



West Leederville Primary School

Wenquin Art Troupe visits WLPS



Pictured above, performers from the Wenquin Art Troupe display skill and grace, during one of the items on the program.

Last week, as part of the LOTE Mandarin program, students were treated to a unique performance from the renowned Wenquin Art Troupe who originate from the Zhejiang Province in China. In celebrating the 30th Anniversary year of the Sister State relationship between Western Australia and the Zhejiang Province, the troupe are currently performing in Perth and regional centres showcasing an ancient culture, with a modern twist in a spectacular collage of dance, music and martial arts. The students were captivated by the skill on display and the colourful costumes of the performers.



From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

IPS review

Sincere thanks to all members of the school and community who participated in the West Leederville IPS review held this week. Mrs Kerry Usher and Mr John Latham spent two days speaking with myself, School Board chairs Cheryl Hughes and Barry Harvie, the administration team, teachers, P&C representatives, parents and students. They also spent significant time in all classrooms on the main school site.

The IPS review is a three yearly visit aimed at measuring our success against our latest business plan. The reviewers have left, well satisfied that the work being done at the school is very sound and share the belief that we all hold, that West Leederville Primary School is a fabulous school, with strong leadership across all areas and very sound academic programs.

Congratulations to all. We really do have a school we can all be very proud of.

A formal written report based on the commendations and recommendations will now be written and be publicly available after due process and viewing by the Director-General of Education, Sharyn O'Neill.

Classroom meetings

All classes have now held their initial classroom meetings for 2017 and by all accounts, these have been particularly well-received. It's great to see that so many parents were able to be involved and speak with the teachers. If you weren't able to make the meetings, please feel free to call or email to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

New building

Plans for our new build continue to progress and are on schedule. We will need to move a great many items out of the library, music and art rooms prior to the construction and will be asking for parent assistance with this mammoth task. Stay tuned for a 'shout out' for willing helpers. A new shed located next to the early childhood building has now been completely finished and provides us with much-needed extra storage space.

Interm swimming

Swimming lessons will conclude tomorrow for Years 3-6. The students have had two weeks of fun, gaining many new skills and working hard. We wish them well for passing their levels.

The annual Year 3-6 swimming carnival will take place on the morning of Wednesday, 22 March 2017 at Claremont pool. Please mark the date in your calendar.

Long Service Leave

I will take the rest of my accrued long service leave from week six through to the end of the term. Mr Michael McInerheney will step in as Acting Principal in my absence.

Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly

Term 1 Sport at WLPS

The students of West Leederville Primary School have been busy participating in a variety of sporting clinics and activities during Term 1.

Swimming Squad

Students from Years 3 to 6 have commenced before school swimming training at Beatty Park on a Friday morning. These sessions are run by Mr Bond and swimming coaches and ex-students, Poppy and Sally Gilfillan, who have kindly given up their free time to instruct the students in a series of swimming drills and techniques to prepare our school squad for the interschool swimming carnival. The Faction Swimming Carnival will be held at the Claremont Pool on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017. The Junior Swimming Fun will be held the following week, on Wednesday, 29th March.



Fitness Testing

The students from Years 1 to 6 have been participating in weekly fitness testing as part of our school's daily fitness program. The students complete a circuit of activities that include step ups, sit ups, push ups and skipping. Teachers test and record results and the children have the opportunity to achieve coloured fitness badges that indicate their personal level of fitness.

Uni-Active

Students from Pre-primary to Year 2 have the opportunity to participate in a before school fundamental movement skills program that is held every Wednesday morning and is facilitated by graduates and final year students from the School of Sport Science Exercise and Health at UWA.

The aim of this initiative is to improve children's movement skills to ensure that every child has the opportunity to enjoy and participate in sport and exercise.



Hockey Clinics

Over the past fortnight, students from Years 2 to 6 have been coached in the skills of hockey by members of the YMCC Hockey club, during their weekly PE lesson. The students participated in skills sessions and various minor games.



Tennis

The school tennis courts have been full of budding tennis players before and during school. Millman Tennis run before school coaching for interested students, while Mr Bond has been instructing the classes during their weekly PE lesson on the skills and rules of tennis. The courts are busy during every lunch and recess with children playing mini- singles and doubles matches.



