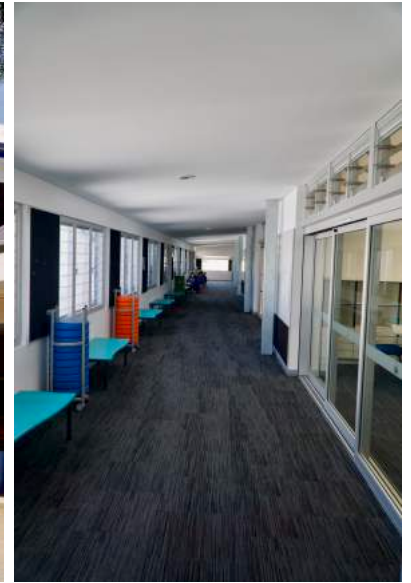




WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

Upper Primary Learning Centre



Our new classrooms in the Upper Primary Learning Centre are in full use and the students from Years 5 and 6 are thoroughly enjoying the new facilities. The wing not only accommodates the four classes from these years, but also a meeting room and a staff room. These rooms will cater for staff, board, P&C and student meetings, along with small group teaching, and the School of Instrumental student lessons. The classrooms have dividing walls which allow for two classes to merge for collaborative learning and low tables on the verandah, combined with colourful donut cushions are ideal for small group or independent learning.

Next Monday, 12th February, the Upper Primary Learning Centre will officially be opened by the Honourable Sue Ellery, MLC, Minister for Education and Training. The ceremony will be held in the amphitheatre commencing at 1.40pm. Parents are welcome to attend, although seating will not be available.



Above left, Year 6 teacher, Miss Miriam Hawgood enjoying teaching a small group in the new facilities and above right, the staff room was perfect for a large 'around table' teaching opportunity for the Year 5 Blue students.

From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

Welcome to the 2018 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

Teachers commenced the year with two professional learning days on which they participated in a range of activities and learning experiences designed to enhance our achievement against the goals set in our [2018 - 2020 Business Plan](#). Activities included developing a greater understanding of the [Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework](#); working collaboratively to use the Department's new on-line system for the development of Individual Education Plans for students at educational risk; designing learning experiences to effectively teach the Design and Technology curriculum including the integration of digital technologies and refreshing our skills in the use of Mathletics and Reading Eggs as an effective teaching tool.

Building Opening

Monday afternoon the Upper Primary Teaching Centre will be officially opened by the Honourable Sue Ellery, MLC, Minister for Education and Training. We will be conducting a short assembly at 1.40pm. Any parents who would like to attend this assembly are most welcome. Please ensure students are dressed in their blue school uniform and have a school hat on Monday. A Welcome to Country will be performed at this assembly by [Barry McQuire](#) a Wadjuk, Noongar representative. The assembly will conclude with the whole school singing the School Song.

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.

School Board

The first Board meeting of the year was held on Tuesday night. Each year at this meeting a Board Chair for the year is elected. I am pleased to inform you that Andrew Porter, parent of Elena in year 2 and former student Oliver who has started at Perth Modern this year, will be the WLPS School Board Chair for 2018. I would like to thank Barry Harvie, community member, for the excellent job he did in this role in 2017 and for his acceptance of the Deputy Chair position for 2018. We have an excellent School Board, who amongst other priority items will be leading the way on a playground improvement project in 2018. There will be opportunity for parent and student participation in this process.

House Keeping

After School Play

The parents and children of West Leederville PS are most welcome to stay at school, after school to play and socialise. However, it is important that the rules the children abide by during the school day (such as not playing in the toilets or climbing the big tree) are followed out of hours as well. These rules are in place for the health and safety of all. Parents, please ensure you supervise your own children at this time and that you encourage them to be respectful of their school environment.

The Hall

The hall in the heritage building is regularly used as a teaching space. The teachers using this area are finding that parents arriving early for pick up are causing a distraction to the learning program being taught. We request that all parents please wait outside the building until after the siren has sounded.

Kiss and Drive

Thank you to all of the drivers who are using this area safely. If you are new to this facility please have a read the procedures outlined below to ensure you are following the same rules as everyone else and keeping our children safe.

Driving and parking safely near schools

- School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school.
- Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
- Park safely, even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.
- Slow down near the school crossing.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.
- Using your school's drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.
- Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.

Swimming Squad

The 2018 swimming squad commences again this Friday, 9th February. Mrs Chadwick, with the support of Sally & Poppy Gilfillan, who are experienced swimming coaches, run this squad for students in Years 4 to 6 who are at level 8 or above. This is a swimming squad for children with strong swimming skills who are keen to represent the school at the interschool carnival.

P & C

The Parents and Citizens Association plays a big role in making our school a great place to learn and play. As always there are many great things on the agenda for the year and help is always needed. If you are interested in becoming a member of the P&C, or perhaps just helping with a particular event, please come to the AGM (7pm) followed by the first regular meeting of the year (7.30pm) on Tuesday 13th February upstairs in the new staff room. If you are not interested in attending meetings but are keen to help please express your interest by emailing: wlpspancsec@gmail.com



Buddies for Year 1



For many years a 'buddy' program has been in place at West Leederville Primary School, where students from a senior class are paired with students from a younger class. Buddy systems help to promote friendship and support between older and younger peers through regular collaboration between their classes, fostering a sense of whole-school community. The benefits are twofold; the older children learn to take on responsibility, while the younger children know that they have a fellow student they can confidently turn to for support. This week the students from Year 1 Blue and Red met up with their buddies from the Year 5/6 and Year 6 classes to read, draw, chat and generally get to know each other.



Above, Oscar from Year 6 shares a book with his buddy Lewis from Year 1 Blue and left, Year 5 student Catherine and Timothy from Year 1 Red read together during 'buddy' time.

