



Faction Swimming Carnival



Pictured above, from left, Shardul, Sean, Ewan, Jordan, Owen, Asher, Archer, Will, Lucas, Tyler and Charlie prepare for the Year 6 Boys freestyle.

The annual WLPS Faction swimming carnival was held last Wednesday at the Claremont Pool. Students from Years 4,5 & 6, in addition to selected Year 3 students competed in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke in their respective year groups. There were some great displays of swimming ability through the morning and some very close finishes. Mr McInerheney was at the finish line with his trusty iPad to decide those very close finishes, of which there were several during the morning. The students in the bays were in full voice and colour, with several large mascots taking pride of place.

At the conclusion of the carnival, after some wonderful individual efforts, Woolwich emerged winners of the shield for 2018.

Congratulations to all the students who competed for their factions and those who supported the competitors from the bays. Thank you also to all the parents who came along to support their children and to those who assisted with the running of the carnival. The WLPS swimming squad is held on Wednesday and Friday mornings at Beatty Park Pool and is free to students who can comfortably swim 50m laps. The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 10th April at Claremont Pool.



Above, Sienna from Year 5 was a star swimmer for the Cambridge faction.

From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all of our swimmers for their enthusiastic participation in last week's faction swimming carnival. I was very proud of everyone for 'giving it a go'. From our speedy swimmers to those who took a leisurely ride along the lane ropes, I would like to congratulate you for your persistence and great sportsmanship. I would like to extend a big thank you to Mrs Chadwick and Mrs Wade for all of their organisation and to all of the staff and teachers on the day for a well-run, drama free event.

Swimming squad

The swimming season isn't over yet! For those of you hoping to be in the interschool team (either this year or in the future) we would like to see you all continuing to attend our swim squad on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 7.20am. Wednesday morning choir doesn't start until 8.30am whilst swim squad is still running, so those of you that sing and swim can still do both. Mrs Chadwick and Sally Gilfillan (expert swim coach) look forward to seeing a big turn out tomorrow.

Westie

Westie the West Leederville dolphin will be on display this weekend in the Perth Convention Centre with all of the other dolphins in the Big Splash WA pod. The students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in this wonderful fundraising activity for the Perth Children's Hospital and I would like to thank Sally Gorey, our Art teacher for co-ordinating this event and for the extensive support given to her by Kat Popp, Narelle Manser-Smith and Marg O'Connell, West Leederville Primary School's unofficial artists in residence. Details of when and where you can visit Westie are on page 6.

School Board elections

It's time for another School Board election! Two of our current parent members three year tenures are due to end this term, requiring the parent community to 'go to the vote' to elect their representatives. If you are interested in nominating as a Board member, please email me at fiona.kelly@education.wa.edu.au. The role of the School Board parent representative is outlined in the [Public Schools Councils and Boards Information Package](#), available on our website.

Please note that it is now mandatory for all School Board members commencing their tenures after Term 2, 2017 to have a [Department criminal history screening](#). Details and a FAQ regarding this screening are located at the link above and on our school website.

Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly



Question and Answer

What time are students allowed to arrive at school?

Students should not arrive at school before 8.30am. If students are on the school grounds they must be supervised by their parent or caregiver. Classrooms are opened at 8.35am to allow students time to prepare for the day. Before school care is available on site through [Camp Australia](#).

Can my child wear their faction shirt on photo day?

Please have all children in their full blue school uniform for school photo days on the 20th, 21st and 23rd March. If they have sport on these days they may bring their faction shirt in their school bag and change for PE.

What is the P&C movie night fundraising for?

So many things! Each year the P&C contributes money to each learning area for the purchase of items such as reading books, hands-on maths equipment, art materials, musical instruments, puzzles for the little kids, sports equipment, the list goes on. They also contribute to 'big ticket' items such as playground equipment, shade, pa systems, and anything that makes your child's school experience as good as it can possibly be.

What do we do regarding school if we take our children travelling for a few months?

