



WEST LEEDERVILLE  
PRIMARY

## WLPS Celebrates 120 Years



*At the conclusion of Open Night, all students past and present gather under the tree to sing the School Song.*

Our annual Open Night, coinciding with Book Week, was also the occasion of celebrating our 120th Anniversary. Back in 1897 with the Gold Rush bringing an influx of people into Western Australia, the residents along what is now Railway Parade formally petitioned the Inspector General of Education for a school to be established in the area. As a result, 120 years ago on November 1st, 1898 the doors of West Leederville School were officially opened. The school was immediately fraught with overcrowding problems and grew quite quickly, with additional rooms added. In the 40's the enrolments peaked at 717 and it was from this era that many of our visitors to the history display on Open Night hailed.

Former students and families came from all through past decades and reminisced and reconnected as they searched through the photos and records for traces of their time as a student.

The classrooms were ablaze with colourful displays and samples of student work and many of our ex-students were effusive about the standard presented. A Book Fair operated from the school hall and we thank all parents who supported our school by purchasing and donating a book.

The night culminated in students past and present, uniting in the amphitheatre under our iconic Moreton Bag Fig tree to sing the school song.

In what was a very special occasion at WLPS, we extend our gratitude to all the students and families, past and present, who came along to visit our 'grand old school'. We would also like to acknowledge the staff who went above and beyond in the presentation of their classrooms and grounds.



## More 120 Year Memories



*Pictured above left, Mr Byrne steps back into his role in previous years to conduct the choir  
And above right, Ralph, our oldest ex-student, who enrolled in 1932*

At the assembly this week, Miss Ballantine and her Pre-primary Red class invited along two very special guests. Firstly, PP Red student Jon invited his Pop fondly known by the class as Brian, along to his assembly to perform a Welcome to Country. This was followed by several items from the class which had a Book Week theme.

Concluding the assembly, Miss Ballantine invited Mr Matt Byrne to come centre stage. She proceeded to explain that Mr Byrne, who is now an Associate Professor at ECU in Joondalup, was once the music teacher at West Leederville Primary School for six years. It was during this time that the school song was written. Mr Byrne explained that all of the classes at the school at that time contributed one line to the song and gradually over a two year period it evolved to be what it is today. The students then stood and at Mr Byrne's prompting, gave a rousing rendition of the WLPS school song.



*Pictured above: Nancy and her classmates.*

Nancy Phillious visited the Year 6 and 5/6 classes on Wednesday the 22nd of August to share her experience as a WLPS student, parent and employee. She brought in photos of her family members at the school and in the community, as well as special items from her time at West Leederville. One interesting item we were shown was a special pendant that Nancy's mother received for never missing a day of school or being tardy in three years. Nancy enjoyed visiting our classes and we loved hearing her stories and asking her questions. We send a huge thank you to Nancy for her time.

## From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

### Book Week

Tra-la-laar! Captain Underpants here. What a great celebration for Book Week! So many costumes, so much effort and so much fun wearing big undies on the outside! Well done to our students, families and staff for making the effort to dress as a book character or to the theme 'Find Your Treasure'. Our Book Fair was also a success and the incursion well-received by students.

### Open Night

The build up was huge and the event was grand! What a fabulous night at West Leederville Primary School! It is hard to single out a favourite...

How good was the singing of our school song under the tree?

How brilliant was the standard of student work in classrooms? From interactive iPad activities, Pre-primary dioramas, potions, 3D printing, Talk for Writing samples, weaving, Big Bad Wolves, Indigenous art and language displays, I could go on. Thank you to staff for your fabulous efforts.

The 120th history display in the library was outstanding. Many ex-West Leederville students and their families came to view the memorabilia. Most found their face in an old photograph and had a story to tell. The tea and scones were a real hit. It was lovely to see many sit down, reminisce and share their stories. The common thread was that West Leederville is a tight knit connected community and the school has high standards of academic excellence, behaviour and strong values.