The Big Splash

WLPS is one of a limited number of schools who elected to be involved in the Big Splash WA Schools Program this year and we are well on the way to having our amazing school dolphin 'Westie', ready to join the other dolphins in the BIG SPLASH pod at the Perth Convention Centre on the weekend of the 17th and 18th of March. The Big Splash WA Schools Program has been developed in response to the alarming increase in the number of children and young people presenting to Emergency Departments with self-harm and attempted suicide – a 400% increase in the last five years. The program helps teachers and parents navigate the topic of mental health and wellbeing with their students and children. With a focus on building resilience, the program teaches children to recognise their emotions and develop essential coping strategies.

The chosen design for WLPS 'Westie' is a compilation of student ideas generated from the school wide competition. All students from PP to Year 6 will have their finger print placed on the dolphin, so it will truly encapsulate the West Leederville spirit. We will have a special unveiling assembly towards the end of the month.

[The Big Splash WA Art Trail](#) launched on 20th January with 36 unique dolphin sculptures popping up around the Perth CBD. It will be a wonderful opportunity for family outings so spread the word and come along. Each dolphin can be unlocked to reveal special awards and messages through The Big Splash WA [App](#). Click [here](#) to download a copy of The Big Splash WA map. The Art Trail is a fun, engaging and positive event that will spark lots of conversations about mental health wellbeing to remind all children that they can speak about their feelings; they are not alone and real help is available.



Coles Sports for Schools

WLPS has registered with the Coles Sports for Schools program. During the Sports for Schools' program, students families will be able to collect Coles Sports for Schools vouchers from Coles stores across Australia. When the program ends, these vouchers can be exchanged towards sporting equipment. Every \$10 spent at Coles during the program, will earn a Coles Sports for Schools voucher. Vouchers can be placed in the box in the front office. In the past this program has proved to very successful in boosting our Phys Ed equipment and we are hopeful our very supportive parents will recruit friends and relatives to collect those vouchers for WLPS.



Updating Class Details

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 allow the canteen staff to distribute lunches to the correct class.



www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

www.skoolbag.com.au

Dates for your Diary

9 Feb

Class meeting- Yr 4 Red, 8am

9 Feb

Class meeting- Yr 5 Blue & Red, 8am

9 Feb

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

12 Feb

Class meeting -Yr 1 Red & Blue, 8am

Yr 1 Black & White, 8am

Yr 2 White, 8am

PP Blue, 2.15pm

12 Feb

Official opening of Upper Primary Learning Centre by Hon Sue Ellery, MLC, Minister of Education & Training

13 Feb

Class meeting- Yr 3/4, 8am

14 Feb

Class meeting- Kindergarten Blue, 8.30am

Kindergarten Red, 9am

14 Feb

Class meeting- 14 Feb

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

14 Feb

Class meeting- PP Red, 14.20pm

15 Feb

Assembly, Year 5 Red, Undercover area, 2.15pm

15 Feb

Class meeting- Yr 2 Red, 8am

16 Feb

Class meeting- Yr 3 Blue, 8.10am

16 Feb

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

21 Feb

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

23 Feb

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

26 Feb

Incursion-Living Eggs, Kindergarten

28 Feb

Faction Swimming Carnival, Yrs 4 to 6 and selected Yr 3, Claremont Pool, 9.30am

From the Chaplain

Hello WLPS community!

Welcome back to school for 2018. I'm super excited to be back for another year, serving the community as your School Chaplain. I'm very grateful of the warm welcome that the school administration staff, teaching staff, parents and students give me each year that I return and look forward to a fun filled year ahead.

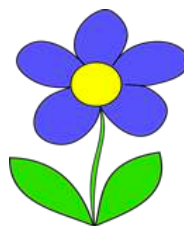
Back this term is the ever popular Mindfulness Monday! Held in the Library at lunchtime on Mondays, this initiative gives children seeking a break from the playground an opportunity to spend some quiet time engaging in mindfulness colouring and origami activities. **Places are limited so the children will need to register at my office before recess.**

Craft Corner will be back in **Term 2!**

As well as the fun activities I get to provide the children with I am also available for private chats for children as well as parents.

Please contact me on <mailto:CoraliS@youthcare.org.au> if you would like to arrange a private chat.

Keep updated with upcoming events and activities by checking out the whiteboard outside my door in the heritage building (opposite Room 10).



Chaplain Corali

From the P&C

Welcome back WLPS families and welcome to all new families. We hope you had a wonderful and safe holiday and everyone is settling into the school routine again.

Just a reminder that the P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 13th February in the school staff room. The AGM will be first so the meeting will start at 7pm. (Normal meetings start at 7:30pm) All committee members step down from their positions and anyone is welcome to take up a position. Or if you'd just like to see what happens and maybe help enhance our children's education then please come along and have your say.

Also we are looking for volunteers to join our quiz team and our fete committee. So if you'd like to help please contact Sarah Williams on <mailto:sarahwilliams71@me.com>

Have a great first term and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Jules Metcalf
P&C President

Pre-Primary at Play

As the Pre-primary students settled into their first week of full time school, there was still plenty of time for play as can be seen in the photos below. All 77 students explored their new play environment with bikes and scooters, the sand pit kitchen and boat winning out as the favourite areas.



Sunday 18 February 2018

SCHOOL DISCO

\$5 entry includes icypole



Kindy & Preprimary... 3.15pm - 4pm
Years 1 & 2..... 4pm - 5pm
Years 3, 4 & 5..... 5pm - 6pm

Also available for purchase will be a sausage sizzle, drinks, cakes, face painting & glow sticks

Fundraising for the Year 6 Camp 2018