



West Leederville Primary School

Let's Ride



Pictured above, students from Year 4 Red try their cycling skills out.

Last week the students from Year 3/4 and 4 Red took part in a national junior bicycle riding program designed by Cycling Australia called "Let's Ride". The program teaches children to ride safely by developing their knowledge, skills and confidence, focussing on bike control skills, so that they are given the techniques to enable them to ride more proficiently. Students who did not have their own bicycles were supplied with one to ride on the day, along with the loan of a helmet. There was a great deal of concentration and giggling as the students



took their turn to negotiate the course. Year 3/4 & 4 Red will continue this term and the remaining Year 3 & 4 students will take part in Terms 2 & 3.

Cycling Australia's junior riding program 'Let's Ride' has aligned with national curriculum.

From the Principal



Dear Parents,

Term 1 is flying by. Students are now well-settled into class routines. There are many upcoming events in our busy schedule including Sculpture by the Sea for many classes and school and class photos on the 21st and 22nd March. Our annual Year 3-6 swimming carnival will be held on the 22nd March, and the Water Fun Day for Years 1 & 2 will be held on the 29th March. Students are busy training for these events at our before-school swimming club which is run by Gavin Bond and Sally and Poppy Gilfillan. Our Year 6 leaders will attend 'Imagination', the National Young Leaders' Day conference at the Perth Convention Centre on the 17th March.

Last week our senior students very successfully represented the school in an interschool cricket competition. Our senior boys, 'West Leederville Thunder' won their section of the event.

Our Year 3 and 4 bike safety course with 'Let's Ride' commenced last week. Year 3-4 and 4 Red students are thoroughly enjoying their sessions. All students in these year levels will have the opportunity to participate over the course of this year, thanks to Sporting Schools Australia, Cycling Australia and the Town of Cambridge.

A group of parents recently met with Behaviour Tonics, Brad Williams, to discuss good digital citizenship and online behaviours at home. This was a robust discussion with many great ideas coming from it. Further information will come home via all class representatives for parents of students in years 4-6.

I attended a Principal's meeting with the Shenton Network of Schools yesterday to discuss future online NAPLAN testing that will commence for all schools in 2019. Extensive testing is already underway and 77 schools will sit online NAPLAN tests this year in WA in the May testing period. West Leederville Primary School will be involved in readiness activities designed to ensure success for all schools, during 2018. 2016 NAPLAN results have been posted to the Schools Online website at:

<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline/home.do>

At West Leederville Primary School our goal is to provide an environment where all students achieve success, reach their potential and develop essential skills in a creative, innovative and resourceful way through differentiated opportunities. Behind-the-scenes, classroom teachers are currently involved in IEP meetings; working with parents, guardians and many learning services agencies to differentiate the curriculum. These processes ensure the very best outcomes we can offer are delivered.

Interim reports will be coming home with all students from Pre-primary to Year 6 next Friday, 17th March. This short report gives a snapshot of your child at this time and enables teachers to communicate any of their concerns to you early. Formal reports for Semester 1 will be sent home in Week 9 Term 2.

A lack of clear labelling on clothes and lunch boxes/drink bottles continues to be a major problem. Please assist us in this area by ensuring that anything your child might leave behind or take off has their name clearly written on it. Only via this method can we ever hope to return items to their owners.

Warm regards,

Michael McInerheney

New Microscopes for WLPS



Pictured above & below, Dr Ken Collins and Mrs Di Collins present the magnifying microscopes at our last assembly.

In 2009, WA Chief Scientist Lyn Beazley had a vision for every primary school in Western Australia to have a set of Magnifying Microscopes.

The Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay, together with the Science Teachers' Association of Western Australia (STAWA) and the Water Corporation, is making that dream a reality. Over 18,000 Magnifying Microscopes have been donated to more than 600 schools in every state of Australia, plus schools in nearby countries in Asia and the Pacific, sponsored by in excess of 100 Rotary Clubs, plus corporations and individuals.

