



WEST LEEDERVILLE

From the Principal

Dear WLPS Community,

A term like never before

It goes without saying – this year has been like no other. As we come to the end of Term 2, I would like to thank our whole school community, all staff and parents, for the wonderful way in which you have rallied together through these difficult times. These holidays are well deserved. Please have a safe and enjoyable break.

COVID-19: what's happening next at WLPS

In our school, the recent and up-coming lifting of restrictions, means most operations are back to normal, with just a few exceptions:

- We have another term of centrally funded additional cleaning, allowing us to continue our routine of regularly cleaning high touch surfaces;
- Assemblies will recommence in Week 4 of next term, however to cater for all classes we will work together to prepare year level performance assemblies.
- We would like to continue our staggered start trial (not that we are completely convinced it's being followed too accurately!) switching the roster to the schedule below:

8.35am Surname letter N-Z

8.45am Surname letters A – M

- Parents are encouraged to continue allowing their children to enter the school grounds in the mornings unassisted, only coming on site, particularly into classrooms, if you have other business or a pre-arranged meeting.

Please note, parents are welcome and encouraged to visit classrooms in the afternoons to view work and say hello to the teacher. Remember, if you have anything lengthy or confidential to discuss, an appointment, arranged by email, is required.

School Survey

Please grab a cuppa and give us 10 minutes of your time! We'd really appreciate you completing our National School Opinion Survey. Responses to this survey help us to plan for the future and continue on our journey of on-going self-reflection and improvement. This survey includes a series of questions asked by all schools across the nation biennially; some questions about our response to COVID-19; some questions about communication and engagement; and the opportunity for general feedback.

Responses are due by July 24; however – there is no time like the present!

Thank you in anticipation.



2020 SCHOOL SURVEY



School Reports

School reports were distributed, via CONNECT, yesterday. If you have not accessed your child's report please register for CONNECT. Information on how to do this can be found via the following links.

[Connect for Parents Guide](#)

[FAQ Connect for Parents](#)

Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly



Lap-a-thon Fun Run



On Thursday the 25th we had our long-awaited Lap-a-thon! Year 3-6 students completed as many laps as they could in 30 minutes to raise money to purchase flexible furniture. The beautiful weather and amazing oval at Bob Hawke College made it a memorable event. The donations raised from the Lap-a-thon have exceeded every expectation, with families and students going above and beyond to support WLPS. The community's generosity and support has been simply amazing – THANK YOU! Keep an eye out for flexible furniture popping up in classrooms next term.



Farewell Mrs Van after 50 years



Today we farewelled our library officer, Mrs Lia van den Beuken.

After 50 years assisting generations of West Leederville Primary School students to build a love of literature, Lia has made the decision to hand on her baton and retire. Today she was presented with a medallion and a valedictory letter by Assistant Executive Director Mrs Joanne Harris on behalf of the Director General of Education Ms Lisa Rodgers, recognising her many years of service.

At a celebratory morning tea held this morning, current and former members of staff gathered to share stories of her time at our school and wish her well in her retirement pursuits.



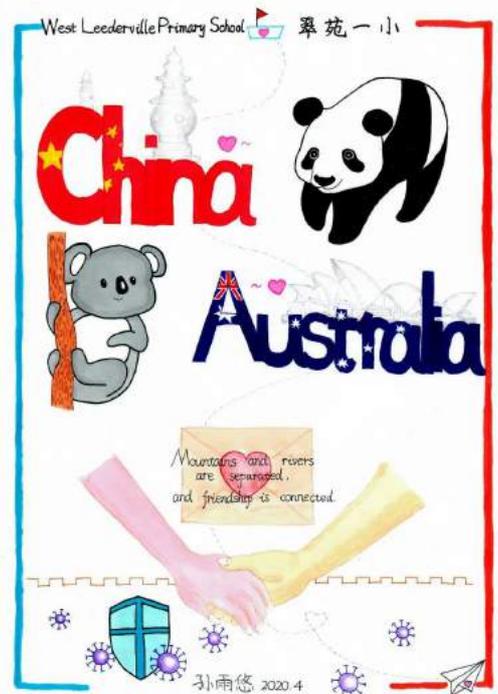
Chinese Sister School



Our Year 5 Blue and Sister School in China had our first collaborative lesson through WebEx. Students explored the cultures of China and Australia. Our students did a show and tell about Australian native animals and AFL; Chinese students presented their musical talents, art and food. They also exchange personal questions about weekends, hobbies and pets. Through question time they also learned that most Chinese students eat rice and vegetables for their meals and others found that they have a common interest to kick a football at the weekend.

