



## West Leederville Primary School

### WLPS Ensemble is 'Excellent'

#### WA ORCHESTRA AND BAND FESTIVAL 2016



The WLPS Ensemble with their conductor Mrs Anne Devenish .

The West Leederville Primary School String Ensemble made up of violin, viola and cello students from Years 5 and 6 represented the school at the WA Schools Orchestra Festival last Saturday (6th August) at Churchlands Senior High School. They were awarded "Excellent" by the adjudicators. The students looked stunning in their West Leederville music shirts and red sashes, and they played beautifully. A lot of extra practise, organisation and teamwork, both before school in the music room and at home, goes into producing a successful musical performance. The students are to be congratulated on their ongoing commitment and fine achievement.

The next performance for the string ensemble will be at the music assembly in Week 10, on Tuesday 20th September.



## From the Acting Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

The largest sporting event in the world officially kicked off over the weekend. The Olympic Games is a wonderful opportunity to get students excited about sport, friendly competition and national pride. Over 16 days more than 10,500 participants from over 200 countries will be competing for 306 medals!



There are mathematical opportunities everywhere! Do you know how to work out the scoring in diving?

It has been wonderful to see classes learn about Rio, its geographical location, language and culture. Students are tallying medals, learning about flags and different countries. Meanwhile, down at the kindy, there are budding little athletes ready to blast their way through their own mini sports afternoon next week. Thank you to Jessie Ravine for making a bike stand so the kindy students can be indoor cyclists!

At WLPS we value and promote critical and creative thinking skills. Costa and Kallick's 16 Habits of the Mind, thinking skills used by successful learners, are used within various classes to foster thoughtful problem solving strategies. One of these habits is 'persisting'. We can learn so much from Olympic athletes in terms of their persistence. They persevere through training and injuries. They remain focussed. They look for ways to reach their goals. They do not give up. Students in the junior years have been discussing and role-playing what persistence looks like and have reflected on times when they have needed to persist; during a writing task, tying their shoelaces or at sports training.

The WLPS string ensemble students must have bucket loads of persistence. This team of amazing musicians, headed by Mrs Anne Devenish, were awarded an Excellent at the WA Schools Orchestra Festival held on Saturday. Congratulations to all, your dedication and commitment to playing your instruments has certainly paid off.

Aussie athletes at the Rio games are wearing their uniforms with pride. From cycle knicks to basketball and hockey uniforms, they stick rigorously to the green and gold uniform. I would like to use this as a reminder that we too, at WLPS have a Uniform Policy. We would like 100% of our students (our team) to wear WLPS colours; this includes a hat daily, WLPS jumpers, blue leggings, NO jeans or denim and appropriate sport shoes. Jump onto our website to view the policy which was ratified by our School Board last year. [WLPS uniform policy](#)

Did you know:

- The amount of wool used to knit the jumpers for the Aussie Olympic uniform was approximately
- 300kg! The number of buttons used for the blazers on the Aussie uniform: 11,280!

Closer to home in our village, I would like to thank Maree Smith for the copious amount of time she has dedicated to our lost property situation. Maree would like to pass her 'Olympic Lost Property Torch' to a new volunteer or volunteers. Please contact Kath Dawson if you can help.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge an outstanding member of our WLPS team. Nicholas Savatovic has been nominated by our School Board for a Beginning Teacher of the Year Award. Nicholas is an outstanding teacher and always goes beyond the call of duty. Acknowledged for his ability to spur students on, make learning fun and engaging, and excite students about technology and science. He is very deserving of this nomination and we are crossing our fingers that he brings home a gold!

Warm regards,

## Carnaby's Black Cockatoo Talk



Did you know that all parrots are left footed? We learnt this fascinating fact along with heaps of information about Carnaby's Black Cockatoo and other interesting birds. The Year 3 students from Ms Hawson's class were very fortunate to listen to a talk given by Margie Rowe.

