



WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

WLPS 120 Years On



Pictured above, the Standard IV class picture in 1909.

This year, 2018 marks the 120th year since the West Leederville Primary School opened its doors. Back when Western Australia was still a colony; the first motor car had just arrived in Perth; gold was discovered in Kalgoorlie; and, women were yet to be given the vote, a petition for a school to be established in West Leederville was made to the Inspector General of Education. The building was approved and on Tuesday, 1st November, 1898, the school opened its doors for the first time. The original building consisted of what are currently rooms 1, 9 and 10 whilst the IT storage room and the Psych/Chaplain office originally served as hat rooms.

From the time the school opened its doors with 133 children under the Head Teacher, Mr James Sadler, and one assistant (Miss Howson) it was plagued with overcrowding problems. This reached a peak in 1945 when there were 717 children in 14 classes. It was not unusual in the early days to have 70 children in the infants' classes. Consequently, it wasn't long before further petitions were made to expand and further classrooms were added.

Several events and projects are planned to celebrate our anniversary and any parents who wish to contribute would be most welcome. westleederville.ps@education.wa.edu.au

From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

Parents and Citizens Association

Last Tuesday evening, Associate Principal Lisa Wade and I attended the first P&C meeting for 2018. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those that attended and all of those that support the P&C's endeavours. Your goodwill toward the school and your commitment to working with the staff, families and students make WLPS an amazing place for the children of West Leederville to learn, grow and make life-long friends.

There are some wonderful events on the calendar for 2018 and I strongly encourage you to get behind your association and support these events. Some events are fundraisers, which provide ongoing financial support for the provision of the best education possible and others are simply for the purpose of increasing community connectivity and having fun. The first two on the calendar are:

Movie night: Saturday evening, 10th March for a fun family night watching the movie 'Sing' under the stars in the WLPS amphitheatre. Doors will open 5pm and movie will start 7.30pm. Drinks will be available (no BYO) and dinner options will be available including pizza from Monsterella. Tickets are available from www.trybooking.com/352616. Come along and join in the fun.

Cocktail Party: April 7th

Save the date. This is going to be a big party! Adults only, so book the babysitter.

It's time for another **School Fete!** The proposed date is **November 18th**. A big thank you to Vivi Constantine who has offered to co-ordinate this magnificent fundraiser. Vivi is looking for committee members and stall operators. Please contact her by email: ouioui77@hotmail.com. All ideas and offers of support, large or small, would be greatly appreciated.

WLPS is 120 years old!

To celebrate WLPS being 120 years old, amongst other celebrations, we will be preparing a history display in the Library on open night (mid Term 3). We would also like to create a book of photos and stories. Are you interested in co-ordinating, or being on, a committee to manage these tasks? Do you have a neighbour or friend who is a history buff who would love the chance to take on this job for us? If so, we would love to hear from you or them on westleederville.ps@education.wa.edu.au.

To communicate information about our 120th events, and to collect stories and photographs from past students, we will be making a Facebook page. Details will be provided shortly.

Happy Birthday WLPS!

Kindy playground

Funded by the P&C, our off-site kindy playground has had a facelift. This playground, initially installed by the Dad's Army, has been a favourite of our kindy kids for the last 3 years. It's going to be even more popular now because as we all know, kindy kids just love water! Thank you Mrs Terry for co-ordinating this wonderful addition. We look forward to seeing what comes next.

Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly



Question and Answer

Is the school participating in the Coles Sports for School?

We certainly are and would love your tokens if you do shop at Coles. You can place your tokens directly into the box at Coles in Leederville or in one of the two located at school. There is a collection box in the front office and another one outside PP Red, Mrs Ballantine's room on the ground floor of the ECE building.

Is West Leederville a nut free school?

Whilst schools are advised not to claim to be 'nut-free', minimising exposure to particular foods such as peanuts and tree nuts can reduce the level of risk. This includes removing nut spreads and products containing nuts from the school canteen, but does not include removing products that 'may contain traces' of peanuts or tree nuts. We request that parents/guardians of classmates of a student with an allergy do not include nut spreads in sandwiches or products containing nuts in the lunchbox.

Are the children covered by 'department insurance' when they go to Cowden Park.

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students while they are at school. The Department does hold insurance in the event an accident was to occur and the school or an employee was proven to be negligent. If a Local Area Consent form has been signed by a parent they are considered to be 'at school'. Riskcover is the government insurer.

Parents may obtain personal accident insurance for their child from a private insurer of their choice and should give consideration to having insurance for ambulance and injury beyond what is covered by Medicare.

What support does the school offer for children experiencing social or learning difficulties?

