



WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

Student Leaders for 2019



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 formal leadership opportunities including School Councillors, Faction Captains and Literacy Leaders. They play an active role in our school community by 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

Eve Brodie-Hall
Audrey Brown
Darcy Finch
Zadie Garwood-Blue
Ishita Gupta
Sienna Hathrill
Francis Hor
Catherine Imison

Literacy leaders

Edmund Goodacre-Paul
Fred Keane
Genevieve Kelly
Ashley Knight
Charlotte Lucas
Lachlan McDiven

Faction Captains

Cambridge: Isabella Baker & Tyson Gill
Northwood: Grace Anderson & Lenny Williams
Kimberley: Anna Lubich & Marley Harkess
Woolwich: Liloue Farish-Luhan & James McDonnell

From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community

This last term has whizzed past in a blur and the finish line is almost here!

Some key dates as we get closer:

- Tonight's BIG event: The Cultural Showcase!
- Friday 7th Dec: Reports K-6 emailed to parents
- Friday 7th Dec: Pre-primary Christmas morning
- Tuesday 11th Dec: Year 6 Graduation ceremony (9:15am)
- Thursday 13th Dec: Book Award assembly (9am)
- Thursday 13th Dec: Last day for students
- Friday 14th Dec: Last day for staff
- Friday 14th Dec: Class lists for 2019 emailed to parents
- School resumes for students 2019 Monday 4th February

The final P&C meeting for 2018 was held last Tuesday night. It turned out to be the biggest P&C meeting I've been to in 5 years, and I thank all parents for their insight and input. The P&C have committed almost \$30 000 to an upgrade of the Heritage building: 3 new air conditioners, painting of the hall, new LED lights in classrooms and smart new black pin up boards. They have also committed a further \$10 000 to bright shade sails to be erected in between the basketball court and the Pre-primary classrooms. The P&C will also 'top up' the physical education sports equipment budget and library books in 2019.

I would like to personally thank Mrs Julie Metcalf, P&C President and the P&C Exec Committee for another successful year of fundraising and support for our school. Teachers and the leadership team truly appreciate your efforts throughout the year and acknowledge the many voluntary hours you all put in.

We are delighted to announce we are running a fourth kindergarten group in 2019.

Jade Mulgrew is returning from parental leave and will teach the 'Yellow' group Thursdays, Fridays and alternate Wednesdays. We are looking for families currently enrolled in kindy who might want to switch groups to even up the numbers. Please contact the front office if you can make the move! We now have 4 places available for new enrolments.

All student K-6 reports will be emailed this Friday 7th December. It is very important that we have your correct email address and vital that you download the report as the link expires after 4 weeks. You will not be able to use this link after mid-January. This is Department wide.

I look forward to seeing you at the Cultural Showcase extravaganza.

Warm regards,

Lisa Wade



Online reports

West Leederville Primary School uses electronic delivery of semester reports. This was first used in Semester 1 of 2018. From that first delivery, a number of factors were noted:

- some parent/caregiver email addresses were incorrect
- some were out of date, and
- some incorrectly entered in our database.

These have been rectified, though can only be deemed current with your assistance. If an email address needs updating, please notify us at the school.

The email link to the report expired after four weeks. Many parents/caregivers contacted the school to have another link sent, after the expiry date, for many different reasons. Please ensure the reports are downloaded to a local device for storage. The link for Semester 2 reports will thus expire mid-January. The school is not in a position to resend individual reports in 2019.

All reports will be delivered by email link on Friday 7th December.
Thank you for your assistance.

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 Dhepnorarrat
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 Nankaris
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.



Getting to know our community



Pictured above, the students from Pre-primary Red line up to post the letters they had written to their parents.

The students from Pre-primary Red have been learning the topic 'The community around us' and as part of their program have been on several expeditions in the local streets.

The first was a wander around the streets to take in landmarks and chat with some of the local residents out in their gardens.

The next day the Post Office on Cambridge Street was the chosen destination and each of the students posted a letter they had written to their parents.

On Wednesday the students delighted and surprised many local residents at the Coles Supermarket, when they walked around the aisles discussing products, pricing and the process of grocery shopping.