The Education Act says:

1. Enrol them in the School of Isolated and Distance Education – children do school work online with an assigned tutor. The student must be travelling overseas for a minimum of one school semester or twenty school weeks. (Proof: airline ticket and itinerary). The students should not have access to an English speaking school.
2. Register yourself with the WA Department of Education as a Home Educator. You will have to demonstrate to the Department of Education that you are fulfilling the requirements of the WA curriculum.
3. Enrol them at a school abroad.
4. They miss school and are recorded on the role as 'unauthorised absence' or 'unauthorised vacation'. The school is not required to provide work. We would suggest continuing with Reading Eggs, Mathletics and any other classwork or assignments the teacher may choose to provide. It is also a good idea to keep a travel diary and to communicate with the class via email or postcard.

From the Front Office Team

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

We would like to extend a big thank you to all those who have paid their voluntary contributions. While the contributions are voluntary, the quality of the teaching and learning program we offer is maximised when all families contribute. Contributions are used to supplement school funding for the purchase of resources across all learning areas and all year levels. If you have not yet paid your fees you may do so by direct deposit (details below), credit card over the phone, or by dropping in at the front office. All contributions are greatly appreciated and payment plans are available. Any queries may be directed to our Corporate Services Manager, Janelle Cosentino on 9381 1655.

Account details for Direct Deposit

Name: West Leederville Primary

School BSB:036044

Account No: 123672

Reference: child's name and VC. (eg: John Smith VC)

NB: The Voluntary Contribution equates to approximately \$1.50 per week per child.

Dates for your Diary

5 Mar

Labour Day PH, students do not attend school.

6 Mar to 16 Mar

Interim 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

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

20 Mar & 21 Mar

School photos-PP to Yr 6

21 Mar

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

22 Mar

Harmony Day assembly, 8.55am, undercover area.

23 Mar

School photos

28 Mar

Swimming squad training, Beatty Park, 7.20am

30 Mar to 3 Apr

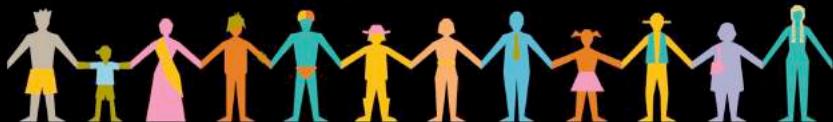
Easter break, students do not attend school

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

Harmony Day



HARMONY DAY



Thursday, 22nd March

Harmony Day is a day that celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It is an Australian government program that centres on the message that 'Everyone belongs', reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians.

To celebrate Harmony Day this year, we ask that all students dress-up in clothing or an outfit that is culturally significant to them on Thursday, 22nd March. Alternatively, students may wear something that is orange – the official Harmony Day colour. Students will show off their cultural/orange outfits by parading them in a whole-school assembly, commencing at 9:00am. Activities to support Harmony Day will be conducted by individual classes or year levels.

Swimming Medal Winners

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded medals at the Faction Swimming carnival held at Claremont Pool last week.

Champion Year 3 Girl	Maebh Dhepnorrarat	W
Runner Up	Emily Flynn	N
Champion Year 3 Boy	Will Griffiths	N
Champion Year 4 Girl	Allie Knowles	W
Runner Up	Thea Mandin	N
Champion Year 4 Boy	Felix Cooley	W
Runner Up	Oliver Bull	C
Champion Year 5 Girl	Sienna Hathrill	C
Runner Up	Anna Lubich	K
Champion Year 5 Boy	James McDonnell &	W
	Darcy Finch	N
Champion Year 6 Girl	Amelia Goodacre-Paul	K
Runner Up	Mia Marr	C
Champion Year 6 Boy	Sean Flynn	N
Runner Up	Ewan Williams	N

Clean Up Australia



The WLPS students embraced Clean Up Australia day last Friday with great enthusiasm. The students donned gloves and many brought tongs from home as they set off to collect litter. The streets surrounding the school were the beneficiaries of the clean up and the litter collected filled many bags.



Meanwhile down at our kindergarten site, the students walked along their perimeter fence collecting rubbish and although the tongs, at times, proved a bit tricky, they managed to fill their sand pit buckets repeatedly. Such was the interest in their clean up activities that they even managed to slow passing traffic!