At our assembly last week, students from West Leederville Primary School were fortunate enough to be presented 30 microscopes, donated by Dr Ken and Mrs Di Collins, in support of the Freshwater Bay Rotary Club initiative. Dr & Mrs Collins are the grandparents of two of our students, Olivia and Sophia Fechner. The microscopes are valued at over \$450 and will greatly enhance the learning opportunities to our students in science classes for years to come.



Dates for your Diary

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

School Photo Day, PP to Yr 6

22 March

Faction swimming carnival, Claremont swimming pool,

23 March

Harmony Day

23 March

Assembly: Year 6 Red, 2.15am

24 March

Waterwise incursion, Year 1

29 March

Junior Water Fun day, Claremont Pool, Year 1 & 2

31 March

Constitutional Centre incursion, Yrs 4 to 6

4 April

Interschool Swimming Carnival, Claremont Pool, 9am

6 April

Assembly: Year 4 Blue, 2.15am

26 April

Term 2 commences for students

26 April

ANZAC ceremony, 9.30am, undercover area

26 April

Matilda Musical excursion, Burswood,

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

Super Choir Underway!



The WLPS Super Choir for 2017 warm up at their first rehearsal.

Congratulations to the selected 2017 West Leederville Super Choir members. It was terrific to see a huge amount of students from Years 5 and 6 audition this year. The select group of students will rehearse every Friday morning before school in the Music Room at 8am.

Super Choir members have signed a contract with an agreement to:

- *Attend all rehearsals and arrive on time (8am sharp)
- *Uphold the highest standard of behaviour at all times
- *Attend all performances
- *Do their best singing at all times

*Katie Samsa
Music Specialist*

Sculptures Under the Tree

West Leederville Primary School would like to host their first ever sculpture exhibition. The theme is Recycle and Reuse and will bring the students' learning of sustainability to life. Students and their family members will have a given period of time (including the holidays) to create their masterpiece. The exhibition will take place early in Term 2. We envisage the exhibition to be held in the early evening and drinks and food being made available for purchase by the wonderful P&C.

Students who are currently attending art classes have been focussing on sculpture, although Mrs Gorey will be hosting a sculpture workshop for all students during the term.

Some classes will have the opportunity to visit Sculpture by the Sea over the next few weeks, but why not use it as a great way for the family to gain inspiration:

Sculpture by the Sea, 3rd March to 20th March - Cottesloe
Sculpture at Bathers, 25th February to 12 March - Fremantle

Hope you will all support this fantastic creative learning opportunity.

*Sally Gorey
Art Specialist*

2017 Milo T20 Blast School Cup



Pictured left are the victorious WLPS Year 6 boys team who were overall champions of the 2017 Milo T20 Blast School cup with a member of the Western Warriors.

On Friday the 3rd March, Year 5 & 6 students from West Leederville Primary School participated in the 2017 MILO T20 Blast School Cup at Pat Goodridge Reserve in Jolimont. The carnival was organised by the WACA and involved students playing a series of limited over matches. Our 4 teams represented our school with distinction and displayed excellent teamwork, sportsmanship and cricketing skills. A special mention goes to the boys Year 6 West Leederville team who were undefeated throughout the day and overall champions of the competition.

STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Lucas Stavreski
George Langmead
Chloe Speirs
Winnie Devitt
Kai Watkins
Mia Madigan

Year 1

Jonathan Bansch
Marion Turner
Oliver Klobas
Josephine Constantine
Eliza Dawson
Benjamin Love

Year 2

Levi Stubbs
Shruti Pudipeddi
Alaeddin Alhussain

Jaime McDonald
William Overmeire
Guia Mallarini
Georgia King
Mia Clark

Year 3

Keira Warren
Ryan Arun Jose
Jack Smitheringale
Manuela D'Addona
Katrina Yang

Year 4

James McDonnell
Grace Anderson
Asher Payne
Joshua Maxwell
Morgane Flynn

Year 5

Asher Aylmore
Ruby Daby
Lucas Hughes
Charlie Lane

Year 6

Jamie Coats
Nicola Archibald
Chloe Gates
Freja Salt

Congratulations to our Star Students.