### Parent Survey

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that all schools survey their community biannually. The School Board has recently endorsed the 2018 survey and it is now ready for you to complete. Your feedback is very important to us. Please find the link later in this newsletter.

### The Fathering Project

By now you would have received the email from your class rep about The Fathering Project.

"The Fathering Project aims to improve child development outcomes by inspiring and equipping fathers and father figures to engage positively with their kids. We know that an effective father has a profound impact on kids, thus it is of great importance to establish fathers and father figures that interact with their children as effectively as possible. We seek to make better dads for the benefit of the children." <http://thefatheringproject.org/>

Tomorrow morning's "Walk to School with Dad or a Father Figure" event is just the beginning of many events to come. Walk to school and meet on the front lawn from 8am to 8:35am. A coffee van will be available for coffees and hot chocolates. Thank you to Peter Kailis and the P&C for bringing TFP into our community.

## Inner City College

I invited John Burke, Principal of the new Inner City College (planning name), to talk with the School Board on Tuesday night. John is looking forward to working closely with our community. He will attend the P & C meeting next Tuesday night at 7.30pm. John will give an overview of the new secondary school, however due to time restrictions, it won't be appropriate for lengthy questions. The current Year 5 students will be the first cohort attending the new school, which is very exciting. I am negotiating a suitable time for the current Year 5 parents to meet with John for a more detailed, deeper discussion with plenty of time for Q & A.

## Parking

Thank you to parents who continue to do the right thing during pick up and drop off. Please continue to observe all parking signs. Please note there is no access up Glen Street.

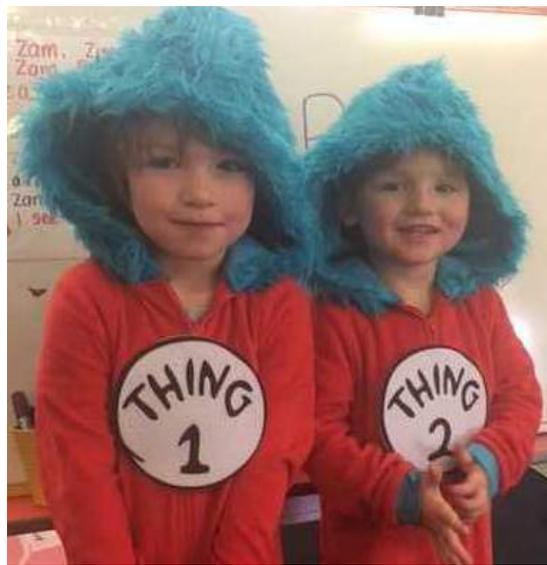
## Athletics

On Monday, selected students competed in long jump, triple jump and javelin at Kapinara PS. Student behaviour was exemplary. I extend a huge thank you to parents who gave up their mornings to rake, measure and organise students into events. We could not run special events like these without you! Tomorrow is the main event! The students are really excited. I wonder which faction will get up? We hope we will get a nice clear, sunny day. Photos to come...

Happy Father's Day to all the dads and father figures in our community.

## Captain Underpants, Principal

*Below left: Mia and (middle) Mitchell and Jordan and (right) Xavier  
Bottom left, Harry, Will, Kalani and Cooper, all in their fabulous costumes*



# School Board Update

## What's happened on the Board in Term 3?

Term 3 saw the commencement of the temporary (six month) secondment of Fiona Kelly to the Department of Education, with Lisa Wade joining the School Board in her new role as Principal of the school.

In the two meetings held in this term, the School Board has:

- Undertaken a further online training module on school planning;
- Reviewed and suggested amendments to the comprehensive parent survey. Link included in this newsletter;
- Received a presentation from newly-appointed Inner City College Principal, John Burke;
- Sought updates on timing of NAPLAN outcomes and results, which may be made available to individual students from 10 September 2018;
- Approved booklist charges for 2019; and
- Received comprehensive updates on the operational delivery of the School's Business Plan 2018-2020.

