



West Leederville Primary School

School begins for 2017



Pictured above, Miss Julie Ballantine welcomes the members of her Pre-primary Red class.

Starting mid week this year on 1st February, we welcomed over 530 students to West Leederville Primary School for the 2017 academic year. Commencing their first year of compulsory schooling, 77 Pre-primary students entered the gates, dressed in the blue school uniform very excited to be going to the 'big' school. Not wasting any time the students have jumped straight into their programs and these photos show a snapshot of what they have been up to. Miss



Ballantine's class have made pillows with the help of 2 parent volunteers and they have already been put to good use. Ms O'Neill's class have been honing their listening skills on the mat and enjoying painting. Ms Mulgrew's class have already received a visit from their buddy class which is the Year 6 Red class. We welcome this cohort of students to our school and are sure they will enjoy their remaining years at West Leederville Primary.



From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

Welcome to the 2017 school year. The children tell me that they all had a wonderful vacation with many of them loving the simple things in life, building sandcastles and swimming at the beach, whilst others went on amazing adventures like skiing in Japan. The parents I have had an opportunity to chat with, also inform me that they had a great summer, however, now seem quite happy for us to take over the 9 'til 3 o'clock shift of entertaining young minds and active bodies. We're happy to do it too! The teachers are ready and raring to go and are loving the enthusiasm with which the children are embracing this year's learning programs.

Professional Learning

The teachers (official) school year started two days earlier than the students. On these two days we participated in both planning and professional learning activities. Topics covered in these days included:

Habits of the Mind: a whole school approach to developing students thinking skills. This is particularly useful for the engagement of gifted and talented students but has great benefits for all of our children;

BounceBack: this social and emotional learning program has been in operation at WLPS for 3 years now. Using last year's survey data, cross referenced with teacher anecdotal feedback, this year's focus areas were highlighted and planned for;

Effective mathematics lesson structure: our research tells us that whole school approaches in teaching pedagogy improves student outcomes. At WLPS, we use a consistent approach throughout the school to teach mathematics, which includes the explicit statement of a learning intention, differentiated learning activities and lesson plenaries. This structure was revisited by teachers and planning for this year's mathematics programs undertaken.

Digital Technologies: Australia-wide, and therefore at WLPS, an education system priority is the teaching of Digital technologies. Lead by the ICT committee, teachers spent time using and assessing ICT tools, applications and curriculum expectations in preparation for the implementation of effective learning programs in this priority area of the curriculum.

Performance Improvement: As professionals, teachers are always working to improve their individual skills and knowledge to enhance student outcomes. Teachers spent time reviewing their personal feedback data and developing SMART goals for their individual growth in 2017.

Thank you

The children's classrooms do not look inviting and engaging by chance. Teachers spend many hours of their own time preparing their rooms for the commencement of each new year and I would like to publicly thank them all for their efforts. At West Leederville PS we are privileged to have an outstanding team of teachers, supported by a fabulous education assistants and administration staff, and I would like to thank them all for the excellent start that we have had to this school year.

Building update

As I'm sure you are all aware, WLPS is building again this year. The plan is for five classrooms and a meeting room to be constructed on top of the Library, Art and Music rooms. These rooms will be vacated at the end of this term in order for construction to take place during term two. Practical completion is scheduled for August 3rd, 2017. Two school Board members, Barry Harvie (Board Chair) and Andrew Porter, both with experience in building projects (Andrew as an engineer, Barry as a former school administrator) will be working with me to ensure the school's needs are a priority throughout this project.

Swimming Squad

The 2017 swimming squad commences again on Friday, 17th February. Mr Bond, with the support of Poppy Gilfillan, an experienced swimming coach, run this squad for students in Years 4 to 6 who are at level 7 or above. This is a swimming squad for children with strong swimming skills who are keen to represent the school at the interschool carnival.

The front lawn

Did you see how beautiful it was looking? One week before school was due to commence, the lawn was immaculate. Unfortunately the bore broke (again!), just before Australia Day and all of that very hot weather, and the lawn was quite badly damaged. The good news is, thanks to all of this rain, it has made a good recovery and as soon as the weather fines up, we will take down the ropes and the children will be able to play in this area again.

Class meetings

Class meetings are an important opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and gain an understanding of operational procedures for the coming year. Please make every effort to attend these meetings. If you have further queries please do not hesitate to make a time to see the classroom teacher individually, or one of the Leadership team (myself, Michael McInerheney, Lisa Wade or Shelley Hollett) if your concern cannot be resolved.