Road Closure

Corner of Woolwich Street and Northwood Street

Monday 12 March to Wednesday 15 March 2018

The Water Corporation will soon commence work to reconnect the water main on the corner of Woolwich Street and Northwood Street at the roundabout in West Leederville. This work will take place between 7.00am-6.00pm from Monday 12 March to Wednesday 15 March.

Construction will take place along the western side of the Woolwich Street and Northwood Street roundabout. The whole of Woolwich Street at this intersection will be closed. Northwood Street will remain unaffected travelling north and south bound and east into Woolwich. Detours and traffic management will be in place. If you have any questions about this work, you can visit watercorporation.com.au/pipesforperth.



'Westie' is revealed



Our students are part of a fantastic art & education project to raise awareness of child & adolescent mental health for the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation. Our dolphin mascot will rejoin its 'school' of 35 dolphins at The Big Splash WA Farewell Event, at the Perth Convention Centre, on Sunday 18th March.

There will also be the chance to view all the large The Big Splash WA Art Trail dolphins.

Last Thursday at the assembly, the long awaited unveiling of 'Westie', our dolphin mascot took place. The dolphin project has been coordinated and overseen by our Art teacher Mrs Sally Gorey and the result was spectacular. Closely assisting Mrs Gorey were three of our very artistic parents and we must acknowledge and thank Mrs Narelle Manser-Smith, Ms Marg O'Connell and Ms Kat Popp. 'Westie' featured fingerprints from all the students from Pre-primary to Year 6 and many of the staff.

Parents may have noticed that alongside the Australian flag flown at the front of the school, we also have a Big Splash flag. By proudly flying The Big Splash WA Flag at our school, we join our marine community and businesses across WA to support those children who are currently accessing child and adolescent mental health services at PMH. The flag is a wonderful visual reminder to our school community that you are part of this far-reaching campaign.

Tickets are now on sale for the [Farewell Celebration](#) and will raise vital funds for children's mental health services at PMH. We hope you can attend and be part of a positive ripple effect to help our kids when they are out of their depth.

Say goodbye to the dolphin pod at our Farewell Celebration!

The Big Splash WA Art Trail has been delighting the people of WA and helping to raise awareness of child and adolescent mental health since late January 2016.

We are sending the dolphins off in style at a special Farewell Celebration before they swim off to their forever homes.

The stunning Big Splash WA Art Trail dolphin pod will be joined by a number of dolphin calves painted and decorated by children throughout WA participating in The Big Splash WA Schools Program.

This will be your only chance to see all 37 dolphin sculptures in one location along with their amazing little calves.

There will also be lots of fun, family-friendly activities, entertainment, prizes and some very special photo opportunities!

Click here to book a session as tickets are limited.

TheBigSplashWA.com.au

where
Pavilion 1,
Perth Convention and
Exhibition Centre

when
Sunday 18th March

cost
\$15 per person or
\$40 per family*

* 2 adults and 2 children under the age of 16,
or 1 adult and 3 children under 16

Perth Children's Hospital Foundation

A WA in Art event brought to you by Perth Children's Hospital Foundation

Our New Courtyard



The Dad's Army have made significant improvements to the grounds at both the WLPS site and the kindergarten site in recent years. The changes have allowed the students to become more involved in their play areas, increase the sense of pride in their school grounds and for the teaching staff, have opened up more opportunities for learning, and teaching areas.

One of the most recent (and laborious) projects was the overhaul of the courtyard area located in the heritage building. Over the years this area has been utilised in

many ways, but has now come full circle back close to its original purpose when it was added in 1910, next to the teacher's room (now the harmony room), as a courtyard. The new courtyard features wooden decking, a frangipani tree (donated by Mr Michael McInerheney), some outdoor furniture and with an outdoor mat on the way, the area is perfect for small group teaching.

The area has already been embraced by students and staff alike. This week, ESL Teacher's Assistant, Mrs Candice Nicholls took advantage of the warm weather to take a small group of Pre-primary students to play literacy games in the new area. We wish to thank all the members of the Dad's Army, led by Mr David Lorimer for fearlessly taking on these projects which substantially improve our school.

STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

*Harry Ladyman
Elsie Brodie-Hall
Conor Simpson
Jon Humes
Griffin Gaffney
Matilda Shawcross*

Year 1

*Bohd Williams
Lucas Metcalf
Timothy Baker
Alistair Bishop
Sonia Mirembe
Lewis Vallis
Juan D'Addona
Aesha Kulshretha*

Year 2

Einan Healy

Year 5

*Yuvindie Perera
Charlize Ronson
Madison Ward
Francis Hor
Jasper Overmeire*

Year 3

*Guia Mallarini
Aarav Gohil
Ella O'Sullivan
Lila Aylmore
Brigitte Keyser*

Year 4

*Kyuss Napper
Zara Stevens
Etienne Reid*

Congratulations to our Star Students.



2018 Super Choir Auditions for Year 5 & 6

Students from Years 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to audition to be part of the 2018 West Leederville Super Choir. Auditions were held last week and students have now been selected.

Until further notice, the Super Choir have been divided into two groups due to the large number of students involved. This means that if a student is numbered a "1", they come to choir on ODD WEEKS of term, and if they are a "2" they come to choir on EVEN weeks of term.

TIME CHANGE (TERM 1 ONLY!)

Rehearsals commence next Wednesday morning, 7th March, for the "2's" in the music room at 8.30am sharp. This allows swimming squad members to attend swimming first and then come straight to rehearsal.

I look forward to a great year of Super Choir, full of exciting and challenging repertoire!

Miss Samsa
Music Specialist



Pictured above, Miss Samsa amongst students eagerly awaiting their audition last Wednesday morning before school.

School Photos

School Photo days are approaching! Fotomakers WA will be visiting West Leederville Primary School on 20th, 21st and 23rd March 2018. Sibling photos will be taken on the 4th April. Every student will be sent home with an information letter prior to the photo day.

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 family will be given details on how to log in to our secure website to view and purchase their portraits and group photographs.

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.

Year 6 Camp Fundraising



Each year the WLPS Year 6 students have the opportunity to attend a week long camp. This comes at considerable cost to families and, as such, the students are attempting to raise some of the funds themselves. This shows both courage and responsibility on their behalf and we are really hoping that you will support them in this exciting endeavour, but by no means is it compulsory. On March 19th they will be organising and running a Spellathon. What is a Spellathon you ask? On Monday 12th an information sheet will come home with your child, but in short it is a Super Spectacular Spelling Competition! Children are asked to spell an age appropriate list of approximately 20 words, which they may or may not be familiar with. The words start easy but will gradually increase in difficulty. Students are sponsored by aunts, uncles, grandparents and family friends according to how many words they are able to spell correctly. Adding to the challenge, the list will be unknown to the children. This really is an exciting and challenging event for our boys and girls. West Leederville Primary's take, on the 'Spelling Bee'. Thanks everyone.

A Visit to Kaarta Koomba (Kings Park)



Above, Felix, Oliver, Henry and Sam from Year 4 explore the Naturescape playground.

Last week the Year 4 students travelled to King's Park to learn about the fascinating history and cultural significance of Kaarta Koomba (Kings Park). The students discussed the first European explorers to the Swan River Colony and considered how Perth has changed over time from its first people and tradition custodians, the Wadjuk Nyoongar people, to present day. Through an interactive walk through the WA Botanic Garden, the students learnt how the Wadjuk Nyoongar people were guided by the six seasons and used plants and animals for food, shelter, tools and medicine. The students created a journey stick to remind them all they had learnt about the uses of plants and animals.

Incorporating the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures into learning areas and ensuring that Aboriginal histories, languages and cultures are respected and valued by all students, ties directly into the [Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework](#) which is identified as a priority in the Department of Education's Strategic Plan for WA Public Schools 2016-2019 and Focus 2018. Further excursions for different year groups have also been planned to participate in similar excursions.

The Year 4 students thoroughly enjoyed their experience and finished the afternoon exploring nature in the Naturescape park.



