



West Leederville Primary School

Faction Athletics Carnival 2016



Pictured above, the Year 4 boys A division 75 metre sprint was a closely fought contest.

Although we were initially faced with gloomy skies last Wednesday on the day of our Faction Carnival, the clouds and showers eventually cleared and the students thoroughly enjoyed coming together in their factions and competing in races and team games. For the first time we had timing gates at the finishing line which were kindly funded by the P&C. These proved quite helpful on more than one occasion when there were some very close finishes in the minor placings. The pre-primary and year 1 students participated in a games tabloid following their races and showed their expertise in tunnel ball and the egg and spoon races among other events. The remainder of the students competed in team events which varied according to their year group and finished off with relays. At the completion of the carnival, Kimberley were the winning faction with 930 points, Cambridge were second with 796 points followed by Northwood with 742 point and Woolwich with 737 points. The winners of the individual medals were as follows:

Year 3 Champion Girl- Sienna Hathrill	Runner up- Eliza Wood
Year 3 Champion Boy- Joshua Maxwell	Runners up- Darcy Finch & Nathan Callaghan
Year 4 Champion Girls- Amelia Goodacre- Paul & Sasha D'Arcy Burke	
Year 4 Champion Boy- Will Duplock	Runner up- Evan D'Arcy Burke
Year 5 Champion Girl- Isabella Love	Runner up- Keaton Penn
Year 5 Champion Boy- Sullivan Moody	Runner up- Jack Lubich
Year 6 Champion Girl- Iris Townsend	Runner up- Emily Owen
Year 6 Champion Boy- Wil Steiler	Runner up- Charlie Duplock

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the faction carnival. Thank you to all the parents who turned out to support the students on the day and in particular those who helped to set up and stayed after the carnival to help pack up.

From the Principal



Dear Parents,

Massed Choir Performance

Last Friday night our Super Choir joined with eight other government primary school choirs to form a Massed Choir of over 400 voices. Performing in Winthrop Hall at the University of Western Australia, this performance was truly outstanding. The individual choirs had all learnt the songs over the past few months, finally coming together in the week of the event to rehearse as one. Once again, Ms Samsa, ably supported by Mr Savatovic, have assisted West Leederville Primary School students to shine. Congratulations to all on an outstanding performance.

Faction Athletics Carnival

After a trying start to the day with Mother Nature testing our resilience, the Faction Carnival went ahead last Wednesday at the City Beach Primary School oval. Our students all showed great sportsmanship cheering each other along, with the overall champions for the day being Kimberley. A big thank you to all of the parents who braved the weather and came to cheer the students along, as well as to those of you who helped with the set-up, pack-down and running the greatly appreciated cake stall. Next on the agenda is the many times rescheduled Cross Country event.

Cross Country is on tomorrow

Tomorrow morning all students from Years 1 to 6 will race against their year group peers in our annual Cross Country event at Lake Monger (eastern corner near Lake Monger Drive). It would be wonderful to see any of you who can make it come down to cheer the students along in this much anticipated event. We will commence at 9.30am with the Year 2 students racing first, followed by the year 1s. Students from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will then race (in that order) with gradually increasing distances. Good luck to all of our runners.

Parent, Student and Staff Opinion Survey

Opinion surveys are an effective means by which to monitor a school community's satisfaction level, to get a feel for a school's strengths and to identify areas that need to be improved. I would like to thank everyone who completed this survey. Having received feedback at both the School Board and P&C meetings that there were a significant number of people who would have responded who did not manage to get to it, we have decided to open the survey again for one more week. If you have not already done so and would like to share your thoughts with us, please complete our [school opinion survey](#) by Thursday 15th September.

Did you know?