New staff members

This year we have had three new teachers commence at our school. I would like to welcome Mrs Rochelle Reeves (Year 2/3), Ms Rachael Smith (Year 3/4) and Mrs Jaycee Arndell (Year 1) to the team. I would also like to thank Mrs Joy Reeves for stepping in at such short notice to cover for Ms Jo Stanton who broke her arm badly and was unable to start the year with her Year 2 class.

Ms Stanton should be returning (depending on doctor's approval) next week.



Dates for your Diary

9 February

Year 6 Red class meeting, 8am

9 February

Year 2 Red & Blue class meeting, 8am

9 February

Year 5 Blue class meeting, 8am

9 February

Assembly- Student leaders, 2.15pm

10 February

Year 1 Red, Blue & White class meeting, 8am

13 February

PP Blue class meeting, 9am

13 February

PP Red class meeting, 2.15pm

13 February

PP White class meeting, 2.15pm

13 to 24 February

Interm swimming, Yrs 3 to 6, Bold Park & Beatty Park pools

13 February

Incursion- Confucius Institute, PP to Yr 6

14 February

P&C meeting, 7.30pm

15 February

Year 4 Red class meeting, 8.10am

16 February

Year 3 Red class meeting, 3.15pm

17 February

Swimming Club, Beatty Park, 7.15am to 8.30am

24 February

Swimming Club, Beatty Park, 7.15am to 8.30am

1 March

Swimming Club, Beatty Park, 7.15am to 8.30am

2 March

Assembly: Year 6 Blue, 2.15am

3 March

Swimming Club, Beatty Park, 7.15am to 8.30am

6 March

Labour Day PH

3 March

Swimming Club, Beatty Park,

26 April

Term 2 commences for students

26 April

ANZAC ceremony, 9.30am,

Donation from Leederville IGA

The local IGA supermarket in Leederville has a commendable program in place where 2 local community based organisations are chosen each month to be the recipients of a very generous donation. Last month the West Leederville Primary School was fortunate to be chosen as one of these recipients and a cheque to the value of \$1000 was received.

The money will be used for student resources, namely purchasing books for the library and topping up our take-home readers. We would like to extend our appreciation to the Leederville IGA for supporting the students at our school.



School banking



School Banking is a fun and engaging way for young children to learn about money and develop good savings habits. School banking for this year at WLPS will commence Monday 13th February, from 8.20am in the school hall. Student Councillors will be on hand to receive money from students and enter it in their accounts.

Updating class information

As the new school year commences and the students progress a year in their education, parents using our Skoolbag app and the Online Canteen system are asked to update their child's class information on these systems. Updating the information to reflect the transition will ensure that you receive messages specific to your child's class and year, and also allows the canteen staff to distribute lunches to the correct class.

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

www.skoolbag.com.au



A Star is born

When the students returned to school last Wednesday full of stories of their adventures during the school holidays, Year 6 student David Milios was fairly confident that he topped the list. Below is a recount by David, describing his 'once in a lifetime experience'.

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN CONCERT By David Milios

On Sunday 22nd of January I was lucky enough to get a standing room ticket to go and see Bruce Springsteen perform LIVE at the Perth Arena. I went with my Dad Dean and older brother Billy and I made a sign that said 'RAMROD. I WANNA MOONDANCE WITH U BRUCE'. Because my Dad is a very big Springsteen fan, we found out that if you go and line up every four hours for two days before the concert and get your name on a roll call you have a better chance of standing near the front. I was number 77, so I managed to get in the second row. The concert started with my favorite song, 'New York City Serenade'. The atmosphere was electric. Every now and then Bruce would stare at my sign and I had a lucky feeling he might pull me up on stage.

Almost 30 songs later, 'Dancing in the Dark' started and Bruce pulled up a girl and a guy to dance and sing with him on stage after liking their signs. Somehow, he reached over for my sign, threw it on stage, some fans picked me up- an old lady named Vel who was number 1 tried first but wasn't strong enough -so I was thrown on stage by a very big man. At first I was awestruck and didn't know what to do so I just started dancing on the spot. Then I remembered what my sign said and started the 'moonwalk' which Bruce tried to copy. The crowd roared so I went with it and did the 'worm' a few times. Next thing, a guitar is put over my head, Bruce gives me a pick and I'm strumming away beside him. I was so exhilarated to be up there playing guitar in front of 14 000 people that I just couldn't stop smiling. What I didn't know was right behind me was a huge screen and Mrs Munday, who was sitting in the rows towards the back recognized me. She was apparently shouting, 'That's my student David Milios! That's David Milios and sent a text to my Mum at midnight to say how exciting it was to see me up on stage! After 4 minutes on stage, the song came to an end. Bruce gave me a kiss on the head, I shook hands with guitarist Little Steve Van Zandt and bass player, Gary Tallent and jumped off stage..... back to my spot in the crowd and I still haven't stopped smiling.



