



West Leederville Primary School

Student Leaders 2018



Pictured above, our new student leaders for 2018.

West Leederville Primary School aims to create opportunities for student leadership and service to the school community. Students in their final year are given the opportunity to demonstrate and develop responsibility through leadership opportunities including School Councillors, Faction Captains and Literacy Leaders. School and House captains play an active role in our school community acting as ambassadors and undertaking leadership responsibilities. All students from Year 6 were eligible to nominate as candidates for the leadership positions. Students were identified through a selection process where all candidates prepared and delivered a presentation highlighting their individual qualities. Following the election, eight students were elected into the Student Council, two captains for each faction and six Literacy Leaders. There are many current Year 5 students who, during their years at school, have shown qualities which indicate they can contribute to the school in terms of leadership and the voting process was not an easy one.

Congratulations to the following students who were successfully elected to leadership positions:

Student Council

Asher Aylmore
Olivia Butler
Charlie Dawson
Sean Flynn
Shardul Inamdar
Aisling Knowles
Katie Owen
Lara Zein

Literacy leaders

Ruby Cash
Giorgina Pitchen
Archer Smith
Ewan Williams
Caryn Yaba

Faction Captains

Cambridge: Owen Simpson & Mia Marr
Northwood: Emilie Stevens & Oscar Roxby
Kimberley: Harry Saunders & Jessica McDonald
Woolwich: Indianna Casement & Will Duplock

From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

Please note the following important dates in the last weeks of school.

- Friday 8th December. Semester 2 reports come home with students. Any second reports will be posted home Monday 11th of December.

- Tuesday 12th of December. Year 6 Graduation. Assembly for graduates and families in the school hall at 9.30 AM.

- Wednesday 13th of December carols evening. 6-7:30 PM in the amphitheatre.
- Thursday 14th of December. Book award assembly. 9 AM in the undercover area.
- Thursday 14th of December. Last day for students.
- Friday 15th of December. Last day for staff.
- School will resume for students on Wednesday 31 January 2018. All staff will be on-site from 29 January 2018.

Thanks to the parents of upcoming 2018 Year 4 students who were able to attend one of three meetings held recently around our BYO iPad initiative. All students in Years 4 to 6 from 2018 are invited to bring their own iPad to school each day. Much of the curriculum lends itself to the use of digital learning and through the use of iPads and related technologies, teachers are better able to address these areas. Staff and students outlined some of the innovative ways that iPads are currently used. An excellent discussion took place in each meeting around the new Digital Technologies curriculum and the school's current and future engagement with it. Sessions on iPad use, cyber issues and curriculum are being planned for 2018.

Attached to today's newsletter is a new publication from the Department of Education, titled "Exploring STEM at Home: Kindergarten to Year 2". This document outlines opportunities for children to learn about STEM, engaging in science, technology, engineering and mathematics activities with you. Enjoy it with your children.

The final P&C meeting for the year was held on Tuesday evening. The P&C approved over \$40,000 spending on curriculum areas for 2018. This is a huge investment in our students. I would like to personally thank the whole P&C for their hard work throughout the year, especially Julie Metcalf in her first year as president and those members who have taken on committee and/or executive roles. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Students are coping very well with the restrictions to the front lawn area. Games are being modified in the playground and I've been very impressed with the innovative use of space the children are demonstrating during the work. Our Moreton Bay Fig Tree has had its maintenance completed and all barriers have been removed. The tree has been carefully pruned and a bracing system is now installed within its canopy. Thank you to all families for their cooperation with restrictions around site access to the school as maintenance and works take place. Any restrictions for the safety of all of our community.

Warm regards,

Michael McInerheney

Dates for your Diary

4 December

Surfing Clinic, Trigg beach, Yrs 4,5 & 6

4 December to 14 December

Interm swimming, PP, Beatty Park

4 December

Excursion- Spare Puppets Theatre, Year 3 Blue, 3 Red and 3/4

6 December

Camp-Zoo snooze, Year 5 Blue, 4.30pm. Returning 11.30am next day

7 December

Assembly, Year 2 Red, 2.15pm

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8 December

AQWA excursion, Year 1, 10am to 2.30pm

12 December

Graduation ceremony, Year 6, 9.30am, School Hall.

12 December

Year 6 Graduation excursion

13 December

Christmas Concert, 6pm start, School amphitheatre, K to

14 December

Book Awards assembly, 9am, undercover area.

14 December

Last day of 2017 school year.

15 December

2018 class lists emailed to parents.

24 January

School office re-opens for the 2018 year.

29 January & 30 January

Uniform shop opens in heritage building between 10am and 12pm.