Pancake Day...Shrove Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday is known as Pancake Day in Australia. It is the last day before Lent for many Christians. Many Australians make and share pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and it was no different at WLPS when the students from Ms Hawson's Year 3 class and all of the Pre-primary classes took the opportunity to make some delicious pancakes. The students read the recipe, measured and mixed the ingredients and finally flipped their pancakes before eating them with maple syrup and lemon juice, or in the case of Pre-primary, strawberries and honey.

A big thank you to the parents who gave up their time to assist us on the day and provided local lemons and eggs.



They
were very
tasty.



We made
pikelets. They
were yummy.



They tasted
good because
they had honey
on them.

They
tasted a lot
like honey.



Canteen News



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Beef sausage in a
wholemeal roll with a
Nudie juice

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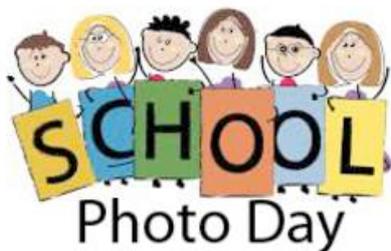
Save the date and put it in your diaries! Relax in the morning and let the friendly staff in the canteen look after your children's lunch.

Monday 13th March we will have a SAUSAGE SIZZLE!! Please get orders in by 9am Friday, 10th March. Go to ouronlinecanteen.com.au. Please see the canteen for any special dietary requirements.

Don't miss out on future specials by going to the West Leederville Primary P&C Facebook page and selecting Like. Why not click on "Liked" and choose "See First" to make sure you don't miss it amongst the spam. You probably have your phone in your hand right now!!



School Photo day



School Photo day is approaching! Fotomakers WA will be visiting West Leederville Primary School on 21st March and 22nd March 2017. Every student will be sent home with an information letter prior to the photo day. Year 3 to 6 students will be photographed on Tuesday, along with sibling photos where possible.

All students must be dressed in full blue school uniform on photo days.

Fotomakers WA prefer you to view your images before making a decision on what to purchase. This means you will NOT need to fill in a prepaid envelope prior to photo day. All students will be photographed and once the school has given us the green light (names spelt correctly etc.) each student will be given details on how to log in to our secure website to view and purchase their portraits and group photographs.

Sibling portraits will also be available – a request form for a sibling photo is included on the information letter that your child will bring home prior to the photo days. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to admin@fotomakerswa.com.au or tel: 1300 876 920.

School Based Accounts

As we have several excursions, incursions and sporting events approaching which support and enrich the education program we offer at West Leederville Primary School, now may be a good time for parents to consider topping up their child's/ children's school based accounts. We are able to offer the facility to **pay in advance** for future excursions and costs which occur throughout the year. Through **EFTPOS, direct deposit, Visa or cash** you can deposit an amount into your child's account. This money will be held in your child's name and each time your child participates in an activity the cost will be deducted from your child's account.

Payment can be made in the following ways:

1. Cash/ Eftpos at the front office in the Administration building. (No change will be given. A credit will appear on your
2. Via Direct Bank Deposit
Name: West Leederville Primary School
BSB: 036 044
Account No: 123672
(use child's name & unallocated as reference).
3. Visa payment by telephone- please telephone Registrar, Mrs Janelle Cosentino on 9381 1655 or call in at the office. statement).

When wishing to make payments from your child's school based account, please ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover the costs.

Early days at Kindergarten



Pictured on the verandah playing with trucks are Eamon, Edward, Maximus and Henry; top right, Felix and Rohum enjoy water play, and below right, Harry and Jett playing with the tool kits.