From the P&C President

Congratulations to the Year 6 students and parents, for another successful disco on Sunday. The children got their groove on and had an amazing afternoon.

The P&C would like a volunteer or group of volunteers to help with an upcoming fundraising event planned for next term. If you may be interested could you contact the P&C secretary wlpspandcsec@gmail.com

P&C AGM

On the 21st March the P&C will hold their annual AGM. This is a time for all committee members to stand down and all roles will become available.

If you are a parent who would like to become more involved in helping further develop student resources available in our school or be a part of school community projects, then becoming a member of the P&C or even taking on a role, could be the job for you. Membership costs 10c and are available on the night.

This allows you to vote on committee and funding requests.

Below is an outline of the P&C roles and responsibilities.

President: Chair meetings and co-ordinate the committee.

Vice President: Deputise for president and tasks delegated by committee.

Secretary: Record, assemble and distribute minutes of committee meetings and correspondence.

Treasurer: Responsible for managing and recording finances and preparing accounts for auditing.

Fundraising Coordinator: Organise and co-ordinate all fundraising activities. Report financial details to Treasurer.

Fundraising committee: Liaise with fundraising coordinator.

Canteen Coordinator: Liaise with canteen manager and Canteen sub-committee on all aspects of canteen including menu, costs and employment details. Report financial details to Treasurer.

Uniform Shop Coordinator: Facilitate the ordering and sale of school uniform items. Report financial details to Treasurer.

Dad's Army Coordinator: Liaise with Principal and Dad's Army committee and assessing areas of physical school environment that need attention or improvement. Co-ordinate busy-bees if required.

Communications coordinator: coordinates and liaise with Principal and President information which will be distributed to class representatives via email.

General Committee member: Discuss issues and assist the committee when required.

*Andrew Bailey
WLPS P&C President*



Our newly laid lawn at the front of the school has regenerated and is ready for little feet.

Dates for your Diary

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

3 March

Interschool Cricket competition, Yr
5 & 6, Pat Goodridge Hockey
centre

6 March

Labour Day PH

8 March

Swimming Club, Beatty Park,
7.15am to 8.30am

9 March

Assembly: Year 4 Red, 2.15am

10 March

Swimming Club, Beatty Park,
7.15am to 8.30am

15 March

Swimming Club, Beatty Park,
7.15am to 8.30am

17 March

Swimming Club, Beatty Park,
7.15am to 8.30am

17 March

Student Councillors excursion,
Perth Convention Centre,

21 March

School Photo Day, PP to Yr 6

22 March

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22 March

Faction swimming carnival,
Claremont swimming pool,

24 April

Assembly: Year 6 Red, 2.15am

26 April

Term 2 commences for students

26 April

ANZAC ceremony, 9.30am,
undercover area

26 April

Matilda Musical excursion,
Burswood,

In-term swimming



Students from from the senior years enjoy their swimming lessons at Beatty Park this week

Last week the students from Years 3 to 6 commenced their annual in-term swimming lessons, with half the students travelling to Beatty Park Leisure Centre and the other half to Bold Park swimming pool. The Intern Swimming Program is a school based program offered to Pre-primary to Year 6 students. The program provides swimming lessons across the State to ensure students develop vital swimming and water safety skills.

The Department of Education meets the cost of instruction at Intern classes for all public primary students. The Intern Swimming Program is well supported by schools, with the uptake among public primary schools in the metropolitan area at almost 100%. The students from Pre-primary to Year 2 will have their in-term swimming lessons late in Term 4.

Further information about the Intern swimming program and the [awards and stages](#) is available at the following link: [Intern swimming](#)

School uniform

School dress requirements play an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and create a sense of identity among students.

It is expected that students at West Leederville Primary School will wear the school uniform as endorsed by the School Board.

This dress code applies for pre-primary students to Year 6. The uniform meets the guidelines of Sun Smart policies and is designed to be attractive and comfortable. The uniform details are available on our Uniform Policy which can be accessed at any time through our website: [Uniform Policy](#)

Parents are asked to check 'lost property' for missing items, in particular outer garments. It is expected that lost items will be replaced to ensure that students abide by the Uniform Policy. Uniforms can be ordered online at ouronlinecanteen.com.au or through our website: [uniforms](#)