



WEST LEEDERVILLE  
PRIMARY

## From the Principal

Dear WLPS Community,

### Open Night – Wow!

It was fantastic to see so many of you visiting our school for Open Night. The classrooms looked fantastic due to the hard work of our students and their teachers. Thank you for helping us to celebrate our fantastic school. The Book Fair was also a fabulous success with many children heading home with a new book to read and many new books being donated to our library – thank you for your generosity WLPS community!

### Book Week Fundraiser

This year we dedicated our Book Week Dress Up Day to fundraising for Story Dogs. Story Dogs is a comprehensive literacy program built around the appealing idea of children and young adolescents reading to dogs. \$440 was raised for this worthy cause. If you dressed and didn't donate you may still do so by bringing in a gold coin on Monday morning. Please drop this directly to the school office.

### Planning for 2020

To assist us planning for 2020 it is imperative that we have accurate information regarding student numbers. Thank you to those families who have responded to our survey sent earlier this week. If you have not done so yet, please take a moment to complete our one minute [survey](#). Please be assured this information is kept confidential.

Each year classroom teachers spend many hours preparing class groupings for the following year. The educational needs and well-being of our students is paramount in all discussions and actions in respect to class placements. Teachers consider the students social, behavioural and academic abilities with the intended outcome of grouping students to cater for the best educational and emotional needs of their students.

Our [Class Placement Policy](#), shared with the School Board on 11th June 2019 is available on the school website. Please note, class placement requests are not encouraged. If there is a legitimate educational reason for making a request, this must be communicated in writing to me by the end of Week 4, term 4. [fiona.Kelly@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:fiona.Kelly@education.wa.edu.au).



### Fathers Day Breakfast

It was a fantastic turn out, despite the weather, at the walk to school with your Dad/Father figure this morning. This event was arranged by the FOWLS (Fathers of West Leederville School) with the support of Craig Gasper from Caporn Young, The Coffee Thief, the WLPS P&C and Mr Braimbridge. Great work everyone!



### Baby arrival

Joanna Stanton and her partner will be enjoying their first Fathers Day as parents this weekend. They welcomed the arrival of a healthy baby boy, named Alfie, this week.



### Engagement and Communications Committee (ECC)

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the ECC framework. This Framework has now been finalised and is available on the WLPS website. I would like to extend a big thank you to the members of this committee, Derry Simpson, Tahnee Davies, Cristina Hidalgo, Kylie Ashenbrenner, Rachael Swinhoe and Robyn Gilfillan for their commitment to this project. This committee will continue to monitor our implementation of the ECC Framework and reconvene in 2020 for a review.



Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly

## Q & A

The Associate Principals and I are regularly asked questions, either in person or by email, to which we believe the answer may be of interest to other members of our school community. Recently we have been asked:

### **Are students allowed to bring mobile phones to school?**

Preferably not, however we do realise that electronic devices are increasingly becoming essential items of daily use in the lives of our students, particularly those managing medical conditions.

If a phone is required to maintain contact with parents due to after school commitments, health issues or to ensure safe travel, they may be brought to school but must remain in the child's bag turned off or on silent. This may vary if the phone is for health monitoring and is negotiated on an individual basis. The school accepts no responsibility for the safe keeping of mobile phones or electronic devices.



The school's updated *Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Policy* will be shared with the School Board at next week's meeting and published on the website in due course.

### **What happens if it rains on the Athletics Carnival day?**

Due to the logistics of this event being held off site, we will endeavour to go ahead as scheduled. This may mean that your child will require some warm clothing or rain protection. If the circumstance arises where the weather is too poor to proceed, the carnival will be postponed and parents will be notified through the Skoolbag app. <https://www.moqproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/>

## Dates for your Diary

### 30 August

Superchoir rehearsal - Churchlands Senior High School

### 2 September

Jumps and Throws competition, selected students Years 3 to 6, City Beach Primary School.

### 3 September

Coffee with the leadership team.

Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BESXY>

### 4 September

**Faction Athletics Carnival, City Beach PS, PP to Year 6, 9.30am**

### 12 September

Assembly, Pre-primary Blue Undercover Area, 2.15pm

### 15 September

ABODA Junior Orchestra Festival - WLPS Ensemble perform at 9.15am at Churchlands Senior High School.

### 18 September

Interschool Athletics Carnival, City Beach Primary School

### 26 & 27 September

Science Alive Incursion, PP to Year 6

### 26 September

Superchoir rehearsal - Perth Concert Hall

### 26 September

Assembly, Year 2 Red, Undercover Area, 2.15pm

### 27 September

Massed Choir Concert- Perth Concert Hall, Bus departs school at 5pm. Concert concludes at 9.30pm

### 27 September

Last day of Term 3

### 14 October

Staff Development Day, Students do not attend school.