After the lesson our students said they were amazed and excited to finally speak to real Chinese people!

Please enjoy the snapshots of our Chinese sister school and a few posters made for our school by their students.



Finding Humour



LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE is it not?

The Year 3 classes have looked at "Finding Humour" as part of their studies on Habits of the Mind. They presented some jokes, riddles, funny videos, skits or just dressed up to make everyone laugh and start the day in a fabulous mood.

*Being able to laugh at oneself.
Laugh a little*

"If you can laugh at it, you can live with it."
"Laugh at yourself first, before anyone else can."
"Laughter is the shortest distance between two people."



STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Year 1

Patrick Lilly
Alexander Sheridan
Sydney Stringer
Phoebe Falloon

Year 2

Grace Langmead
Felix Norvilas
Giovanni D'Orsogna
Barsam Hassani
Shivansh Sharma
Kayden Cheng

Mandarin

Alistair Bishop
Sarah Osmond

Year 3

Caitlyn Sherratt
Bastian Cianci
Emily Connolly
Aesha Kulshreshtha
Ethan Lewis
Bodhi Williams
Hamish Meharry

Year 4

Zakuro Seow
Adwait Kulkarni
Elena Porter
Ewan Bengson
Tamim El Misallati

Year 5

Leilani McDonnell
Sophie Etherington
Winter Freeman
Cooper Stinson
Emily Flynn

Year 6

Youssef Ahmed Megebry
Jayden Stinson
Franklyn Coats
Kaylyn Boda



Winter Solstice



Dates for your Diary

20 July
School commences

27 July (Kindy Red & Blue)
West Oz Life

30 July (Kindy Green)
West Oz Life

Please check the WLPS
Website or Mobile App for
updates to the school
Live Calendar

Our Year 3 students have been reading about the winter solstice in the southern hemisphere, in preparation for the shortest day, which is on Sunday 21st of June. They have been learning about traditions related to this event, particularly the significance of the yule log in the northern hemisphere. To celebrate this wintry event, students were accompanied at school by their favourite furry friend. Our students kept cosy in slippers and pyjama tops and read favourite books. They measured and compared the sizes of their soft toys and accompanied this, with an information text. Warm milo and toast were shared to celebrate this occasion.

Thank you to Mrs. Lorimer and Mr. Avery for your help.

What a great day!



Amazing Art



This semester has been a busy time for art students, who have completed a variety of work across several media. The end of the semester signals the time for the students to swap from art to drama as their extracurricular activity. The current students have produced some amazing pieces of work.

*Sally Gorey
Art Specialist*

KISS & RIDE

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE RANGER!

The Ranger overseeing the flow of traffic during school morning drop offs and afternoon pick ups at West Leederville Primary School has notified the school office that any parent who stops in the **No Stopping Zone** to drop off their child/children on the north side of Woolwich Street (Church side) will incur an Infringement. This immediate action has occurred as a result of a near miss of a student being hit by a car on Thursday during morning at drop off.



Please see the Kiss and Ride Guidelines below that appeared in the last newsletter.

Kiss and Ride Guidelines

As things get back to normal with school drop off and pick up, this is just a reminder about using the Kiss and Ride area safely.



- Start queuing at the start of the Kiss and Ride, not in front of the gate. Even though you may be the only person there, it can quickly fill up leaving others with nowhere to stop.
- Always enter from the end; don't cut in from the side even if someone is pulling out. Move forward as other cars leave to continue the flow.
- Please do not get out of your car.
- Students should only enter via 'the safety door', that is the one closest to the kerb. Students should never enter or exit a vehicle via the door in the middle of the road.
- If the Kiss and Ride is full, proceed around the block and try again in a few minutes. Please do not stop on the other side of Woolwich Street and call children over as this is extremely dangerous.
- Please remind carers/nannies/grandparents/anyone else collecting your child.

Please also remember general safety procedures around the school:

- Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
- Park safely, even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.