The Learning Support Team consists of Lisa Wade, Associate Principal, Lauren Gabelich, School Psychologist (through the Department's Psychology Services) and Corali Sala Tenna, School Chaplain.

Lauren works at WLPS on Mondays and Tuesdays and Corali on Mondays and Thursdays.

We aim to support students in four main areas:

Learning: assisting students who are experiencing learning difficulties. Following a referral, we will call a meeting. After conversations with teachers and caregivers, and gaining consent, Lauren can observe students in class, gather evidence and provide strategies and advice for teachers and parents. Further referrals to outside agencies may be required.

Mental Health and Well-being: providing support for students who are experiencing mental health issues such as anxiety, separation anxiety, feelings and friendship issues. Corali runs 'Mindfulness Mondays' at lunchtime and the BRAVE program for individual students experiencing anxiety. The 'Rainbows' program will be offered again later this year for students experiencing grief and loss.

Disabilities: identifying and supporting students with disabilities and providing strategies for students to better access the curriculum. Liaising with specialists and outside agencies such as PMH, paediatricians, speech therapists and occupational therapists to support students, teachers and families.

Behaviour: Working with students, parents and staff to identify and change specific behaviours.

It can sometimes be confronting for families when it is recommended that a child might benefit from meeting with a speech pathologist, occupational therapist or psychologist. However, these supports are usually incredibly valuable and often a small number of sessions can be all a child needs to help them get on track, or back on track, with their learning or behaviour.

While the majority of referrals are made by teachers, parents may also initiate a conversation or a meeting. If you would like more information, please contact Lisa Wade or speak to your child's class teacher.

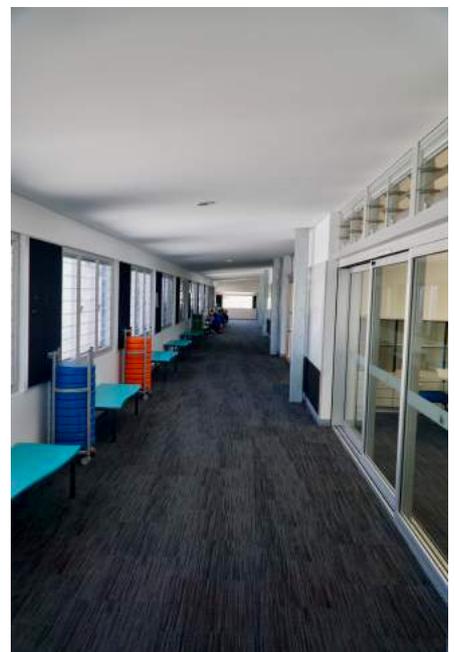
Official opening of our new building addition



The Hon Sue Ellery MLC, addresses the students and staff prior to unveiling the plaque.

All of the students from pre-primary to year 6 gathered in the amphitheatre along with the staff and dignitaries on Monday, 12th February for the occasion of the official opening of our new Upper Primary Learning Centre. Officiating at the opening was the Hon Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Education and Training. The Welcome to Country was performed by Barry McGuire who is a Wadjuk, Noongar man and highly regarded as a public speaker, facilitator and negotiator. Also in attendance were the Hon Mr Martin Pritchard MLC, Member for North Metropolitan area; the Hon Mr Sean L'Estrange MLA, Member for Churchlands, and representatives from the Education Department and school Board. The ceremony concluded with all of the students singing the school song.

Following the opening a tour was conducted of the new facility.



Dates for your Diary

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

1 Mar

Excursion-Year 4 (all), King's Park, 9.30 to 2.30.

2 Mar

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

2 Mar

IncurSION- Camp Quality, PP to Yr 6

5 Mar

Labour Day PH, students do not attend school.

6 Mar to 16 Mar

Interm swimming- Yrs 3 & 4, Beatty Park, 1pm

7 Mar

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

9 Mar

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

13 Mar

WLPS Board meeting, 6pm

14 Mar

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

16 Mar

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

19 Mar to 29 Mar

Interm swimming- Yrs 5 & 6, Bold Park, 12pm

20 Mar & 21 Mar

School photos-PP to Yr 6

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

Welcome to WLPS



For several years now, in the lead up to the new school year commencing, parents from the kindergarten classes and the pre-primary classes have met to enjoy a picnic and get to know other families of their year groups. The turnout to each of these picnics this year was excellent and we would like to

acknowledge each of the facilitators, Derry Simpson (kindergarten) and Tahnee Davies (pre-primary), who were able to greet the new families to our school and impart their wisdom along the way.

Playground Committee

The school is looking wonderful now that building works have been completed. The grounds are well covered in lawn areas and the children have space to spread out to play.

A committee is being formed to address future direction and proposed playground equipment and a letter document regarding the committee makeup was emailed to families earlier this week.