### 15 October

Students return to commence Term 4

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

## MLC Musical

Once again we were lucky enough to be offered free tickets for the MLC school production, at their lovely campus in Claremont. This year for Calamity Jane we took the Year 4 and 5 cohorts. Again we trained it over to Claremont and walked the kilometre or so to MLC. Whilst the message of the musical was somewhat dated, certainly for our empowered, modern females, the execution of the production was excellent. We are very lucky to be invited each year and enhance relationships with other local school communities. The behaviour of students was exemplary and all should feel proud of themselves. My thanks go to the teachers and EAs that accompanied us, without your support for The Arts in our program excursions like this would not be possible.



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**SCHOLASTIC** **BOOK**  
orders

Due Tuesday 10 September 2019

For instructions to order online via the Scholastic LOOP system, please click the following link:

<https://wlps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Book-Club-Loop-Order-guide-amended.pdf>

## The S.S. Kindy sails into Kindergarten



The Kindy students are delighted to play in our new boat. We would like to send a big thank you to Greg Finch who worked tirelessly to fix and prepare the boat so that it was safe. We would also like to thank Craig Ogden, Max Weston and Saad Ansari for helping Greg to place and attach the boat in the playground. Another big thank you goes to our painting crew of Vanessa Ogden, Sara O'Brien, John O'Brien, Joyce Cheung, Breanna Bollig, Anna Bakulina and Rania Sayed. Thank you also to the P&C for helping to fund the boat.

*Gail Collet, Sue Wilson & Jess Howe-Smith  
Kindergarten teachers.*



## Faction Athletics Carnival

- When : Wednesday, 4 September, 2019
- Where : City Beach Primary School, lower oval bordering Marapana Road
- Time : 9am departure from school for all students PP to Year 6
  - PP and Year 1 students leave the sports carnival at 1pm following lunch to return to school.
  - Year 2 to 6 students leave at 2.30pm following medal presentation.
- Special Lunch Order : Online orders may be placed through Quickcliq for a 'Special Athletics lunch' of a roll with ham, cheese or chicken and salad, plus a drink and piece of fruit for \$6. Lunch orders will be delivered to the carnival. <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/>
- Coffee van will be attendance at the carnival.
- In the event of the postponement of the Faction Carnival due to wet weather, parents will be notified by the Skoolbag app.



# Town of Cambridge Local Schools Art Exhibition

This year we have entered students from each year level K to 6.



The exhibition provides students with the opportunity to engage with other children and artists within the Town of Cambridge, fostering their creative development through the celebration of their work.

An opening and awards ceremony will take place at the Boulevard Centre on Thursday 5 September 2019, commencing at 5:30pm. The artwork will then be on display to the public at the Floreat Forum Shopping Centre from Friday 6 September to Friday 20 September 2019.

One piece of artwork will be selected for inclusion in the Town's art collection for a period of three years. This will be the best piece of artwork from the exhibition and will be selected by representatives from the Town.

Best of luck to all those students involved.

Sally Gorey  
Art Specialist



# Sienna a Cross Country Champion



One of our Year 6 students, Sienna represented WLPS at the WA all Schools, Primary Cross Country championships on Friday the 9th of August and from a field of over 330 Year 6 girls from all over our state, Sienna placed second.

Following on from this, Sienna was announced as Captain of the Western Australian State Junior Cross Country Team which was a huge accomplishment.

Last week, Sienna competed in the School Sports Australia - National Cross Country Championships and did herself and state proud by placing 15th fastest 12 year old girl in Australia for the 3000m and she placed 8th fastest for the 1500m! We congratulate Sienna on her outstanding achievements.

## STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

### PRE- PRIMARY

Stella Saunt  
Ben Stratton  
Alex Trilling-Kirkwood  
Isabella Spivey  
Christopher Oakshott  
Anthony Oakshott

### YEAR 1

Andi McCallum  
Gabriela Fechner

### YEAR 2

Bailey Dunning  
Theo Carmody  
Sasha Lim

Ayana Brandli

Lucas Metcalf

Phoebe Yan

### YEAR 3

Harper Vogel  
Spencer Hathrill  
Olive Keane  
Zakuro Seow  
Lachlan Ladyman  
Anushka Chaturvedi

### YEAR 4

Madeleine McAlpine  
Luka Nightingale  
Ruby Lorimer

### YEAR 5

Sabine Galvin  
Hannah King  
James Nightingale  
Mathilda Anderson

### YEAR 6

Daniella Thoo  
Anna Lubich  
Lachlan McDiven  
Audrey Brown  
Muminur Rashid



## Book Week 2019



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 '*Reading is my Secret Power*' inspired creative costumes and displays in the classrooms.