31 January

2018 school year commences for students.

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

WLPS Surfing



Pictured above, from left, Will, Lenny, Perry and Sean.

On offer for our senior students in Term 4 each year, are before school surfing lessons. Now in its third year, the surfing program is greatly anticipated and places fill up fast. The lessons, held on Monday mornings, are supervised by School of Surfing instructors and Phys Ed teacher Ms Ali Cook at Trigg Beach. Thirty-five lucky students from Years 5 & 6 rise early to travel to the beach to try their luck with the waves before school. Thank you to the parents who have supported their children in this program.

GATE Applications Open

Applications for the Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs for Year 5 students currently in 2017, who are going into Year 7 in 2019, are now open. The tests are designed specifically for GATE programs and work to identify those students most suited. Tests are designed to identify potential, rather than acquired knowledge, and as such the Department of Education does not endorse any training or preparation prior to the test.

Applications for these highly regarded academic, arts and languages programs close on 11 February 2018. [Resources and additional information](#) are available to assist with informing parents about the application process.

In lodging an application, parents acknowledge that they have read and accept the [Applicant Guidelines](#) and [Key Dates and Timelines](#) for the 2018 testing schedule.

Constable Care Safety School

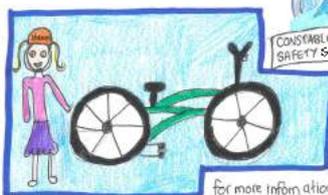


Year 4 students navigate a crossroad with a give way sign.

The Year 3 Red and 4 Red classes recently visited the newly opened Constable Care Safety School in Maylands. The Constable Care Safety School is a purpose-built classroom complex and a realistic layout of Perth's streets that provides students with a hands-on opportunity to learn vital pedestrian, bike and public transport travel safety skills. The site includes working rail crossings, pedestrian crossings, a rail pedestrian maze, a school zone, scale buildings, a bus stop, train station and even functioning traffic lights that can sense approaching riders. Students learn on real roads, footpaths and bike paths, navigating the Safety School as both cyclists and pedestrians. The students thoroughly enjoyed their excursion building on their pedestrian, bike and public transport travel safety skills.



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Care Safety School



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That's right



We make sure that everyone
has fun riding around and
practicing with real traffic
lights, stop signs, zebra
crossings, and teach kids about
important road rules to make
the world a better place!

On Monday the 20th November, year 3 and year 4 Red went to Constable Care Safety school from 9.00 to 12.30. When we arrived we went into a small room with a big TV and met a lady called Prue and a man called Dean. They told us all the rules and where everything was. Then the year fours went on iPads that were programmed by the group parent and solved problems and learnt what to do near the road. Then in our groups we talked about how to solve these problems if it happened to us. Later in the day after recess the year fours had a go at riding a bike around obstacles eg. railway, red lights, round-a-bouts. It was so much fun. some children nearly got stuck when the railway closed. I loved Constable Care Safety school. They taught me so much knowledge, so that now I will be a safe pedestrian around the roads. I hope to go again soon and learn more knowledge about riding near the road and being a pedestrian.

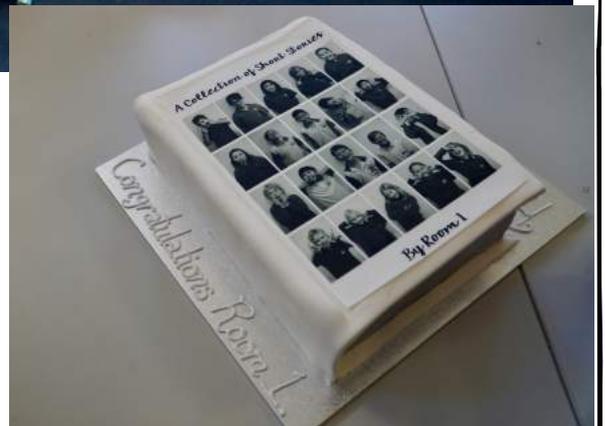
By Charlize, Year 4 Red

Budding Authors



Pictured above, the Year 3/4 class with their book held by Alkere.

In Term 1, Room 1 studied the importance of character development, setting, descriptive language and structure when writing narratives. The children put their skills into practice by writing a short story with the goal of publishing the collection of stories in a book. The motivation of publishing created purpose for the children when writing their stories and resulted in a lot of hype and excitement in the classroom. The stories took a long time to compile, edit, format and print but finally the book has been published! This week, the students invited their parents into the classroom for the book launch. They took turns to give a brief synopsis of their contribution to the book. Class parent Mrs Felicity Cresp created a wonderful cake depicting the front cover of the book for the occasion.