Margie is passionate about trying to save Underwood Avenue bushland from the bulldozers so that

*Mrs Rowe picture with Year 4 students Tash, Maddie, ...Jacob,*

the Carnaby's Cockatoo does not lose its home. Some of interesting snippets of information we learned were:

- There are three major types of black cockatoos.
- The Goshawk is very territorial and will swoop anything or anyone that comes near its nest.
- The bee eater nests in the ground.
- The red tailed cockatoos hang upside down to show off their feathers to attract females.
- Baudin's Black Cockatoo was named after a chap with a BIG nose!!
- Most cockatoos eat banksia, jarrah, marri and pine seeds.

Finally, we should save the bushland at Underwood Avenue so the Carnaby's Cockatoo does not become extinct.

## Dreaming of Snow



Students in Year 1 Red (Miss Rendel's) class are dreaming about snow on these cold winter days. They used watercolours, card and decorative paper to make beautiful pictures of themselves trying to catch snowflakes on their tongues. The students traced their hands and arms to make a tree.

## Dates for your Diary

### 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. Book fair operating from library.

### 24 August

Book week assembly, School Hall, 9am

### 25 August

Assembly, Yr 1 White, undercover area, 14.15pm

### 29 August

Athletics jumps & throws competition, Lake Monger PS

### 30 August

School Board meeting, 7pm

### 31 August

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

### 1 September

Excursion, Super choir rehearsal, UWA

### 2 September

Massed Choir performance, Super choir, UWA, 5.30pm

### 5 September

Fathers Day morning tea, PP Red, 9am.

### 6 September

P&C meeting, library, 7.30pm

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

## Kindergarten Olympics



Above, Kai, Luka and Alastair on the dais with their medals, right, TJ pictured with the students, and top the Kindergarten Red girls with their olympic torches.

Our Kindergarten Red class made Olympic torches this week. They also had a visit from TJ who is a visiting Athletics teacher at Lake Monger school and he asked the class to send a message to a friend of his who is one of the Rio Olympians. The students sent a powerful message to Peter Bol, who is running the 800 metres for Australia on August 14.

## Learning First Aid

The students from Year 4 to 6 participated in a First Aid Incursion from St John Ambulance where they learnt the most effective ways to respond to emergency situations. The program provided a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their first aid skills, confidence and resilience. As we know, everyone, regardless of age, may be required at some time to offer first aid. Skills covered included: Bleeding & Wound Management, Bandaging & Splints, Bites & Stings & the St John Action Plan (DRSABCD)



*Students from Year 5 practise their First Aid drills.*

# Former Olympian Visits Our School

Grant Schubert, former member of the Australian mens hockey team the Kookaburras, came to talk to the Year 3 students and their buddy class, Miss Ballantine's Pre-Primary Red. Grant started playing hockey at 9 years of age and went on to play hockey for Australia at two Olympic Games. Grant won a gold medal at the Athens Olympic Games and a bronze medal at the Beijing Olympics with the Kookaburras. Students were shown the 4 medals he has won playing hockey.

To become a champion hockey player takes many hours of training and hard work and at his peak Grant trained 6 days a week, with Sunday being the only rest day. Grant told the students that doing your best, having a go, working hard, setting goals, having fun and working as a team were very important values to enable anyone to succeed in life.

You never know, one day one of our students may be seen competing for Australia at the Olympics in their chosen sport.



Former Olympian Mr Grant Schubert pictured with Anika from Pre-primary Red and Matilda from Year 4.

## STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

### Pre-primary

Toru Goto  
Einan Healy  
Pre-primary Red  
Ariel Gardiner  
Declan Wong

### Year 1

Luka Nightingale  
Luka Farish-Luhan  
Phoebe Bowler  
Farbod Sanaei Langroodi  
Isabel Greenwood  
Maria Troumpetaris

### Year 2

Emma Sommerfield  
Henry Cash  
Daniel Butler

### Titan Tran

Rocco Zampogna  
James Nightingale  
Oscar Barker  
Ethan Bengson

### Year 3

James Bray  
Morgane Flynn  
Hannah Daddo  
Stella Gasteviski  
Miranda Salt  
Scout Nash

### Year 4

Olivia Butler  
Caryn Yaba  
Anabelle Chong

### Year 5

Ciara Brawn  
Oliver Mawle  
Joseph Gaspar  
Taro Harkess

### Year 6

Elsie Williams  
Wil Stieler  
Hannah Townsend

Congratulations to our Star Students.



## Koala and Dingo visit Pre-primary

Last week the Pre-primary Blue and White classes were presented with the rare opportunity to get up close to and pat a koala and dingo. An incursion from West Oz Wildlife offered the students the opportunity to learn about animal care and conservation through a hands on experience right in the classroom.

The staff from West Oz Wildlife presented each animal separately, which also included snakes and lizards, and spoke about their habitat, diet, behaviours, adaptations to survive in the wild, interesting features, and a snake safety demonstration on what to do if you see a snake in the wild. In particular, the staff spoke about their habitat and ways to protect them.

The students were able to handle all of the animals and were intrigued by the coats of the koala and dingo, and the skin and scales of the snakes and lizards.



# WLPS Sprint Training



Students from Yr 3-6 have been busy preparing for the upcoming interschool athletics carnival by attending before and after school sprint training this term. These sessions are facilitated by Level 1 coach, official and ex-national beach sprinter and flagger, Sonja Belle and the children have been learning running technique and strategy as well as improving their general fitness, speed and strength. The squad was lucky enough to use the running track at the Perth Athletics centre this week. A big thank you goes to the parents who have supported this out of school initiative and Sonja Belle for giving up her time and sharing her expertise.



# Term dates for 2017

## TERM DATES 2017

### Semester 1

Term 1

Wednesday 1 February - Friday 7 April

Term 2

Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June

### Semester 2

Term 3

Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September

Term 4

Monday 9 October - Thursday 14 December

The Department of Education has released the term dates for the 2017 school year. All students will start their first day of the school year on Wednesday 1 February 2017.

[Recent research](#) clearly shows the need to engage students and establish positive attendance behaviours in the early years of schooling; to support student attendance at transition points and to raise parent and community awareness of the fact that, where academic achievement is concerned, every day counts.

Parents are strongly encouraged to plan family vacations and events around the school dates to ensure that student learning is not compromised.

## Gardening in Pre-primary



The students from pre-primary have been growing lettuce. Last week Pre-Primary Blue picked some of this lettuce and used it to make healthy lettuce wraps for morning tea. With the help of some parents, they filled their lettuce with delicious ingredients such as carrot, cucumber, cheese, olives, egg, ham and herbs from the

garden. The students enjoyed eating the best lettuce they had ever tasted and most had seconds or even thirds! They are looking forward to more produce from the garden. Thank you to the parents who came in to help with our morning tea.

*Pictured above and right, the students from Pre-primary Blue enjoy a morning tea eating lettuce leaves from the garden.*



## ... and Gardening Year 1



The students from Year 1 Red have also been out in the garden beds and are amazed at how quickly the vegetables and herbs have grown. They picked a large bunch of parsley and took it to the school canteen so that it could be used in school lunches. Lettuce leaves and coriander were also picked and sampled. The students are very excited to see the carrots developing and look forward to the day they are mature enough to be picked.



*Year 1 Red students sample and harvest lettuce leaves and parsley.*



## CSHS Academic Testing

Churchlands Senior High School will be holding an Academic Extension Program testing to take place on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September with the closing date for applications being Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August. This testing is for current Year 6 students to enter Churchlands SHS in 2017 who reside in the Churchlands SHS local intake area.

The application form can be downloaded for our website: [www.churchlands.wa.edu.au](http://www.churchlands.wa.edu.au) > Curriculum > Academic Extension Program or by contacting Churchlands SHS on 9441 1700.