West Leederville Primary school has a team of staff dedicated to supporting our students with identified special learning needs and/or any social and emotional concerns they may have at school or at home. Our **Learning Support Team**, led by Associate Principal Lisa Wade, consists of: a school psychologist, Lauren Gabelich (on site two days per week); a school chaplain Corali SalaTenna (on site two days per week); an English as a second dialect (EAL/D) Education Assistant, Candice Nicholas (on site 3 days per week); and nine Special Needs Education Assistants, Lisa Robbins, Fonz Beaugearde, Michelle Dwyer, Julian Cosentino, Jane Jenkin, Donna Dwyer, Amanda Wira, Milaika Jordan & Shikha Sharotri.

This committed team of staff work tirelessly to ensure that all of our students have a positive school experience. Their work includes running case conferences with parents, teachers and outside agencies; developing individual plans for students identified needs, including medical issues such as anaphylaxis;

supporting parents to access community services as needed; working one to one with students on their individual plans; and as mentors and councillors. This team currently has 150 students under their care.

The following diagram is a snap shot of the Learning Support Program operating at West Leederville Primary School.



Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly

Principal

The Village Library Project



Pictured left the Year 3 Blue class proudly show their browser cards they made to send to Kenya to support the Village Library Project.

One of our classmates, Fred Keane, flew all around the world with his family. They visited 6 continents in 7 months. As part of their journey, Fred's family visited the African country of Kenya. West Leederville Primary School has a connection with 'The Village Library Project which is in Kenya. Fred noticed a problem with The Village Library Project, which was that the library books were messy. "The situation is so bad that the librarian almost quit his job," reported Fred. His bright idea to fix the problem inspired us all to make a browser card for their library, just like the ones we use in our school. During Bookweek we completed this project and now Fred's mother Kate is going to send them to Kenya.

By Fred, Zadie, Kealan and Jas, Year 3 Blue

Food Allergy/Anaphylaxis

Australia has one of the highest incidence of food allergy in the world and this is increasing at an alarming rate; in fact, one in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy. With no known cure for food allergy, awareness and education is of utmost importance, as a severe allergic reaction and/or anaphylaxis can rapidly become life threatening, and must be treated as a medical emergency.

The most common triggers, causing 90 percent of allergic reactions in Australians are egg, cow's milk, peanut, tree nuts (such as cashew and almond), sesame, soy, wheat, fish and shellfish.

At West Leederville Primary School we have several students who have been diagnosed with serious allergies which may result in anaphylaxis and in particular, nuts are a common trigger to these students. It is important to understand that in some people even very small amounts of food can cause a life-threatening allergic reaction/anaphylaxis. For this reason we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to be vigilant in vetting food added to their child's lunch box to ensure that none contain nuts.

Currently, there is no cure for food allergy. Avoidance of the food is the only way to prevent a reaction.



Dates for your Diary

8 September

Assembly, PP White undercover area, 14.15pm

9 September

Cross Country, Yrs 1 to 6, Lake Monger, 9.30am to 11.30am

12 September

Whole school science tabloid.

13 and 15 September

Interscholar Athletics carnival, Wembley Downs PS, 9.30am to 2.30pm

15 September

Excursion Yr3 Red & White, Herdsman Wildlife Centre, 9am to 12.30pm

16 September

Excursion Yr3 Blue & 2/3, Herdsman Wildlife Centre, 9am to 12.30pm

16 September

LOTE excursion to UWA, Confucius Institute, Yr 5/6

19 September

Inursion Constitution Centre, Year 5 & 6

20 September

Assembly, Music undercover area, 14.15pm (NB please note Tuesday)

23 September

Last day of term. Wear your footy colours to school.

10 October

WLPS PD.
Students do not attend school.

11 October

Term 4 commences.

17 to 28 October

Kindness project, PP

24 October

Shenton dog refuge visit, PP

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

Robotics in Kindergarten...



Mr John McInerheney demonstrates the 'sphero' robotic ball to the kindergarten class.

Mr MacInerheney is teaching STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) to the students in Kindergarten Red. The students have been introduced to 'sphero' which is a app-enabled robotic ball that can be controlled with a tilt, touch, or swing of a smartphone or tablet. As the students operated 'sphero' using the iPad, they learnt about direction and also incorporated phonics into their lesson.