We'd like to remind the school community that the School Board meetings are open meetings (unless otherwise stated) and you are all welcome to attend and observe these meetings. The next School Board meeting will be held in the second week of Term 4, Tuesday, 16 October 2018 at 6pm.

Please feel free to contact me or any of the other parent board members if you would like to raise any issues or queries with the School Board.

Andrew Porter  
Chair

Email: [westleederps.board.acc@gmail.com](mailto:westleederps.board.acc@gmail.com)

## 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

### 31 August

Faction Athletics carnival, City Beach PS

### 6 September

Excursion - Fisheries Discovery Centre, Hillarys Year 2's  
Assembly - PP White, Undercover area, 2.15pm

### 10 September

Massed Choir Final Rehearsal  
Super Choir Yrs 5/6

### 12 September

Interschool Athletics carnival, Woodlands PS  
Massed Choir Festival - 5pm

### 20 September

Assembly - 3 Blue, Undercover area, 2.15pm

### 21 September

Footy Colours Day  
Last Day of Term 3

### Term 4

### 8 October

School Development Day - students do not attend

### 25 October

Cultural Showcase

### 19-30 November

Year 1/2 Interm Swimming

### 3-13 December

Year PP Interm Swimming

## Battery Recycling



**Year 5 Red are collecting used batteries to recycle - Please bring to the Admin Office.**

## MLC Musical Excursion



On a beautiful sunny day in July, all the Year 5 and 6 students set off on an excursion to Methodist Ladies College. We were lucky enough to be invited along to see their latest school production of A High School Musical. We strolled down to our local railway station and travelled by train to Claremont. After a short walk (we got many looks, we were like a blue army) we arrived at MLC. It was a stunning day so we were able to sit on the lawn and enjoy our morning recess. The production was excellent, we were all thoroughly entertained. We are very lucky that MLC invite us along each year as they offer us free tickets. After lunch on the lawn we headed back to the station for our homeward journey. All in all a perfect outing on a perfect day with a host of perfectly behaved students!

## War on Waste

After watching ABC's "War on Waste", Giorgina Pitchen and her family took a trip to City Beach with a goal to clean it up. They were shocked at how much rubbish they found in just a short walk. Giorgina sorted the rubbish and presented an itemised photo to the class. This motivated them to do the same. The class had lots of ideas of how they could make a difference to the waste in and around our local water ways. Giorgina then wrote to the local newspaper and had her letter published (right). We applaud her and her family for their efforts to make a cleaner and safer world.

### Lollipop sticks aplenty on City Beach

My name is Giorgina and I am 12 years old and my brother Alexander is eight.

After watching our favourite program, War on Waste, we decided to go to City Beach and see how much plastic there was on our local beach.

We went with two bags and were surprised that we filled them both within an hour.

We found nearly 100 bits of soft plastic, heaps and heaps of random bits of hard plastic and straws, many bits of rope and even a Santa hat!

But the most surprising thing we found over and over were lollipop sticks, the ones that look like little straws (the Chupa Chup type).

To be precise, we found 108!

We would like to remind everyone who visits our beautiful beaches to please put their rubbish in the bins or take it home.

Every little bit of rubbish counts, even a little lollipop stick.

Remember, every bit of rubbish left on our beaches ends up in our oceans.

Giorgina and Alexander Pitchen  
St Vincents Avenue, Wembley



Giorgina and Alexander sent in this photo of some of the plastic rubbish they collected at City Beach.



Please do not access the school by Glen St.

Thank you.

## Book Week Fun



*Pictured above: Audrey, Sienna and Sofia*

A highlight on the WLPS calendar each year is dress up day for Book Week. This year, the excitement was contagious as Harry Potters and Where's Wallys mixed with princesses and Dalmatians.

