



WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

Interschool Cross Country



On Wednesday the 26th of June, a squad of 63 West Leederville Primary School students travelled to City Beach to take on the best cross-country athletes from nine other schools. The West Leederville team performed very well, showing determination, endurance and resilience when faced with what is widely acknowledged as the most difficult of the interschool events.

Of particular note was the exceptional performance of Sienna Hathrill, who easily won the Year 6 boys and girls race, and Riley Pawlowitsch who, after not even placing in last year's West Leederville event, placed 8th against Perth's best in this year's interschool Year 5 race.

Well done to all of our representatives, you made us proud.

From the Principal



Dear WLPS Community,

NAIDOC

NAIDOC Week is an Australian observance lasting from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday. NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. As this week falls during the school holidays, at West Leederville PS we will be celebrating NAIDOC week during the week of July 29 –

August 2, with a special day of activities on Wednesday 31 July. Activities on this day will include an Acknowledgment of Country dance by the Moorditj Mob, the raising of the Aboriginal flag at our school for the first time, story-telling and cooking with Aboriginal elders, dance, art, drama, music and history activities.

If you are looking for an activity to do in the holidays with your children you can find out what events are happening for NAIDOC Week here: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/naidoc-week-events>



Bottle tops

One of the projects we will be undertaking on NAIDOC day is a bottle top mural. Thank you to everyone who has been collecting bottle tops for us, we have a magnificent collection. Please keep the bottle tops coming in. In particular we are seeking gold milk lids, red yoghurt lids, white lids of any size or shape and blue lids as pictured right.



Quiz night

Thank you to the P&C quiz night committee for organising another fabulous event. It great to see parents, staff and community members letting their hair down and opening their wallets to support a good cause – their children's education! \$10 000 from the funds raised is being targeting to our library and we have some fabulous plans in place. I'll keep you updated here.

I'd also like to thank everyone who donated prices and auction items. They really help make it a highly successful event on our fund-raising calendar.



Associate Principal, Mrs Lisa Wade (pictured) dressed in the spirit of things for the Quiz Night.



Students enjoying the new furniture purchases in the library.

Playground update

We are getting much, much closer to the long awaited playground additions coming to fruition. A range of concepts and quotes have been received, studied and scrutinised. Finishing touches are being made to these plans before a final presentation is made to the P&C. There will be more news coming your way on this significant investment early next term. Thank you to all playground committee members past and present for getting us to this point. It's going to be amazing!

Engagement and Communication Committee update

I would like to thank the E&C committee for all of the hard work and expertise they have provided in compiling the WLPS draft Engagement and Communication Framework. Our draft document will soon be distributed to the School Board for review and followup discussion at the next Board meeting in Week 2 of Term 3. Following receipt of the Board's support, the framework will be available to parents for a period of consultation.

I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday break and I look forward to seeing all of our students back here, happy and healthy, on Monday 22nd July, 2019.

Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly



Dates for your Diary

5 July

Last day of Term 2.

22 July

Term 3 commences for students

26 July

Applications close for enrolment for 2020 kindergarten and pre-primary (new to school)

31 July

NAIDOC Day of Celebration.
Whole School Event

1 August

Assembly, Pre-primary White,
Undercover Area, 2.15pm

1 August

Australian Mathematics
Competition, Years 3 to 6, optional

5 August

Excursion - Scitech excursion, Year 6

6 August

Excursion - MLC Calamity Jane,
Year 4 & 5 students

7 August

Excursion - Lake Monger Reserve,
Year 4

8 August

Excursion - Kings Park
Naturescape excursion, Year 3

15 August

Assembly, Year 1 Black and 1
White, Undercover Area, 2.15pm

19 to 23 August

Book Week

21 August

Open night and Book Fair,
5.30pm to 7pm

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

Dental services

The School Dental Service provides free general dental and emergency dental care to eligible school children at school-based [Dental Therapy Centres](#).

Eligible students are those aged 5 to 16 years, who attend a school recognised by the Western Australian Department of Education. The care provided includes routine dental examinations or check-ups, oral health advice, extractions, fillings, X-rays and fissure sealants. Specialist dental services such as oral surgery and orthodontics are not provided, and patients will be referred for these services.

Students from West Leederville Primary School may make enquiries about dental care at the Leederville Mobile Dental Van which is currently located at Mt Hawthorn Primary School, by phone 0408 926 794, or email leedervillemobile@dental.health.wa.gov.au.

Further information can be found at the following link <https://www.dental.wa.gov.au/>.



Earn and Learn

Thank you to all the West Leederville families who collected Earn & Learn stickers for our school. A bigger thank you goes out to all the helpers who stuck them on the sheets. From kindy to Yr6, even parents and siblings managed to get caught up in the sticker excitement.

We have managed to collect 22560 stickers which totals 376 sticker sheets!

We can't wait to let you know what goodies we get with all the vouchers!

Thanks again!



A big thank you to the parents and students in Kindy Green, Year 2 White and the Year 2 basketball team in particular for placing the stickers on sheets and counting them.

From the P&C

Quiz Night!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

What an amazing night had by all at the 8th annual WLPS quiz night.

Thank you to all of our wonderful community who contributed to a successful night. Thank you for donations and sponsorship, attendance, fancy dress and purchasing of pizzas, drinks, live auction items and silent auction items.