To wrap up their week of visits a treat was in store when once again the students set off down to the West Leederville shopping precinct to Grasses coffee shop. Seated at the various tables each student received a baby cino and some managed their drinks whilst perusing the daily newspapers.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the activities and at the end of the week had a greater awareness of their local community, the services available and the landmarks.



A visit from our Bali Sister School



Year 5 students pictured with the decorations they made with palm fronds under the direction of Sri and Budi.

We were lucky enough to host the Balinese Adopt a School coordinator in our school for two days, last week.

Sri and her husband Budi, worked with our Pre-primary to Year 6 students to give them some insight into what going to school in Bali might be like, to teach them some Indonesian words, a song and to make canangs (offering box).

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Thanks to those families that were able to bring palm fronds to school.



Dates for your Diary

6 December

Cultural evening, 5pm, WLPS amphitheatre and hall

7 December

Christmas morning, PP Red, 9am

7 December

School reports emailed out

11 December

Year 6 Graduation - 9.15am
Undercover area

13 December

Book awards assembly - 9.15am,
undercover area

13 December

Last day of 2018 School year for students

14 December

2019 Class lists emailed to parents

2019

31 January & 1 February

Uniform shop open in hall between 10am and 12pm

4 February

2019 school year commences

6 to 15 February

Interm swimming
Years 3 & 4 - Beatty Park, 9am
Years 5 & 6 - Cottesloe Beach, 12.30pm

13 March

Faction swimming carnival

27 & 28 March

School Photos

29 March

Sibling photos

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

Siblings pay a visit



Pictured above are Chloe and her younger brother Sebastian, and below, Soren with his sister Freya and Olivia with her brother Benjamin.

In what has become a tradition in the Pre-primary Red classroom, last week the younger siblings of the students were for a visit. The students took great care of their siblings and were excited to show them around the classroom and the various activities on offer. Together they coloured in pictures, cut out shapes and even made a hat.



Thank you

In Term 3 the children created artwork with an Animal Kingdom theme which were made into cards, calendars and tote bags with the help of Crazy Camel. These have now been delivered to parents, grandparents and carers to enjoy. Thank you to Sally Gorey and all the teachers for helping the P&C raise \$1,600 this year. And a big thanks to parents, grandparents and carers for purchasing the products.

A visit from our Bali Sister School

Bali Sister School Visits W.L.P.S

It was finally the week that Sri and Budy were coming to meet us in the hall on Thursday the 22nd of November and Friday the 23rd of November.

We made canang sari from palm fronds. Did you know that Balinese people put out offerings to the gods every day?

Everyone in the whole school loved learning about the Balinese culture.

By Molly Baker
Year 3 Blue

A Visit from the Balinese

On Thursday the 22nd of November, we had some visitors. They were Balinese people from our sister school in Bali. Their names were Sri and her husband Budi. We met them in the school hall.

It was so great to learn about their culture as well as making our canang sari. A canang sari is an offering to gods that Balinese people put out every day.

By Gabriella Sealey
Yr 3 Blue



Welcoming new and returning families, please save the date for our 2019 family movie night.

Our inaugural outdoor movie night this year was a huge success and we are planning another!

Saturday 23rd February, 2019 in the amphitheatre.

Details to follow.



From the P&C President

Colour Carnival-Fete - Thank you

Thank you Vivi, Ann, Shelly, Sarah, Aimee, Neil and Chris for all your effort organising the fete. A wonderful day was had by all. Our community had so much fun! I've been told on many occasions that 'it was the best fete ever'! Well done everyone. If you haven't heard, the fete raised \$49350. Wow!

Some of the money from the Colour Carnival - Fete will be spent on a climbing structure in our playground. This structure will help enhance and develop grip strength and upper body strength, this will help the children in the classroom with better fine motors skills and brain development. There is lot of research available on this and I'm happy to give you some light reading if you require. It is fascinating. However, due to builders' busy schedules we will probably have to wait until the middle of the year before we see any progress on this, so please be patient.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from the P&C

What an amazing year!

Thank you to all who have helped or supported the P&C this year.

From the movie night, to the cocktail party. The quiz night, entertainment book, memorial garden sausage sizzle, crazy camel and the Colour Carnival-Fete. Parents, P&C members, children and staff, THANK YOU for another successful year. The P&C managed to create a lot of community events while trying to raise funds.