Across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia brings children and books together during Children's Book Week, encouraging schools and public libraries to spend the week celebrating books, Australian authors and illustrators. Book Week is always a celebration at West Leederville Primary School and this year's CBCA Book Week theme *Find Your Treasure* inspired creative displays and engaging activities in the classrooms when looking at the short-listed books.

Take a look at all the Honour books and winning titles at the [CBCA Book of the Year website](#).



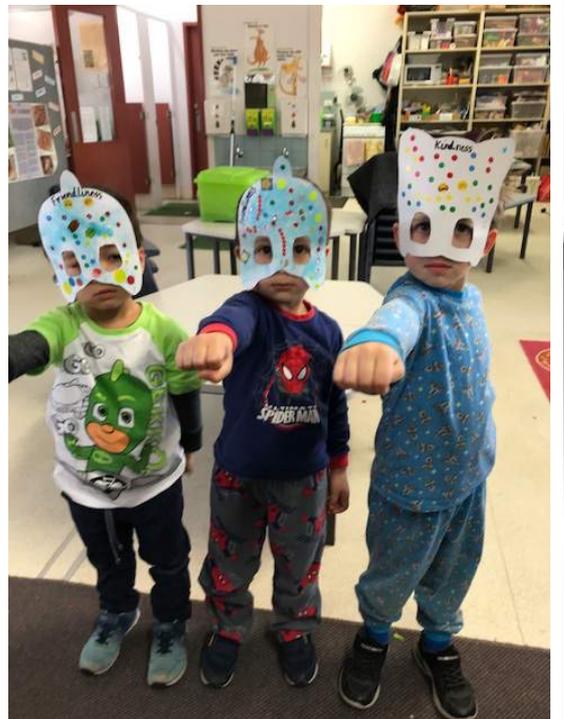
*Pictured above left: Mr Mac, Sofia, Keira and Mathilda and right: Jasmine and Mrs Holmes*

# Book Week in Kindy



For Book Week in Kindy we all wore our pyjamas and became characters from the TV show PJ Masks. Our super hero qualities for the day were Kindness, Friendliness and Happiness and everyone made a special mask. It was a fun day!

*Pictured above: Flynn, Jack and Farah and (right) Al Baraa  
Left: Neave and (right) Thomas, Matthew and Anthony  
Below left: Camila, Obi and Evelyn and (right) Tom*



## 2018 School Survey for Parents

All government schools are required to conduct a bi-annual survey of their parents.

In 2016, 117 respondents completed our survey. Since that time, the information gained has been invaluable and used often in the school's future planning at all levels from classroom to School Board.

The survey is in two parts; Section 1 mandated federal and state questions, and Section 2 questions from our school and School Board around our performance. Most questions are housed within our 2018-2020 Business Plan domains of Teaching, Learning Environment, Leadership, Relationships and Resourcing. At the end of sections, we have provided the voluntary opportunity for you to add further information. Throughout the survey, the use of the word parent refers to the primary carer of a child at WLPS. Please attempt to complete the survey with one child in mind. Any additional time you would like to invest on expanding your answers in the open comment sections would be greatly appreciated! Your responses will be analysed and again used to guide future decision-making.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important initiative. If you are interested in entering the competition to win a \$50 Coles Myer Voucher, please include your name and email address at the end of the survey. Your responses (other than for the prize draw) will remain anonymous.

Please use the link below to access this year's Parent Survey. Completion should take around 10-15 minutes. We thank you for your time.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/gEVnptbQ>