Thank you to the amazing committee Max Garfeny, Kristy Vallis, Sid Samanta, Raj Soares, Nikki De Domahidy, Ali Jensen, Tahnee Davies and Julie Metcalf, who spent hours upon hours organising such a fun event. Thank you to everyone else who helped contribute extra time to the quiz night.

The total raised this year is just over \$24,000. Wow! Amazing!

\$10,000 of this is going towards upgrading the school library with books, furniture and a new computer system.

Thank you to all!



Interschool Sport



On Friday the 28th of June, the West Leederville Wolves soccer team travelled to Churchlands Primary School to take on the best soccer players from Wembley Downs, City Beach and Churchlands Primary Schools. The day was set up as a round robin event with each team taking on each other over a series of three matches with the best performer taking home the cup. In game one, West Leederville took on Churchlands in a in a tight fought match, but were eventual winners due to a strong defence led but Ollie and goals scored by Youi and Charlie. In game 2, Woodlands threw down the challenge to the West Leederville team and it was

met with another outstanding team performance with goals from Youi, Kahn and Ben. Game 3 looked to be the days decider, as the challenger Floreat, was also unbeaten in their first two games. The Wolves stepped onto the pitch with fire in their eyes and from the first kick of the game it was obvious this pack had found it's prey. Floreat went down 7-1 in the end with goals from Kahn, Jack, Youi, Hani and Charlie and 2 from Kealan. Team Captain, Marley and his pack of Wolves returned to school very pleased with themselves, having thoroughly enjoyed the day and ready for their next hunt.

STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Obi MacCormac
Alex Tate
Imogen Mallet
Harriet Joyce
Xavier Coombes
Adrian Greenock

Year 1

Chloe McArdle
Eloise Casswell
Isla Tan
Akein Nawarathna
Rhys Etherington
Ira Gohil
Olive Durward
Kayden Cheng

Year 2

Ethan Lewis
Winnie Devitt

Aedan Dhepnorrarat

Stella De Lancaster Pinho Jedenov
Year 2 White

Year 3

Cole Butler
Einan Healy
Tamim El Misallati
Marion Turner
Mackenzie Decent
Bennett Massie-Taylor

Year 4

Sophia Taylor
Cohen Dunning
William Hayes
Alexander Pitchen
Rupert Decent

Year 5

Ethan Bengson
Flynn Ross
Will Stevenson
Oscar Barker
Xavier Yoshida

Year 6

Rodney Corbett
Oliver Cresp
Ben Faragher
Charlize Ronson

Congratulations to our Star Students.



Year 4 visit Scitech



All of the Year 4 students braved the wet weather and caught the train into Scitech on Friday. Students were wowed by the planetarium and the 'Things that Glow Show' and had fun exploring the exhibitions. With the help of our amazing parent helpers, students were engaged in activities relating to science, technology, engineering and maths.

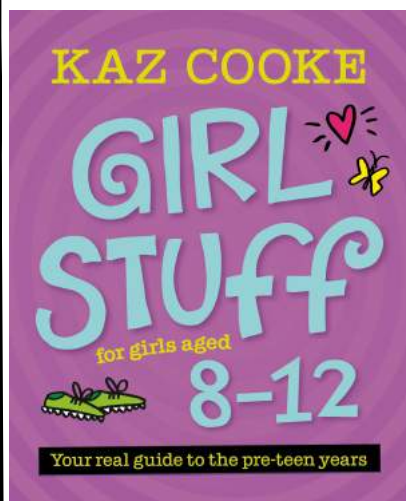
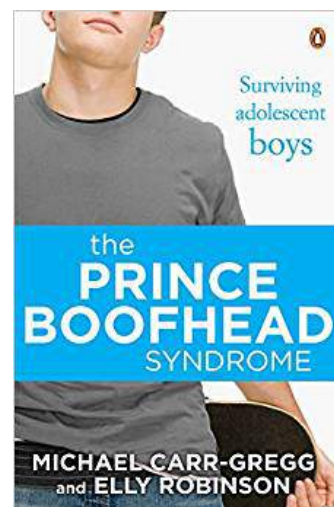


Parenting Books

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg believes that too many Australian boys have got it too easy – and the result is a generation of ‘boofheads’: boys with huge egos who think they are too good to stack the dishwasher or turn up to school. They expect the world and give little in return. But things are about to change.

From the author of the groundbreaking Australian bestseller, *The Princess Bitchface Syndrome* and researcher Elly Robinson comes this essential companion book for boys. It serves as both a warning and a rescue manual for all desperate parents – why have some boys today become such egotistical and lazy creatures, what can you do to prevent it, and how do you deal with the situation if you’re caught up in the crisis?

This book will ask the tough questions and deliver straightforward advice so that the parents of today can take back control. It is essential reading for everyone living with a teenage boy.



Girl Stuff 8-12 is the fun, friendly antidote to the nasty, hard-sell, negative and sexualised messages that bombard girls. It's fun and friendly, especially written for this age group with practical advice backed by experts and cartoons on a diverse range of girls. *Girl Stuff 8-12* is packed with trustworthy and positive info on body changes, friends and bullies, healthy attitudes to eating & exercise, moods & feelings, family, phones & social media. Plus: curated lists of great books, movies, TV shows and heroines for the 8 to 12s and pages designed to prompt dreaming & doodling.



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.



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