Our dress up day for Book Week was held on Wednesday 21 August and as always, the costumes the students and staff came to school in were inspirational and incorporated lots of different book genres and characters. Scattered in amongst the Harry Potters, super heroes, Wallies, princesses and lions this year were a couple of Mary Poppins complete with their parrot handled umbrellas and carpet bags. Thank you to all the parents and students for making such an effort with the costumes and promoting reading amongst our students. The gold coin donation raised \$440 which went towards the "Story Dogs" program.

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





# WLPS Fathering Project

August has certainly been a busy month for the Fathering Project Dad's group. We decided on a name, calling ourselves the Father's of West Leederville (Primary) School (FOWLs) and had 3 activities throughout the month.

Here's what's been going on.

## WAFL Event

Dads and kids from Fathering Project schools were treated to free entry for the Perth Demons v West Coast Eagles game on Saturday 10 August. It was great to see a lot of Dads and their kids from our school in attendance. The kids were entertained with a bouncy castle, footy games, a half time running race, and some autographs with Willie Rioli and Liam Ryan in attendance. A special mention to Jesse, Phoenix and Oscar Ravine who took home the trophies for the the Dads and Kids kicking competition!



## Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Our Dads and kids ran the Bunnings Subiaco sausage sizzle on Saturday 24 August. We'd like to thank all of our volunteers on the day, who interacted with a lot of customers and followed the Bunnings rule of onions on the bottom of the sausage (well mostly)!

We also had our walk to school with Dads and father figures this morning, it was a fantastic turnout.



## Music News

### MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL 2019

The West Leederville Super Choir are performing in the prestigious Massed Choir Festival on **FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2019** at the Perth Concert Hall. Make sure you have purchased your tickets from <https://www.ticketmaster.com.au/> We are CONCERT 9.

Congratulations to Year 6 students Audrey Brown and Ashley Knight who represented West Leederville Primary School at the Massed Choir auditions last weekend. Ashley will be one of the concert compères for the evening and Audrey will sing a solo.

### ABODA JUNIOR ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

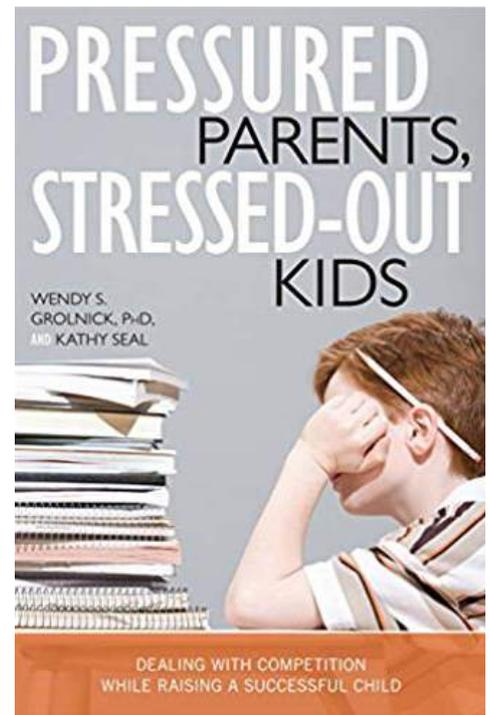
Please add **SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER** to your diary! Our string ensemble will be performing at Churchlands Senior High School in the ABODA Junior String Festival at 9.25am. An exciting event not to be missed!

If you have any queries, don't hesitate to email our music teacher [katie.Samsa@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:katie.Samsa@education.wa.edu.au)

## Featured books from our Parent Library

### ***PRESSURED PARENTS, STRESSED-OUT KIDS: DEALING WITH COMPETITION WHILE RAISING A SUCCESSFUL CHILD*** by **WENDY S. GROLNICK**