## School Banking

### Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

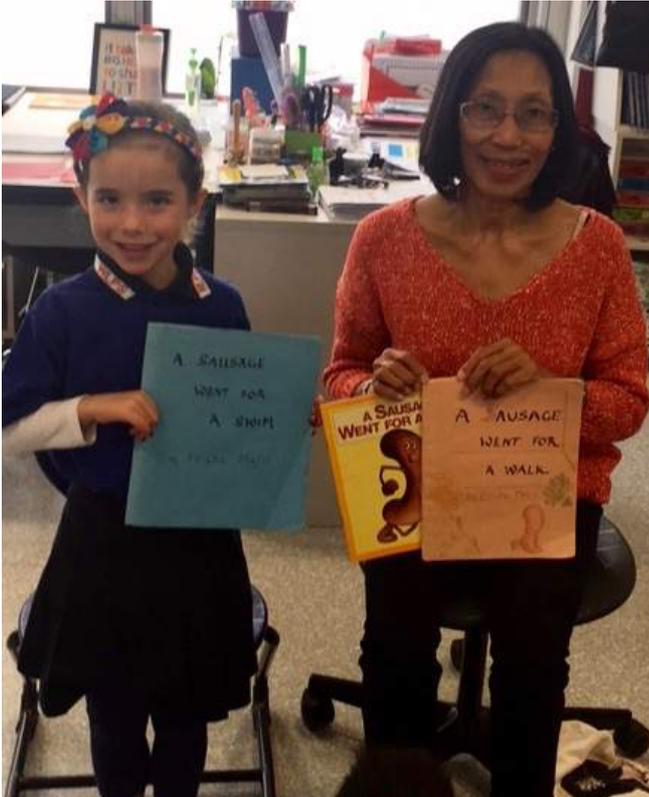
The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently School Banking day is **Monday from 8.30am.**

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please contact Tanya Stevens on 0432430719.

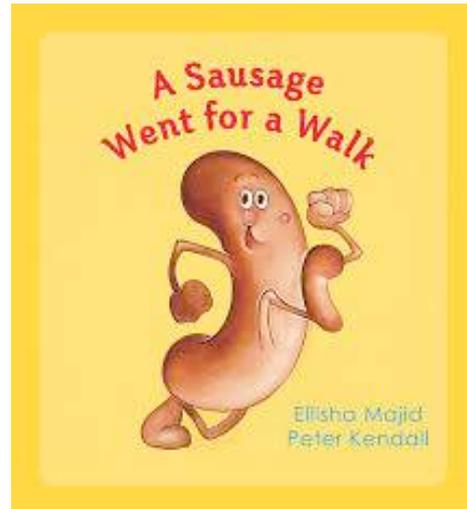


# Author Elisha Majid in PP White



Last week in Pre-primary White we were thrilled to have a visit from Alexandra Woods' grandmother Elisha Majid who is the author of "A Sausage went for a Walk".

Elisha told us how she wrote this story for her children when they were in primary school and she showed us the original book she wrote as well as a copy of the continuing story, "A Sausage went for a Swim".



Pictured above: Alexandra with her grandmother Elisha Majid, proudly showing her wonderful books.

## STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

### Pre-primary

Amir Alhussain  
Andi McCallum  
All of Pre-primary Red  
Gabriela Fechner  
Zoe Bellantoni

### Year 1

Frankie Simpson  
Phoenix Ravine  
Lucas Stavreski  
Daniella Nightingale

### Year 2

Joshua Agapitos  
Bonnie Nash  
Maxim Bull  
Kara Daoud  
Marion Turner  
Cole Butler

### Year 3

Ala Eddin Alhussain  
Kai Ferry  
Charlie Joyce  
Emerson Lynch  
Luka Farish-Luhan  
Maria Troumpetaris

### Year 4

Sam Tilman Lacerda  
Ryley Adams  
Jack Smitheringale  
Youssef Ahmed Megebry

### Year 5

Alfred Keane  
Rodney Corbett  
Mizuki Takatabake  
Tarquin Slieker  
Aisha Di Lollo

### Year 6

Ewan Williams  
Lara Zein  
Joel Ioppolo  
Sasha D'Arcy-Burke

**Congratulations to  
our Star Students.**



# Science Week



*Pictured Above: Felix and Sarah making music with straws*

This year Science Week was a journey to the underwater world of the reef. Students worked with their teachers to discover the important scientists to make it their life's work to preserve this beautiful part of our world.

