



West Leederville Primary School

Our Music Stars Shine



Olive and Harry, both from Year 6, lead the WLPS Ensemble at the recent Music assembly.

West Leederville Primary School has a long tradition of a strong music program and last week, the Music assembly provided a chance for the very talented students involved in the SIM strings program, the ensemble and the Superchoir to perform for their parents, the staff and the students. Students are selected to learn violin and viola in Year 3 and cello in Year 4 following aptitude testing. Competition is high and those students who are selected make the commitment to attend their small group music lessons every week and practise in between. Once deemed proficient on their instruments, the students are invited to join the WLPS Ensemble, which rehearses every week and plays at official WLPS events.

The WLPS Superchoir is an auditioned choir which is coordinated by our music teacher Miss Katie Samsa and also rehearsed each week. The assembly showcased the wonderful talent of our students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all of those in attendance.

Congratulations to our music students who performed beautifully in the music assembly



From left, Grace, Hannah and Sienna warm up their cellos, and above, members of the Superchoir during their performance.

From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

Term 3 ends tomorrow and we hope you have a terrific two weeks with your children.

Looking back over the last ten weeks, it has been a very busy time. A huge amount of learning has been done and many milestones achieved. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for the work they've done this term, sometimes in quite cramped conditions, to provide the very best education we can for your children.

There have been many excursions, incursions, carnivals and special events. All students have enjoyed these activities both within and outside their traditional classroom experiences. I sincerely thank all of the staff of their organisation of these events, our parent helpers for their valuable

assistance in helping transport equipment and for their assistance with supervision of students and our students for their eager and willing participation. The fine behaviour, sportsmanship and attitude of our West Leederville students has been remarked upon to both staff and myself while we've been out and in attendance at events and we're proud to work with such great young people.

A couple of highlights for many students this week have been the Massed Choir Festival at Perth Concert Hall and the annual interschool athletics carnival held at Churchlands Primary School. A lot of extra time has been put in to preparation of the students for these events. Special thanks to Katie Samsa and Nic Savotovic for the Super Choir and to Ali Cook and Lisa Wade for the preparation of our inter-school athletics team. Our students did an outstanding job at both events.

We have some farewells to make at this time. Our Saudi teachers head home after a term in our school, where they have shadowed our staff and worked with our students. We wish them all the very best as they go. I know they will take back many memories with them.

Ms Yan, who has been ably assisting Linda Williams with the Mandarin LOTE program will return to China, after a year in Australia. Again, I know she will return home with many memories of her time.

Willow Wilkinson-Knight, one of our hard-working education assistants, who has worked with our junior primary students for three years, finishes up with us this week. We wish Willow all the very best for her future.

In week two of our holidays, we'll take possession of our new building. The teachers are looking forward to being in their new rooms for the whole of Term 4. The classes that will be in the new building will be the two Year 6 and two Year 5 classes.

Camp Australia Before and After School Care will move to be located in Room 6 from next term. Camp Australia organisers will keep parents posted as to exact dates for this change.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school for a very busy Term 4, on Tuesday, 10th October. Staff will have professional learning on Monday 9th of October.

Happy holidays!

Regards,

Michael McInerheney

HASS-PALS Assembly



Pictured above, Alkere and Rocco present their items at the PALS assembly.

Last Thursday, the 14th September a special assembly was held to highlight the culture of our Indigenous people, the Aboriginals. This formed part of our school's annual PALS (Partnership, Acceptance, Learning, Sharing) project that is funded through the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. All students from PP to Year 6 were keen to be involved in some way, shape or form. After the 'Welcome to Country' the assembly began with a colourful interpretation of the Dreaming story, The Rainbow Serpent by Year 3 Blue. Year 4 students shared information about the 6 seasons on the Noongar calendar, while Year 5 students highlighted the achievements of significant Aboriginal people; politician Neville Bonner and well-known Indigenous artist Emily Kame Ngwarreye. Year 2 and Year 2/3 students showed the audience a number of interesting artefacts including tapping sticks, a kangaroo skin and coolamon. Another Dreaming story, When the Snake Bites the Sun was retold with words and pictures by Year 3 Red. We were also entertained with several clever rhyming poems about Aboriginal sportspeople written by some of the Year 6 students. Some younger students, from Year 1, performed a creative dance about groups of brolgas joining together to demonstrate a visual representation of how multiplication works. All classes contributed to the colourful artworks that formed the backdrop for our PALS assembly. The assembly was interactive, engaging and enjoyed by students, teachers, parents and members of the wider community.