I would to thank Sarah Williams our fundraising coordinator, who always supports and guides people who put their hands up to help. Thank you.

To all who hold a position on the P&C. David as Vice President, Naomi as secretary, Vivi as treasurer, Tanya as canteen coordinator, Kath as class rep coordinator and uniform coordinator, Sarah as fundraising coordinator and Richard as Dad's army coordinator. Each of these people work hard to make sure they support and contribute to the P&C, which in turn contributes to the school and our children.

Barbara and Lydia are two amazing ladies who work hard every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the canteen, providing great lunches for the children at our school. They even take on extra special lunches for the athletics carnival. Over the last few years they have worked extra hard alongside Tanya the P&C canteen coordinator to make the canteen self-sufficient and generate a profit. Well done and thank you ladies.

Once again thank you West Leederville Primary School community. Your help and support of the P&C is appreciated. I really can't express how proud and pleased I am to be part of such an amazing, hard-working and generous community.

On behalf of the P&C I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Merry Christmas and be safe.

Julie Metcalf

President, West Leederville primary school P&C

insights



Technology holiday guide for parents

by Martine Oglethorpe

As holidays approach, the role that screens and devices will play becomes an increasing concern for parents. Days when kids are usually tied up with school and activities make way for many an idle hour and, as such, parents fear those hours will be spent largely engaged with a screen or gaming console. While there is certainly no harm in some well-balanced screen time and developmentally appropriate online activities, we must remember that, as parents, we have an important role in helping our kids manage and balance that screen time. Here are a few things we can do:

Understand the battle

It is important parents know the beast they are dealing with. It is easy to shout from another room to get off a screen or whinge to our friends that 'kids of today' are all addicted to their phones, but we need to recognise the pull that many of these devices have. The social networks are designed to keep us liking, commenting and sharing. The games cajole us into having 'just one more' turn at being the last man standing. These technologies tempt us to reach just one more level, or to scroll for just a few minutes more. Our brains experience a dopamine release and a sense of insufficiency when we use a device. There is always something else to do or something else to scroll through, or one more YouTube video to watch. So our kids are up against it when trying to control their time on a device. We need to help them with that.

Get outside

We can complain that kids never go outside and play anymore, but sometimes we have to physically get out there with them or offer opportunities in which being outside and active play are appealing. We have to work a little harder at this today because we are competing with a device that answers many of our kids' perceived needs. We need them to know that their needs are greater and more varied than what their screens can offer.

Have some rules

Despite their apparent dislike of rules around technology, kids will (one day) appreciate having boundaries to help them manage their screen time. Rules can be established regarding time limits, devices in bedrooms, device-free meal times, etc. Whatever you decide is important, be sure that you have those discussions with your kids. And any discussion around rules or consequences should happen away from the screens so they are clear on the expectations. (Talking about their screen-time habits while they are just about to be the last man standing on Fortnite is probably not going to make for engaging conversation.)

One console on one television outside the bedroom

Having only one television that is connected to a gaming console or to Netflix is a good way of ensuring that the

device gets shared and one child doesn't monopolise the screen. And leave consoles out of bedrooms where the appeal of just one more quick game can very quickly rob them of important sleep time.

Role model

Make sure you are showing your kids how you want them to be. Have times when the devices are put away and you give full attention to the people around you. Don't answer calls or emails at the dinner table. Don't fall asleep with a device landing on your forehead. Take time to get outside and do things active and in nature. Don't ever use a phone while driving. Use the Screen Time feature on iOS products to monitor just how you are using your technology and whether you could be making some changes. Kids learn more from what we do than what we say.

We know the technology isn't going anywhere, and we know there are many wonderful benefits that screens provide. But ensure that holidays and downtime hours can be filled with many different experiences and in ways that leave your kids in control, even if you have to work a little harder to give them that.



Martine Oglethorpe

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WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY PRESENTS

CULTURAL SHOWCASE EVENING

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 6 2018
5PM-8PM

**Buy your \$5 family ticket online @
trybooking.com which includes:**

- Chinese Lion Dance & Martial Arts
- Drama Production "A Kid Summer Night's
Dream"
- Art Exhibition
- Live Musicians

Food Trucks for Food & Drink!