It begins harmlessly. Parents chatting on the playground compare their babies' first milestones: "Has Erin started talking? Addy's already using five-word sentences!" Inevitably, Erin's mom and dad feel anxious. Later, as report cards, standardized tests, tryouts, playoffs, auditions and social cliques fill their child's world, parents' anxiety intensifies. The older kids get, the more competition they face, whether in sports, academics or the arts. Hovering in the background is the race for admission to a top-tier college. To help panicky parents deal with the torrential emotions stirred up by our competitive society, and to give them scientific knowledge about their children's growing years, leading child researcher Wendy Grolnick and educational and parenting journalist Kathy Seal offer this illuminating and accessible guide to channeling competitive anxiety into positive parenting. While evolution has given parents a genetic predisposition toward this protective anxiety whenever their children face today's heightened competition, the authors guide parents to avoid pushing and pressuring, turning their fear instead into calm guidance. Distilling the results of thirty years of research in child psychology, the authors focus on three essential feelings—autonomy, competence, and connectedness—which parents can foster in their children to maximize the child's chances of success and minimize family conflict. They explain that granting kids autonomy lets them feel that they can solve their own problems and are responsible for their own actions. At the same time, providing structure gives kids the guidelines, information, limits, and consequences that they need to act in the world, instilling them with a feeling of competence. Finally, support from adults in the form of time and other resources provides children with a necessary feeling of connection and helps them internalize the ideas and values of their caring parents. Reassuring and empathic, Grolnick and Seal show parents how to avoid the burn-out—in both parents and children—that afflicts so many in our highly competitive



### ***PARENTING GIRLS*** by **DR JANET IRWIN**



**Dr Janet Irwin**  
**Susanna de Vries**  
**Susan Stratigos Wilson**

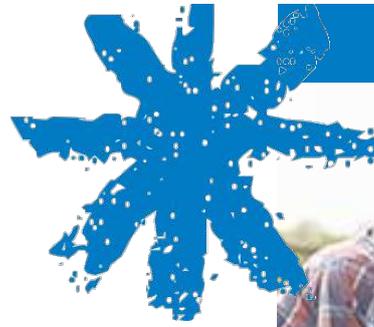
•An indispensable book for parents and carers. The advice throughout this handbook is immensely practical. Keep it on your kitchen shelf and consult it as your daughter grows up. Dr. Cherrill Hirst OAM, Chancellor, Queensland University of Technology and Director, Wesley Breast Cancer Clinic.

•From diapers to hormone havoc, body piercing to boyfriends, your little girl is bound to make your life a challenge. This book includes the following topics:

- babies' development and toddler tantrums
- sibling rivalry and helping a bullied child
- motivating your daughter to learn
- how to get her to tidy her room
- 'hormone havoc' and teenage behavior
- divorce and single parenting
- step-parents and blended families
- avoiding parental burnout
- dieting to death: anorexia and bulimia
- why girls smoke more than boys

Parents are welcome to borrow books from our Parent Library located in the office.

# insights



## Leaving your fathering mark

by Michael Grose

Currently, there's a strong tendency to view successful fathering through the lens of skills and knowledge acquisition. That is, to raise kids today effective fathers, like mothers, need to keep building their skill sets (*What's the most appropriate way to manage kids today?*) and their knowledge (*What's the latest research about the impact of digital technology on children?*). Staying one step ahead can be exhausting and make a man feel inadequate if he can't keep up.

Another way to look at fathering is through the generative parenting lens. That is, fathering is an activity that's rooted in a man's biology in much the same way that mothering is an instinctive activity. If the mothering instinct is to nurture and protect children, a father's instinct is to teach and develop his children's skills and knowledge so they can thrive long after the time he's left this world.

The generative fathering notion developed by researchers Dollahite, Hawken and Brotherson explains why many men will turn a simple game they have with their children into a lesson into how to hold a ball; defeat that opponent or stand firm in the face of fear. Father-son relationships can be scuppered by this well-intentioned, but oft mistimed 'you can always get better' attitude.

Generative fathers tend to look long term when they raise their kids. Quintessentially, generative fathers work hard to be good men and good citizens. Love, availability and character become their fathering stock in trade.

Generative fathers keep pace with their children's development adjusting their role at different stages. For instance, during a child's latency (primary school years) they focus on recreational work and so they help develop children's interests and competencies through sport, hobbies and leisure activities. The task for generative fathers of early adolescents is to help their children develop strong values and inner beliefs. This spiritual work (not necessarily in a religious sense) helps young people develop the moral compasses they need to act safely and be good citizens when fathers aren't around.

For generative parents, fathering becomes a lifelong task, and doesn't stop when children become adults, leave home and start families of their own. It is in this stage that men take on mentoring work, passing on the wisdom gained from their experiences to the next generation so that they don't repeat the same mistakes that they have made. Fathering never stops. It changes with the development of your children.

This Father's Day, while enjoying the accolades and attention that will come your way consider the generational impact you are having on your kids.

Your lasting fathering legacy will be determined by the character you display; the way you live your life and how

you relate to your family. Those are attributes that you can continue to work on over the coming twelve months.

You will find more information about generative fathering in my book *A Man's guide to raising kids* at [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au)



**Michael Grose**

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. His latest release *Anxious Kids*, was co-authored with Dr Jodi Richardson.

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