Von Murphy - PALS Coordinator



Dates for your Diary

21 September

Assembly, Year 1 White, 2.15pm

22 September

Wear your footy colours day. Last day of Term 3-\$2 donation

29 September

Spring Show, WLPS, 10am to 3pm, Come and enjoy the fun.

9 October

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY, students do not attend school.

10 October

Students commence Term 4, 2017.

12 October

Graduation photo, Year 6 students, 9am.

12 October

Assembly, Year 5 Blue, 2.15pm

20 October

Close off date for free delivery for stationery list orders placed with Campion.

26 October

Assembly, Year 1 Red, 2.15pm

1 November

Kindergarten 2018 parent meeting, school hall, 1.30pm.

8 & 15 November

Kindergarten 2018 students may visit the Dodd Street site between the hours of 9am and 12pm.

9 November

Assembly, Year 3 Blue, 2.15pm

15 November

Pre-primary 2018 parent meeting, School hall, 9am

22 & 29 November

Kindergarten to Pre-primary (2018) orientation, 8.55 to 10.20am. WLPS PP classrooms.

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

Shenton Park Dog's Refuge



The students from the Baker, de Vries, Brown and Howat families went along to the refuge to present the donations recently.

Early this term, the students from Pre-primary White and Year 6 Red received a visit from a dog from the Shenton Park dog's refuge and one of the handlers. The students learned how to safely approach a dog and to read some of their behavioural body language. Following up on this visit, on the 30 August 2017 a small group of students ranging from pre-primary to year 4 attended the refuge. The purpose for the visit was to drop off large donation from the families of West Leederville primary students. Items included: dog food, toys, towels, leads and some cash donations. Thank you to the parents, students and teachers that came along to the dog refuge to present the donation. A special mention to Year 6 Red student, Phoebe Raby for her efforts in organising the donation.

Jessica is Sharp Shooter



WLPS students are continuing to achieve success in extra-curricular areas. Year 6 student Jessica recently won the Perth Netball Association's year 5/6 goal shooting competition out of 117 competitors. Jessica's shooting percentage was 9/10 goals. Jessica continued on this great achievement from another of our WLPS students, Hannah Roxby who won the shield last year. Congratulations Jessica!

W.A. School Massed Choir Festival 2017



Nicola from Year 6, mid performance during her solo at the Massed Choir Festival at the Concert Hall on Monday.

soloist. They did an incredible job representing West Leederville, well done from all of us!

Super Choir rehearsals will resume next term, when we return to the music room; I will inform students when the first rehearsal will take place. In the meantime, I'm onto planning the Christmas Concert!!

Katie Samsa, Music teacher

STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Aesha Kilshreshtha
Leah Choi
William Earley
Phoenix Ravine
Tanishka Chaudhary

Year 1

Dylan Samanta
James Sommerfield
Harry Smitheringale
Andrea Joice
Eliza Dawson
Lorenzo Tomosoni

Year 2

Kalani Nagashima
Elena Casas Huelin
Mika de Glanville

Molly Baker
Isabelle Devenish-Hooper
Isabel Greenwood

Year 3

Ethan Parker
Will Stevenson
Jack Smitheringale
Luna Hoshino
Titan Tran
Gabriel Williams
Riley Pawlowsch
Ruby Bellantoni

Year 4

Jasper Overmeire
Hani Alhussain
Jasper Lindsay
Madison Ward

Year 5

Jack Wood
Joelle Yap
Ewan Williams
Owen Simpson

Year 6

Jessica Ward
Nicola Archibald
Taro Fradd
Elektra Coker-West

Congratulations to our Star Students.



Congratulations to the Super Choir for the most sensational performance last Monday night at the Perth Concert Hall. They sang beautifully, looked amazing, and their behaviour was outstanding. Each and every one of them played a vital part in the success of the evening.