Joining our student ranks for their very first experience of school life are 76 new kindergarten students. Located at our Lake Monger kindergarten site, the students have settled into the routine quickly, gently guided by our very experienced teachers Mrs Natalie Terry and Mrs Sue Wilson. The students are in for a treat over the next two weeks when they will experience watching chicks hatch during their Living Eggs incursion.

Healthy eating - Tips for Parents

Go shopping with your children and allow them to choose the healthy foods that they enjoy eating. For example, ask children to choose some of the fruit and vegetables.

Shop twice a week - fresher fruits, vegetables, breads and meats are more likely to appeal to the whole family.

Buy in season - seasonal fruits and vegetables taste great, are better quality and are better value for money.

Select small pieces of fruit - younger children prefer smaller pieces of fruit as they are easier to handle.

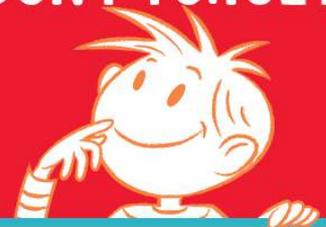
Choose quality - try to avoid bruised fruit or vegetables.

Encourage variety - so that your child does not get bored with their food.

Ten tips for parents

1. Give children a variety of different foods
2. Offer nutritious snacks, like fruit, yoghurt, crackers and cheese
3. Encourage your child to eat breakfast
4. Ensure that the family eats together at least once a day
5. Pack your child's lunch at home. Let your child help.
6. If your child refuses a new food, don't make a fuss. Try again several times.
7. Listen when your child tells you they are full.
8. When your child is thirsty, encourage them to drink water.
9. Allow your children to help with planning and preparing healthy meals.
10. Plan physical activities for your family.

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club

orders are due:

FRIDAY, 17th March

Performing Arts Program Information Night

Prospective parents of budding artists and performers will have a chance to gain some information on Mount Lawley Senior High School's Specialist Visual & Performing Arts Program on the 14th of March 2017.

Details of course content, extra curricular and professional opportunities will be addressed, as with our structure and ethos.

Information on the application process will be discussed as well.

After the presentation you will get a chance to have a chat with the arts teachers.

It will be held at **7pm** in the school's **Tricycle Theatre** and run until about 8.30-9:00pm.

Meet our Recycling Mascot, Reece

Today, a very special guest visited our students at assembly. Reece, our recycling mascot, (otherwise known as Taro from Year 6) came to 'talk' to the students about our recycling bins and the sorts of items than can, and cannot, be recycled. Nicola and Harry, our Ministers for the Environment, are very much looking forward to having Reece's help to effectively run the school's recycling program. Reece will be making visits to classrooms soon to see what sorts of things they have been recycling, and to point out ways in which they can improve.

The Student Councillors send out a ginormous thank you to the P&C for their generosity and support in the purchase of Reece. He will be well-utilised and loved by all of our students, and we are sure he will be able to help us improve our school's sustainability.



Pictured right, Nicola and Harry unveil recycling mascot Reece and left, Reece's alter ego, Taro.



Waterwise and Wastewise

Did you know that our school is Waterwise and Wastewise???

Our school collects a variety of items for recycling, including batteries, corks, glass, plastic and cardboard.

Batteries are the most common hazardous waste disposed of by Australian households-with 97% ending up in the general waste bin. Batteries contain many toxic chemicals and should not be placed in your regular rubbish bins.

In our school library, there is a container for you to place your old batteries. The types of batteries accepted include AA and AAA cells, C and D, button batteries, 9V batteries and 6 V torch and lantern batteries.

Recycling batteries reduces the volume going into landfill.

So Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.



The Thinkuknow Website

ThinkUKnow is a free, evidence-based cyber safety program that provides accessible cyber safety education to parents, carers and teachers through schools and organisations across Australia. There are some great resources available for parents. This week we feature a Fact sheet on the Minecraft video game.



Fact sheet

MINECRAFT (For parents)

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MINECRAFT

What is Minecraft?

