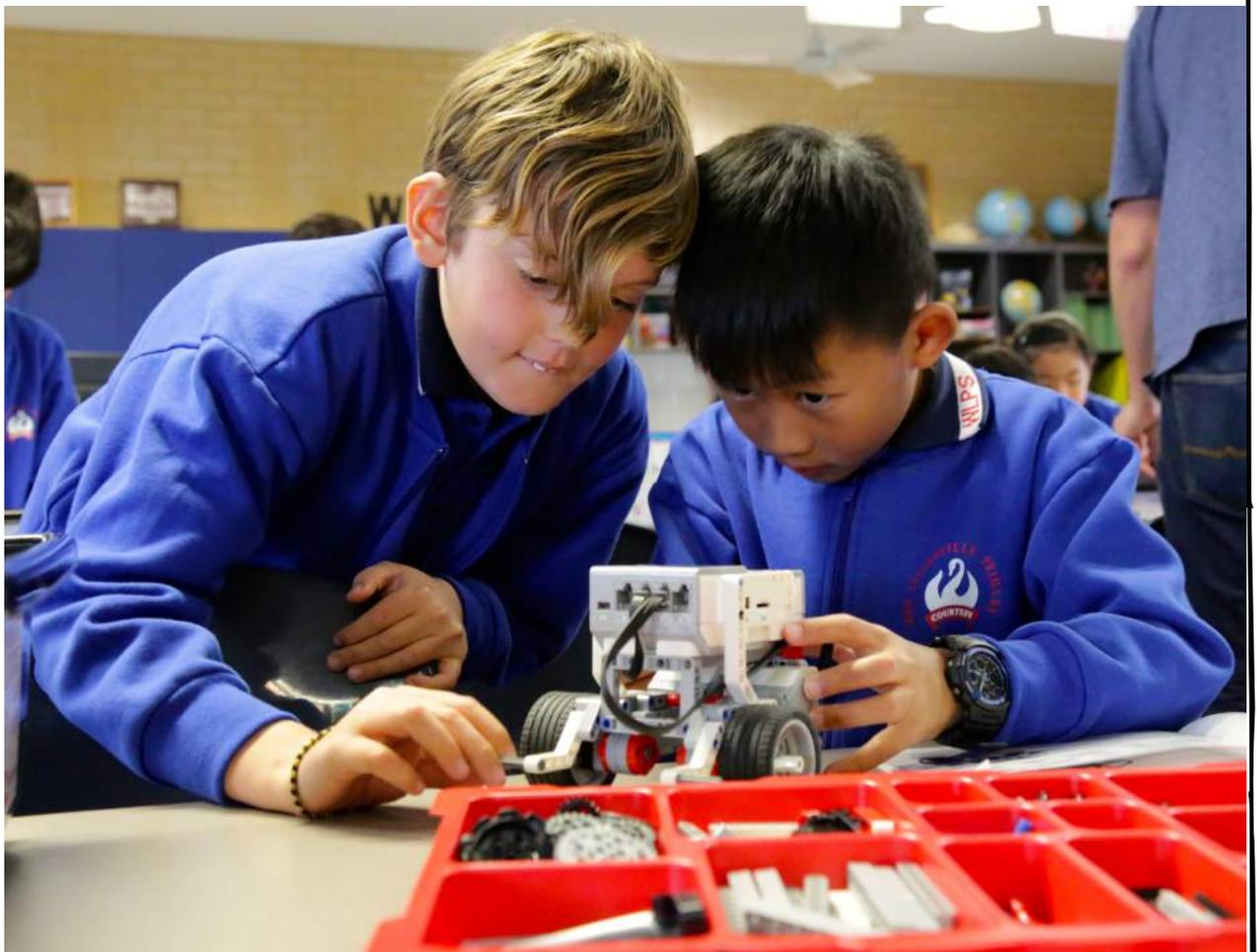
Exciting Robotics



An exciting new after school program, being trialled by the P&C, began for Years 4 & 5 students this term. The 'Lego Mindstorms' program is being run by Fraser Watson, a WLPS parent and experienced engineer. Using software, hardware and Lego (of course!) the students are learning to create customisable, purposeful robots. This program is designed to give the children an innovative space with the necessary resources to apply what they have learned in science, maths and technology during the school day.

So beware of robots roaming the school over the next few months, they may have a mind of their own!

*Above,
Ayden pays
close
attention to
constructing
his robot.
Right,
Charlie &
Joshua add
the finishing
touches.*



WA Massed Choir Festival 2016

Congratulations goes to Year 6 student Thomas Hopwood who represented West Leederville over the weekend at the WA Massed Choir solo auditions.

Thomas successfully gained two solo parts for the evening's concert, which is an outstanding achievement. We now have the date of the event so please lock it in your diary:

Friday night 2nd September 2016 - 7.30pm at Winthrop Hall UWA.

The Super Choir are working incredibly hard to learn all the repertoire for what is sure to be a sensational evening of excellent choral singing. Students are encouraged to visit the website <http://www.massedchoirfestival.org.au> and enter password Catalpa to learn any lyrics and choreography.



STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Jade U
Max Hunter
Alfie Choo
Joshua Agapitos
Oliver Trilling-Kirkwood
Remi Merenda

Year 1

Kai Ferry
Neve Baldwin
Bavleen Saran
Brigette Keyser
Indigo Caudo
Sophie Etherington
Elise Di Lollo
Ottilie Nash

Year 2

Oliver Stravreski
Jack Earley

Isabella Steedman
Sarah Emmett
Camryn Penn
Felix Cooley

Year 3

Fred Keane
Shiori Tachi
Riley Moore
Lenny Williams
Nikki Watt
Francis Hor

Year 4

Juliette Mandin
Joel Ioppolo
Christina Cho
George Keane

Year 5

Alisa McDonnell
Miranda Carmody

Freja Salt
Jack Lubich

Year 6

Oscar Gates

Congratulations to our Star Students.



Gardening & Composting



Pictured above, Nikki, Tasha, Catherine, Francis, Elsa & Alkere sample the produce from one of the garden beds and below, Tasha tends to the recycling.

In incorporating sustainability into teaching and learning, kitchen and food gardens are an increasingly popular way for schools to promote environmental and sustainability learning and to connect students with healthy food and lifestyles. Individual schools are linking student learning outcomes with the various activities and seasonal cycles involved in managing a food garden and the preparation of fresh produce.

The creation of a new food garden at West Leederville Primary School has been made possible with a very generous donation by the Scarborough Rotary. The grant paid for the purchase of garden beds, compost tumblers, soil improver and plants.

On behalf of the sustainability team and students at West Leederville Primary, we would like to thank the Scarborough Rotary for their donations and contributions to our school gardening and composting programme. We would also like to thank the Dad's Army for all of their hard work and time in putting the garden beds and compost tumblers together and appreciate the support we received from Soil Solver in their delivery and set up.

The gardens have now been established and the students at West Leederville are excited and looking forward to enjoying the vegetables and herbs from the garden.



WCE coaching Year 3 Red



The annual WLPS Quiz night was held at the end of Term 2 and was once again highly successful. One of the highlights on offer was the unique opportunity to have the coach of the West Coast Eagles, Adam Simpson, who is a parent at our school, to come into a classroom to address the students. The successful bidder was Nolan McDonnell and the lucky, very excited class to host the talk was Mrs Hill's Year 3 Red. Adam spoke to the students about the importance of diet and exercise on wellbeing and tested their knowledge about the WCE. The classroom was a sea of hands wanting to answer the various questions and some of the students were rewarded with signed footballs. All of the students received a prize for their responses, with some even doing pushups in order to earn a prize. Thank you to Adam for his time and advice, and the West Coast Eagles for supporting our school.



Above, WCE coach Adam Simpson pictured with James from Year 3 Red and top, the entire class.

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20 November 2016 10am-4pm



Athletics Training & Carnival

During Term 3, our physical education focus will shift to athletics training. The faction carnival for Pre-Primary to Year 6 students will be held on the 31st August 2016 at City Beach Primary School.

With our ever increasing student numbers, we have decided to use timing gates to assist with the efficiency of the school athletics carnival. During PE classes, students will be taught how to run with correct technique, to stay in their lanes and run through the gates.

As initiated in 2015, Mr Bond has sent out an invitation to those students in Years 3 to 6 likely to be chosen to represent the school in sprint events. This is for specialist sprint training with a Level 1 coach, official and ex-national beach sprinter and flagger, Sonja Belle.

In view of the upcoming cross country and athletics competitions, may we remind parents and students that competitive sport at West Leederville Primary School is conducted in a manner of friendliness and in good spirit:

- Remember children participate in a carnival for fun.
- Focus on the child's efforts rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to his/her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
- Turn defeat to victory by encouraging your child to work towards skill improvement, good sportsmanship and attaining personal best performances.
- Applaud good performances and efforts from each child.
- Positive comments are motivational.
- Respect coaches' and officials' decisions. Remember, coaches and officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement.



Further details of the carnival, including permission slips will be sent home at a later date.

For more information, please email Gavin.Bond@education.wa.edu.au

WLPS netball



This year there are several netball teams comprised of WLPS students who train together once or twice a week and compete at the Mathews netball centre on Saturday.

Pictured left are students from Year 6, who make up the Blue Angels team, following a recent win. The team is coached by parents John Townsend and Mel Aylmore and trains twice a week.

As the season enters into the final weeks before finals commence, we wish the Blue Angels and all of our students the best of luck in competing with their respective teams.

Positive Parent Program



Stepping Stones Triple P has been developed for parents of children with a developmental disability. Because it's based on Triple P's proven parenting strategies, it gives you ways to deal with the kinds of childhood behaviour problems and issues that can make family life stressful. Stepping Stones Triple P has been evaluated with real families and has been shown to work with children with intellectual and physical disabilities who have disruptive behaviour.

Seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability and bring together large groups of parents – often 20 or more. Each seminar takes just 90 minutes and you can do one, two or all three in the series. The topics in the series are:

- **Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability;**
- **Helping your Child Reach their Potential; and**
- **Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour.**

Stepping Stones Triple P is being offered with School Psychologists Krista Bingham and Robyn Green Mondays at **9.30-12** on the **1st August, 15th August and 29th August.**

Venue: Parents Room. Early Childhood Services. Block Q.
School of Special Educational Needs Sensory
Statewide Services Centre
33 Giles Avenue
Padbury WA 6025

To assist with catering and crèche please RSVP (08) 94026409 or email Robyn.Green@education.wa.edu.au



Ms Wade caught up with Rinzen, Mateen and Harry from Year 1 Blue as they prepared for their assembly today.