From the P&C



The P&C would like to welcome everyone to this new and exciting year at WLPS. We are a parent volunteer organisation that raises much needed funds for the school to help with extra educational programs, resources, equipment and much much more. We have an exciting year coming up with discos, quiz nights, cake stalls and more. If you would like to know more or help contribute to our students educational needs in a more hands on approach, please come and join the P&C. Our first meeting for the year is next Tuesday 14th February in the school library at 7:30pm.

We also have a webpage and a Facebook page with our happenings and upcoming events, so don't forget to like us on Facebook!

Warm regards,

Andrew Bailey P&C President

Dental Van

Dental Health Services provides free emergency and general dental care to enrolled school children and online educational resources and publications
Currently the local dental van is located at City Beach Primary School to the end of March.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any queries. Contact information is as follows:

Leederville Mobile | City Beach Location | Dental Health Services
C/ City Beach Primary School
Marapana Rd
City Beach 6015
0408926794



STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Aesha Kulshreshtha

Luca DeVries

Pre-primary Red Class

Katelyn Kailis

Miles Sealey

Year 1

James Sommerfield

Priyanshi Ramola

Elena Porter

Spencer Park

Year 2

Ewa Krolik

Alexander Pitchen

Kai Ferry

Molly Baker

Ethan Soh

Lila Aylmore

Andrew Raeburn

Year 3

Emma Sommerfield

Allie Knowles

Sebastian Metcalf

Tetsushi Aoyama

Flynn Ross

Year 4

Anna Lubich

Jacob Clark

Riley Moore

Genevieve Kelly

Year 5

Jessica McDonald

Ewan Williams

Indianna Casement

Keeley O'Brien

Year 6

James Osmond

Lewis Stefets

Karis Sant

Phoebe Pether

Congratulations to our Star Students.



From the School Chaplain

Hello and Welcome back to School!!

I am so pleased to be able to serve the WLPS community again in 2017 and look forward to a fun filled year ahead.

One of the questions I get asked most often is "what is a Chaplain?" The short of it is that I am here to help. I am a non judgemental, caring and confidential listening ear for teachers, the students and the parents. My work days have changed to Monday's from 7:45am-3pm and Thursday's 9:15am- 4:30pm. You are welcome to come and see me before school on Monday's and after school on Thursday's. Alternatively, you can also book an appointment by emailing me at CoraliS@youthcare.org.au.

Yes, Craft Club will be back this year!! So many little ones have asked me and I'm delighted that the kids enjoy the club so much. Due to a few extra commitments I have during school hours this year I am still working on the start date for Craft Club so stay tuned.

Please be aware that I will have to limit numbers to 25 children so first in best dressed!

In the meantime, have a fantastic first term and see you around the grounds!

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School Chaplain

WLPS Super Choir auditions

It is audition time once more for our very popular WLPS Superchoir. The Super Choir. Will be a select group of Year 5 & 6 students that demonstrate a genuine interest in improving their singing and aural skills. The criteria for selection will be based on demonstration of competent aural skills and singing verse one to the National Anthem during the audition.

Super Choir has become a popular extracurricular activity at West Leederville, and with only limited places available it is essential that students only audition if they have a genuine commitment of following through for the whole year. The commitment also involves participation in several out of school events and there may be times when extra rehearsals will be needed before school. The rehearsal time will be every Friday morning from 8am to 8.45am in the music room.

Expression of interest/consent forms will be handed out in class during this week and next week by music teacher, Ms Katie Samsa.

School Uniform shop

The next date that the uniform shop will be open in the hall is Thursday March 2nd. Until then online ordering will be available and these orders will be filled each Thursday and delivered to the student's classroom. New stock of the kindergarten T-shirts in size 4 has been received and parents wishing to purchase these can do so through the online system.



Volunteers

We are looking for some parent volunteers to come into the school on Wednesday mornings to assist in the making of resources for the students.

There are two time slots available: 9am to 10.30am and 11am to 12.30pm. No previous experience is required.

If you think you may be able to assist please contact Jenny LeFevre on Jennifer.LeFevre@education.wa.edu.au.



YEAR 6 IS PROUDLY HOSTING THE 4TH ANNUAL...



Sunday 19 February

3:15-4pm Kindy&PP 4-5pm Years 1&2

5-6pm Years 3,4&5

Sausage Sizzle|Face Painting|Prizes

\$5 Entry includes DJ, Games and Icy Pole

Tickets sold at the door