An amazing display of this learning journey can be seen in the library beginning from Week 9.

Poetry, artwork, stories and craft construction will be just some of the treats in store for all to see.

**Remember to visit the library in Week 9  
AND  
more photos to come in the next newsletter**



*Pictured Above: Mr Mac and his class enjoyed this experiment where they demonstrated how detergents and oils separate when combined.*



*Pictured Left: Ioannis, Zara and Will experimenting with straws; cutting into different lengths and inserting holes to observe changes in pitch and output.*



## Bali 'sister school'

Our sister school in Bali were delighted to receive the netball uniforms recently.



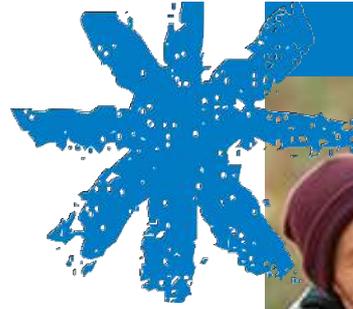
*Pictured above: our Bali "sister school" students with our donated netball uniforms*

HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY!

Sunday 2nd September, 2018

To all of our wonderful Fathers,  
have a wonderful day!

# insights



## Kids need good men in their lives

by Michael Grose

While rummaging through my bookshelves at home recently I stumbled across *Romulus, My Father* by Raimond Gaita, a book that had a huge impact on me as a father.

*Romulus, My Father* is a lovingly told memoir of a hard-working father who remained faithful to his family and friends despite his wife's affairs, her mental illness and dealing with the hardships of earning a living in 1950s and '60s rural Australia. It's a tale of love, friendship and character.

One line in the book, "*I know what a good man is because I saw it in my father,*" struck an instant chord with me. It was a reminder that kids need to have close experiences with men who have real depth of character and strength if they are to adopt those qualities themselves and also look for them in partners.

### Role models of quality

Sadly, children and young people are less likely to see these qualities in many of our current political leaders and other public figures. Self-interest and shallowness of character, at least in a public sense, seems to be standard fare at present.

Like Gaita, I had the good fortune to have a father who was also a good man. He wasn't wealthy, famous or ambitious. Rather he was kind, considerate and generous. He had experienced an unhappy and – I suspect though he never spoke of it – abusive childhood but he was determined that his children would never experience the same treatment that he received.

As a disciplinarian he was soft but that didn't mean he was a pushover. He'd stand his ground with his children over issues that really mattered, such as how we siblings treated each other, displays of dishonesty and disrespect, and taking shortcuts in our studies or with work. He was a community-minded man who, through his example, taught his children the importance of serving and giving to those who didn't have the same serving of luck that we did. He was also an involved father who, despite being busy, always had time to play cricket and football after work with my brother and me. He was never too busy for his children.

### A compass and a map

Significantly, my father gave me my moral compass in the form of the value system that he lived by. His many sayings including his most popular mantra: "If you can't say a good word about anyone don't say anything at all". That still rattles around in my head today. Through his active community involvement, his devotion to family and

his propensity to have a good laugh, he gave me a map to follow on how to live a good life.

I don't have a monopoly on being raised by a good man. If you were raised by a good man then count your blessings because you had a wonderful head start in life. Your task is to make sure your father's legacy lives on in your own children. You'll do that by being a man of strength and character, and by being a wise, loving presence in your children's lives whatever their age.

If, through whatever circumstance, you didn't have a good man close to you in your life as a child, then start the process with your own kids. Many men who have gone before you weren't close to their own fathers, or had fathers who were ineffectual, but they became great fathers despite their circumstances.

With public life increasingly producing male role models of dubious quality, it's up to dads and other significant males in the lives of children and young people to be good men, strong men and men of honour.

That's the legacy that we leave.

Happy Father's Day!



**Michael Grose**

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children*.