A special congratulations goes to Harry Hopwood who compared the concert, and Nicola Archibald who featured as a lead

The Spotlight on Pre-primary

Outdoor Classroom Day

On Thursday, 7th September, Pre-primary White and Blue participated in Outdoor Classroom Day. Outdoor Classroom Day is a global campaign to celebrate and promote learning outdoors. We took the opportunity to combine our classes and complete a STEM project based around water flow. During this project, the children worked in teams to design and build a water channel to get water from one point to another. They children had so much fun spending the entire day outside learning new skills.

Jemma Burkin and Amy Ferreira, Teacher Prac students



Artistic parents

A group of artistic parents in Pre-primary Red planned a special art project with the students. For three weeks the parents provided numerous activities for the students to participate in. The activities involved still life drawing, making a memory book, decorating a class flag, making flowers and birds using recyclable materials, a memory mobile, constructing a class cave for the home corner using egg cartons, learning how to tie shoe laces by decorating cardboard shoes and threading laces and making a scarecrow friend for our resident scarecrow "Bob". The participation of the pre-primary parents Narelle, Mica, Sherilyn, Yani, Pam and Kat has been greatly appreciated. It is a bonus that parents with a particular expertise are willing to share their talents for the benefit of others.

Julie Ballantine, Pre-primary Red teacher



[International Food Day](#)

On Friday, 15th of September, Pre-primary White and Pre-primary Blue held an International Food Day. Throughout the term we have been learning about our place in the world and sharing our knowledge of different countries and places with each other. As a celebration of our cultural diversity, we prepared and cooked cuisines from all over the world and enjoyed sharing and trying new foods. We had some wonderful parent helpers who helped run the cooking stations on the day and even dressed up in traditional cultural dress!

Jemma Burkin and Amy Ferreira, Teacher Prac students



[Messy Mud Day](#)



The challenge was on last Tuesday for the students in Pre-primary to go against the norm and cover themselves in mud. Messy Mud Day was an incursion with a difference which provided an opportunity for students to engage in a fun play activity, allowing themselves to get really dirty. The special mud provides a sensory treat allowing the students freedom to make a mess, which can be quite a challenge for some and yet a very important part of childhood development. After a few initial glances towards their teachers for reassurance, the mud was embraced by the Pre-primary students and laughter ensued.



Birds of Prey



The students from Year 2 Red and Blue were afforded a unique opportunity last week to observe, touch and hold predatory birds. The birds from the Western Australian Birds of Prey Centre included an eagle, a falcon and a barn owl. The centre has been rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing back into the wild, birds of prey since 2000. The handler explained to the students how to identify birds of prey, their diet and where they can be found in Australia. The



students also gained insight into how unique these birds are, what role they play in our environment and how susceptible they are to human activity.

2018 SIM Aptitude Testing

Early next term I will be conducting the violin, viola and cello testing during music lessons. It is vital you discuss the desire to learn one of these instruments with your child, as placements are strictly limited. Your child MUST be 100% keen to learn the instrument, as it is a challenge, and consistent practice is expected. Once a child is accepted into the SIM program, they are expected to follow through to the end of Year 6. If a child exits the program for whatever reason, they are NOT replaced. It's a program where that same group of students start the instrument together, and go through each year together. It's a wonderful opportunity and a privilege to be selected.

For Year 3 (2018) there are:

- 4 x viola places
- 4 x violin places

For Year 4 (2018) there are:

- 3 x cello places

Enjoy a well deserved holiday break, and thank you for your support with our music program!

Katie Samsa, Music teacher

Caversham Wildlife Park

The country and city collided for the students from Year 2/3 and Year 2 White when they boarded a bus and travelled out to Caversham Wildlife Park last Monday. Apart from meeting a wombat, koalas, snakes, possums, birds and feeding the kangaroos, a highlight for the students was the farm show. The show included watching sheep shearing, cracking a stock whip, milking a cow, bottle feeding a lamb, meeting a stockman on horseback, swinging a billy, watching sheep dogs mustering the sheep-all the excitement of a true blue Aussie Farm!