Above, Ella shows how a traditional bandage is applied, and right, Marcus, Riley and Ethan with Tetsushi in background.



Interterm swimming



Above, the Year 3 & 4 boys have their bathers, rashies, goggles and towels ready for their swimming classes.

This week, interterm swimming lessons commenced for the students in Years 3 and 4. The students travelled to Beatty Park Leisure Centre in two groups for afternoon sessions. The Interterm Swimming Program is a school based program offered to Pre-primary to Year 6 students. The program provides swimming lessons across the State to ensure students develop vital swimming and water safety skills. The Department of Education meets the cost of instruction at interterm classes for all public primary students. At the conclusion of the two weeks of swimming lessons, the students will be presented with certificates to show the skills they have successfully demonstrated.

Commencing on 12th March the students from Years 5 and 6 will travel to Bold Park Aquatic Centre to participate in their interterm swimming program. The students from Pre-primary to Year 2 will have their interterm swimming lessons late in Term 4.

Further information about the Interterm swimming program and the awards and stages is available at the following link: [Interterm swimming](#)

Where do all the lost school lunchboxes go?



Answer: In Lost Property
(located in the hall)

We have an extraordinary number of lunch boxes and drink bottles accumulating in the lost property at the back of the hall, adjacent to Room 9. If your child has misplaced a lunch box, please check to see if it has been placed here. For hygiene reasons, we cannot keep these items long term and they will be disposed of if unclaimed.

Watch for Spots

We have cases of [Chicken Pox](#) and [Slapped Cheek Syndrome \(Parvovirus\)](#) amongst our students. Please err on the side of caution and keep your child at home if unwell.

P&C President

Hi West Leederville Community.

What a busy and exciting year this is already starting to be!

A few weeks ago the P&C AGM was held. Every person on the committee stepped down from their position and these became open to anyone who wanted to take on an extra roll with in the P&C. Thank you to all those who attended the meeting and have taken up a roll. This year your president is Julie Metcalf, Vice president is David Lorimer, Secretary is Naomi Wallace, Treasurer is Vivi Constantine, Fundraising coordinator is Sarah Williams, Canteen treasurer is Wendy Cai-Greenwood, Canteen coordinator is Tanya Watkins, Uniforms coordinator is Kath Dawson, Class rep coordinator is Kath Dawson, and Dad's army coordinator is Richard Moyles. Your extra volunteering and time is invaluable. Thank you.

The P&C are excited about the up and coming events planned this year.

This Saturday night from 5pm the P&C are hosting an outdoor movie night. The movie to be shown is 'Sing'. There will be Monsterella pizza, popcorn, ice cream and a licenced Bar for the adults. If you are still wanting to come along but have not purchased you tickets there is plenty of time. Just go to [trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com/352616) and type in West Leederville Movie night. We look forward to a great night out!

Have you heard of the Dad's Army? If not this is a well used resource at WLPS. They are a bunch of dads who are willing to help! Some are handy and some just have strength. They are used for all sorts of jobs around the school. If the sandpit needs refilling we call on them. If plants need moving we call on them. If screws need tightening or holes need drilling we call on them. We are very lucky to have such dedicated dad's to help out with handy jobs. Last year Fiona Kelly had the brilliant idea to turn a wasted space in our school into something usable and we all know how valuable space in our school is. So a group of Dad's Army got stuck in. After lots of man hours and weekend work the final product is complete. Well done David Lorimar, Rupert Smithingale, Simon Choo, Dave Cooley, Greg Finch, Robbie Farrish and anyone else who worked on the project. You should be very proud of your efforts. The teachers and students love the new space. We all thank you for your time and hard work.

West Leederville Primary School Movie Night 2018

SATURDAY 10 MARCH 2018



Come along to the inaugural West Leederville Movie Night Under the Stars!
Bring your rugs, cushions and bean bags and enjoy a fun filled family movie in the
ampitheatre.

Doors open 5:00pm, Movie 7:30pm

AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE:

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PIZZA BY MONSTERELLA PIZZA

PLUS POPCORN, ICECREAM AND MORE

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