... and Just Hanging Around.



The girls from the Kindergarten Blue class were enjoying the adventure playground this week.

Faction Cross Country

The Faction Cross Country competition will take place this Friday, 9th September at Lake Monger beginning at approximately 9.30am. The students will line up immediately after the siren sounds at 9am and walk down as a group. The programme will commence with the junior students and following their races the Year 1 & 2 classes will return to school in time for recess. Students from Years 3 to 6 are taking their recess with them and will return to school at approximately 11.30am. Students are required to wear their school sports uniforms and running shoes, and take a hat and water bottle. [Consent forms for the cross country](#) are due in today (Thursday, 8th September) and it is essential for all students to return a signed consent form in order to attend the event. No payment is required. We hope to see lots of parents out cheering on the students as they make their way around the designated course.



Department of Education Gifted and Talented

The Gifted and Talented (GAT) parent information evening for the 2017 testing cycle will be held at Mount Lawley Senior High School on Tuesday 18 October conducted by the Department of Education Gifted and Talented. The presentation will start at 6pm upstairs in the blue Main Administration building from Woodsome street and is relevant to current Year 5 students.

The 40 minute session will contain content that details the application, selection and placement process for entry to Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Program. This session is very popular so a RSVP is essential to the Middle School Office 9471 0350

STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Hamish Madigan
Francesca Anderson
Jackson Coombe
Priyanshi Ramola
Bella Ashby-Cohen
Eadie Mizzen

Year 1

Kai Harkess
Ruby Mizzen
Piper Raby
Kai Ferry
Lucia Zanin
William Overmeire
Georgia King

Year 2

Jack Wira
Thea Mandin

Zara Stevens

Matthew Owen
Hamali Manohar

Year 3

Saya Mallen
Edmund Goodacre-Paul
Kealan Dhepnorrarat
Zadie Garwood-Blue
Elsa Mazza
Oliver Cresp

Year 4

Joseph Stubbs
Sasha D'Arcy Burke

Year 5

Alexandra Taylor
Tristan Gurang
Rohan Raby

Elektra Coker-West

Year 6

Frazer Gill
Bridie King
Charlie Duplock
Joseph Galvin

Congratulations to our Star Students.



Fathers Day in Pre-primary



On Monday we invited our dads to come to our classroom because it was Father's Day. We did a concert and told them that dads love dad jokes. I said 'What do you call a fake noodle?' and Dylan told the answer and it was 'an impasta'. The dads started to laugh. Then we did activities, called STEM challenges. I liked making a tie and a person. My grandad came and I call him Poppy. We had morning tea at the end of the Father's Day concert. We had coffee in the kitchen for the dads. It was nice.

By Bonnie (PP Blue)



Science Day

Next Monday the 12th of September, WLPS will be holding their (belated) National Science Week celebration with whole-school science rotations! Classes will be mixed from Pre-Primary to Year 6, with students participating in interesting and exciting science experiments and activities all around the school. Photos are to follow!

From from the School Psychologist-Child Anxiety

BRAVE is an online, psychological program for the treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. The Program was developed by a team of researchers at the University of Queensland. As a result, the Program is based on actual research evidence, and parents can rest assured their child is receiving a high quality treatment program.

Anxiety is an important problem that many children and teenagers suffer from. We often think our child is "going through a phase" and that there is nothing to worry about. Children themselves tend to avoid their negative feelings. However, it is imperative to be able to read the signs because:

- Around 8-10% of children and adolescents are affected by anxiety.
- Anxiety can be extremely debilitating and cause significant problems in a person's emotional, social and educational functioning.
- Children and adolescents with anxiety may worry about all sorts of things: meeting new people, being away from home, performing in front of people or even things going on in the world.
- Other children and teenagers worry about very specific situations (such as getting injections or flying on planes) and others just seem to be worrying about something all the time.

With BRAVE, children, teenagers and their parents have access to an online cognitive-behaviour therapy in the comfort of their own home.