Constructing a Tent in the Classroom



Pre-primary Red students have been very fortunate to have a number of artistic parents in their class who have organised periodic art tabloid sessions throughout the year. Most recently the students constructed a tent, with 'egg carton bricks' for the walls. The scarecrow in the garden has also been revamped.



Music Room News!

We had the pleasure of local resident Peter Clark tuning our beautiful school piano for free this week. Should you need your piano tuned, Peter tunes pianos at homes and schools full-time so please call him on 0417927594 or see Miss Samsa. Thank you Peter for making our piano sound like new again!

2017 CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

The Christmas Concert is nearly here! All classes will be performing a Christmas song on WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, @ 6pm in the school amphitheatre.

ALL STUDENTS are to assemble in their classrooms at 5.30pm so their class teacher can organise them into their rows. Students will be seated by 5.50pm, with the concert starting at 6pm.

Kindergarten students will begin on stage as they are the first item of the night, therefore the Kindergarten students are requested to go straight to the stage area at 5.50pm for Mrs Wilson and Mrs Terry to place them in order.

You are welcome to bring a picnic, but if you need chairs, only place them at the top of the amphitheatre on the brick pavement areas. Space is restricted so please be mindful of others when setting up your picnic area! Happy singing,

Miss Samsa
Music Specialist



Students Mollie and Zara enjoy the newly tuned piano!



Wednesday
13 December 2017
6pm
School Amphitheatre



STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Sasha Lim
Lucas Straveski
Realtin Melia
Judah Koh
Indee Marr
Bastian Cianci

Year 1

Stanley Guntrip
Maxim Bull
Madeleine Sharratt
Dylan Rollins

Year 2

Yizen Ng
Cohen Dunning
Elise Di Lollo

Ray Brodie-Hall
Indigo Caudo
Luka Farish Luhan

Year 3

Thea Mandin
Zara Stevens
Juan Linares Cano
Clancy Choo

Year 4

Jack Pether
Castel Brandli
Eva Brodie-Hall
Grace Anderson
Catherine Imison
Darcy Finch

Year 5

Juliette Mandin
Owen Soucie
Miles Gaspar
Fletcher Stephenson

Year 6

Tom Butler

Congratulations to our Star Students.



School Board

2017 has been another eventful year for our school - presenting a very well-received IPS Review in February (the next one will be in 2020), spending months in building-site limbo with some beautiful new classrooms now in place, several wonderful P&C events that raised significant funds for the school and not to forget the many small things done by a huge number of staff and family members that help the school and our students thrive and excel.

This year has been equally jam-packed for the School Board. To recap what we've been up to:

- Review and discussion of 2017 Annual Report;
- Reviewing school policies, including:
 - Uniform Policy (amended to be more gender neutral)
 - Class Placement Policy
 - Homework Policy
- Close monitoring of the classroom build through frustrating delays and ultimately, to a highly utilised building;
- Discussion of use of space at WLPS and circulation of Playground Survey with a view to maximising the space available;
- Review and discussion of the proposed 2018-2020 Business Plan - A twenty page aspiration document with the goal of Delivering Educational Excellence and helping each child reach their full potential;
- Reviewing NAPLAN results and outcomes;
- Reviewing and monitoring school expenditure and budget; and
- Keeping on top of the Town of Cambridge planning strategy

A huge amount of work is put into ensuring the School Board provides an effective strategic oversight of the school environment. These are the people behind all this essential) school oversight work:

- Andrew Porter, Julie Watson, Mark Etherington, Ryan Hathrill and Tahnee Davies (Parent members who are there to represent the families of WLPS);
- Fiona Kelly, Michael McInerheney, Shelley Hollett, Nic Savatovic and Nicole Addison (Staff members who are there to represent the teaching staff of WLPS); and
- Barry Harvie (Community member who is co-opted to represent the interests of the community).
- Not to forget Robyn Gilfillan who provides invaluable secretarial assistance

Next year, the use of outdoor space, finding the right technology balance and local community planning will continue to be topics of interest to the Board. All board meetings (there are eight each year, two each term) are open meetings (unless otherwise stated) and you are all welcome to attend and observe these meetings. Please also feel free to contact any member of the board if you have any concerns, queries, comments or suggestions regarding the strategy and direction of our school.

On behalf of the School Board, I would like to thank the school staff for their commitment to helping each child achieve their potential, the parents for their great support of their children's education and to the students for their inspiring enthusiasm for learning. We extend our very warm wishes to all the families and staff of West Leederville for a happy end to 2017 and we look forward to another vigorous year of Board review and discussion in 2018.

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