Please note there was an error in the email address used. The correct address for indicating your interest in being part of the group is westleederville.ps@education.wa.edu.au.

Clean Up Australia Day

In the past 27 years, Australians have devoted more than 32 million hours towards the environment through Clean Up Australia Day and collected over 344 thousand tonnes of rubbish. Since its inception in 1990, Clean Up Australia has evolved into an organisation that works with the community, government and business to provide practical solutions to help us all live more sustainably every day of the year.

This year the students of WLPS will be participating in a clean up on Friday, 2nd March by cleaning up the school grounds and surrounding areas. Each class will be allocated an area and at different times throughout the day will 'do their bit' to clean up our environment. Families wishing to find more out about the Clean Up Australia movement can do so through their website: <https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/>.

Missing a lunch box?



To date, a great number of lunch and drink bottles have been left around the undercover area. They will be placed in the lost property for one week only and then disposed of. Please check lost property if you are missing items.

Getting to know our buddies



Pictured above, Molly from Year 3 with her new Pre-primary buddies Olivia and Alexandra. Right, Jonathon and Zac get together over a Mr Potato Head.



On Wednesday, 21st February there was a sense of great excitement and anticipation for students from Pre-Primary White and Year 3 Blue as it was their 'Buddy' session. This was the first time for all students from these classes to have their initial get-together. The beaming smiles, joyful faces and chattering voices were a promise of the fun times that lie ahead. Year 3 Blue students presented their buddies with beautifully illustrated handmade cards. We all look forward to our 'Buddy Time' once a fortnight.



Save the date: *April 07, 2018*

Parents and Staff,

We would love you to join us
for a night of cocktails, music,
fun and friends as we celebrate

120 years of

West Leederville Primary School

Crown-ups only. Book those babysitters.
Details to follow soon



STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Isabella Hayes
Ishaan Gupta
Pre-Primary Red
Zac Moyle
Olive Durward

Year 1

Hayden Strika
Katelyn Kailis
Coco Divola
Clara Overmeire
Rhys Etherington
Aeden Dhepnorrrarat
Indee Marr
Miles Sealey

Year 2

Priyanshi Ramola
James Sommerfeld
Zakuro Seow
Elena Porter

Kilian Beniak-Regan

Year 3

Isabelle Devenish Hooper
Rupert Decent
Jack Wira
Ruby Eaton
Phoebe Bowler
Luka Nightingale

Year 4

Venna Ewin
Flynn Ross
Jayden Stinson
James Nightingale
Wil Nankeris
Marcus Dellaca

Year 5

Aarushi Kulshreshtha
Lenny Williams

Isabella Baker
Jasper Lindsay
Liloue Farish Luhan

Year 6

Charlie Dawson
Jessica McDonald
Asher Aylmore

Congratulations to our Star Students.



WLPS Disco 2018

Thanks to all the students and parents that came along to the Disco. We had a fabulous turnout with 290 students dancing up a storm in our school hall. The school hall was transformed with a huge spinning disco ball, lights and balloons. The DJ – Matt Milner kept the kids moving and grooving with his tunes. Meanwhile, our awesome Year 6 helpers handed out spot prizes and helped run the games under the direction of our MC's – Ali Coats, Craig Gaspar and Peter Flynn.

The icypoles were icy, the sausages a sizzling, the treats looked and tasted delicious, while the face paint and hair spray brightened the afternoon.

The Year 6 students should be so proud of their efforts, taking on various roles on the day to make the disco a successful and fun event. Well done, you all did a wonderful job!

A very big thanks to all the parents who helped out with baking, setup, filling shifts on the various stations and cleaning up at the end, so many faces there from the beginning to the end. Events like this aren't possible without amazing people to help out! A very special thanks goes to Kat Popp who devoted her afternoon to bring the face painting to life. Alongside a few of our past WLPS students now in Year 8 who volunteered – Matilda Wood, Hannah Roxby, Grace Soucie, Maddy Davis and Fletcher Flynn.

West Leederville Primary School we hope you had a great time, thanks for coming along!



D&C
FUNDRAISING EVENT

WLPS
AMPHITHEATRE



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

GATES OPEN

5:00PM

SATURDAY

10 MARCH

MOVIE

7:30PM

ILLUMINATION
PRESENTS

SING

MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY - REESE WITHERSPOON
SETH MACFARLANE - TORI KELLY
JOHN C. REILLY - TARON EGERTON
SCARLETT JOHANSSON



Monstarella
PIZZA
for dinner

Tickets \$10 Single
\$35 Family (2 adults, 2 kids)
\$5 additional kids

THE WINE Thief
for drinks (no BYO)

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