You can also have a BRAVE Trainer help you through the program, someone who works with you to overcome your anxiety. They will email you each week, and even talk to you over the phone during the program.

Learn more about the program: <http://www.brave-online.com/>

[Who is BRAVE for?](#)

[The benefits of online therapy](#)

[Program content](#)

[About the team](#)

[About child anxiety](#)

Canteen News

Grateful

A big thank you to our canteen staff who put in an extra big effort to fully cater the faction carnival. Those biscuits were delicious! We'd also like to thank Robyn Mitchell for donating an electric knife. It has been an invaluable tool, especially while preparing 140 rolls on carnival day. Speaking of which did you notice the delicious salad in the rolls? Some of it was sourced from the new vegetable and herb garden. We also include the herbs in our hot dishes. So well done kids!

Online Problems

If you've been experiencing problems while ordering online with unconfirmed orders then go to "Active Orders" and get instant feedback as to whether the order

was placed successfully. This is an interim measure to confirm your order, while our service provider looks into the problem. Thanks for your understanding.

Lighten the Load

Don't forget to go online to <http://signup.com/go/jLTuGe> (formerly VolunteerSpot) to put your name down to help out in the canteen. Volunteering doesn't take long, instils a sense of pride in the school with your children and they get a kick out of seeing Mum or Dad for a delicious treat at recess. Choose the day and week that suits you. We're always looking for people interested in helping out on the canteen committee also. It doesn't mean endless hours volunteering in the canteen nor do you need to be a

"foodie". We need people to help with creative fun ideas, communications, work processes and business administration as well. Register your interest with Tanya Watkins twatkins@inet.net.au

Allergy Aware

We've made some small modifications to our processes to better cater for those with severe allergies. Come in and speak to our manager Barbara if you'd like to learn how we handle the orders. Better still, sign up for a volunteer spot and SEE what we do. We aim to provide nourishing food at a good price in the safest way possible. It is at your discretion as to whether this is sufficient for your child.

WA Massed Choir Festival 2016

Last Friday night the West Leederville Super Choir performed in the prestigious W.A. Massed Choir festival 2016. The voices of 450 children resonated beautifully at Winthrop Hall, UWA, which seated 900 in the audience. The Super Choir are to be commended on an outstanding performance and impeccable behaviour. See the attached photo for a glimpse into the wonderful evening.

*Miss Samsa
Music teacher*



News from the Board

As scheduled, the Board have met twice this term. At our first meeting, Lisa Wade presented an overview of the school learning support program. Lisa works very hard in this area, and coordinates many aspects of this program. The Board members were very supportive of the program and the initiatives taken to ensure all students needs are addressed.

Other Board activities this term included the review and approval of the school booklists for the 2017 school year, and commencing school business plan annual review. Also at our meeting last week, as part of our succession planning process, I gave Board members an overview of the responsibilities and activities that I undertake as the school Board Chair. We also had an initial look at this years NAPLAN results and it was pleasing to see how our school is performing against other like schools within WA. We look forward to a detailed report from Fiona and her team at our next Board meeting, once the full analysis of the results has been completed.

The plan for the new classroom addition on top of the library building is progressing, and as the project moves forward updates will be provided by Fiona Kelly. Board member Andrew Porter continues to be involved in the planning meetings and, along with Fiona, provides regular reports back to the Board on the progress.

*Cheryl Hughes
WLPS Board Chair*

Term 4 Robotics

Did you miss out on Robotics in Term 3?

Following on from two very enjoyable and successful beginners Robotics Programs in Term 3, we plan on running another one or two programs in Term 4. The program runs for 10 weeks, after school in the library (3:15 – 5PM). Or, you could attend a one day school holiday program for beginners in the coming October school holidays.

And for those children who participated in Term 3 and want to extend their knowledge, we are also gauging interest for an intermediate one day workshop in the October school holidays.

If you have children in Year 4 or above interested in the Robotics Program then please contact me on Gfraserwatson@gmail.com.

Scenes from the Faction Athletics Carnival