Minecraft is a video game where players are given a 3D world to create and adapt as they see fit. It is popular with primary school-aged children, but is played by millions of people of all ages from all over the world. It's like a huge virtual sandbox in which players use a variety of tools to gather resources

from the environment and use them to build structures and craft tools. Players can create weapons and armour to fight monsters and interact with other players.



What devices can Minecraft be played on?

The original version of Minecraft is available for Windows, Mac, and Linux computers. A console version

is available on the PS3, PS4, PS Vita, Xbox 360, and Xbox One. There is a condensed 'pocket edition' of Minecraft for phones and tablets running Android, iOS and Windows Phone.

How do children interact with other players?

Players can interact with other players in several ways when playing Minecraft. While you can play offline and play on your own, players can also join small private servers where a group of friends play cooperatively online, or huge servers with thousands of players from all over the world.

To play Minecraft you need a username, and players select their own username to identify them in the game. If you want to restrict your interaction with others, it's important players know their friends' usernames, and vice versa, so they know who they are playing against.

What are the benefits of playing Minecraft?

When played alone, Minecraft is a game that enhances creativity and

problem-solving skills. It can help children with their reading, writing, maths, and basic geometry. Played online with others, it can encourage teamwork and improve social skills.

What are the potential problems with Minecraft?

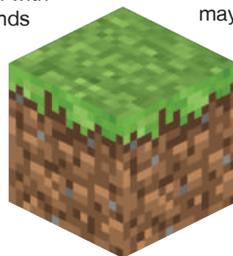
As with any online environment, children playing Minecraft online may be exposed to undesirable content or malicious individuals. Players can message each other privately or participate in a public chat with all other players connected to the same server. (A server is like a 'room' in which the game is played in, so only the people allowed into the room can play and everyone within that room can see what everyone else is doing.)

Bullying, swearing and rudeness are not uncommon in online gaming and, because servers in Minecraft can be hosted by anyone, there's no guarantee that server administrators will moderate the chat or stop negative behaviour when a complaint is made. Online gaming may also be an environment in which young people are exposed to inappropriate content or unwanted contact from adults for exploitative purposes.

Can I restrict who my child plays Minecraft with?

If your child plays on a server administered by someone you don't know, then you have no control over who your child plays with. Some servers may have hundreds or even thousands of players on them.

If your child wants to play online with their friends we recommend they play on a server administered by a trusted adult, such as a parent. Whitelisting mode (where only players on the approved list, the 'whitelist', can access the server)





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should be turned on and configured to ensure that only your child and their friends are provided with access to the server that they play on.

Advice on how to configure a private server, or how to purchase hosting through a third-party, can be found at minecraft.net.

Disabling the chat function

Chat can be disabled in multiplayer mode by selecting [Options > Multiplayer Settings](#) and clicking on the chat button to toggle it between 'Shown', 'Hidden', and 'Commands Only'.

By setting the chat function to hidden, your child will not be able to see private messages or the public chat.

Disabling multiplayer mode

In single player mode, a user does not interact with other users of the game; however, you can still access the multiplayer mode and enable online play with others. The ability to access this multiplayer mode cannot be disabled.

Downloading 'mods'

Mods are user-created files which modify the game by adding new features or changing existing features. Mods are not inherently dangerous; however some malicious users attach viruses and other malware to the mod files they post online. If your child wants to download mods for Minecraft, we recommend that they only download them from reputable websites and that the files are scanned by up-to-date anti-virus software.

What can I do if another player is harassing my child?

Server administrators are able to control which players are given access to multiplayer servers. You should contact the server administrator for the specific server that your child plays on and report the abuse to them. However, it is up to the server administrator to determine what action should be

taken. While some servers have strict rules and codes of conduct for players, others may operate with no rules.

If you are unhappy at the response from the administrator you should consider having your child move to another server with more strictly enforced rules, or hosting your own server for your child and their friends to play on privately.

More information

The Minecraft website (minecraft.net) contains further information on the game and links to further resources.



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