Thank you.

P&C Update

The end of Term 2 has come around so quickly. After a slower start than usual, we are now feeling like we are back into the swing of things.

We have had a lot of new faces at the P&C meetings and volunteers for roles and events this Term which has been wonderful to see. Thank you to the parent community for stepping up. There are still many more opportunities to become involved coming up in the second half of 2020 and we look forward to being able to come together as a school community.

Thank you to all of the teachers for your dedication and hard work during the term. The children have had a wonderful term at school.

The long awaited nature playground is due for completion during the Term 2 break. The P&C is looking to organise a school community event for a special opening of the playground to celebrate and test out the new playground so watch this space!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Thank you so much to Jo Walker who has kept us entertained and well informed for many years by updating and managing the P&C's social media. On behalf of the P&C and all the parents at WLPS, a very big thank you Jo!

Elsa Durward has kindly volunteered for this role and comes very experience in the social media world. Thank you so much Elsa for stepping up to the plate (or should we say, platform).

UNIFORMS

Lost Property Coordinator: Thank you so very much to Sam Melia who has kindly volunteered for the Lost Property Coordinator position. Your help is really appreciated!

Open Day: The P&C has decided to reopen on the first day of Term 3 from 8.35am - 9.15am. Parents are welcome to attend and purchase uniforms during this time. The P&C will no longer be accepting cash as a form of payment on open days, payment will be via EFTPOS. Online orders will continue to be processed every week on a Thursday throughout the term. If there are any issues or concerns please contact Shannon Tassell and the uniform team via email (uniforms.wlps@gmail.com).

CANTEEN

The Canteen is running its full menu for both recess and lunch on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Online ordering is available for recess and lunch via Quickcliq. Keep an eye out for new menu items in Term 3!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The P&C would like to say a big thank you to Michelle Emmett who has volunteered for many years organising the Entertainment Book, fundraising \$1,700 each year. We really have appreciated your dedication and help Michelle. Also, a big thank you to Quyen Truong who has volunteered to take over this role.

Andit's that time of year again to get your Entertainment Book for the 2020/21 Financial Year and help support WLPS and the P&C. From \$70 for 12 months, you can enjoy special offers for the movies, theme park tickets like Adventure World, a stack of 2 for 1 dining offers and activities, exclusive rates for flights and gift cards, access car rental offers or member only rates for hotels plus so much more.

This year the Entertainment Book has gone digital so don't worry about lugging around your book or card, its ALL on your phone which means no wasted paper from unused vouchers, new offers are added automatically, instantly search for your discount/offer based on your location and you can share the digital membership with family members in your household on up to 5 different devices!

With Covid restrictions lifting, what a better way to support some of our local businesses than by giving them our patron. Most importantly, 20% from every Entertainment Book sale goes towards helping our school so contact Quyen Truong (qtruong@gmail.com) to get your membership today and start saving!

CRAZY CAMEL FUNDRAISING CO-ORDINATOR

Thank you so much to Amanda Faragher for volunteering to run the Crazy Camel Fundraiser!! We can't wait to see what the children create.



INSIGHTS

It starts with respect



The public debate following the incident where two Melbourne private school students were suspended for asking students to vote for the 'Slut of 2016' has been almost as concerning as the incident itself.

While most people via traditional media and social media have expressed outrage and disgust for the students' grubby postings there has also been a number who've defended the students suggesting that we're going overboard with the condemnation. A theme emerged in their defence along these lines: *"Hey, It's tough being a boy! They're just going through a phase! They didn't know they were doing anything wrong! Boys after all, will be boys!"*

This is an echo of Eddiegate, when Collingwood president Eddie Maguire famously suggested that he would pay \$50,000 to see journalist Caroline Wilson stay under a pool of iced water and then describing her as "like a black widow" spider. Later this was brushed off as just having a bit of fun, no harm intended. *"No one surely takes this seriously It's only a bit of fun. Lighten up everyone. This is political correctness gone mad. Boys after all, will be boys!"*

Well no!

'Boys will be boys; it's only a bit of fun, no real harm meant' are the types of outmoded attitudes that need to change.

As an ambassador for the national 'Stop it before it starts' campaign, which aims to reduce violence against women and children I'm convinced that the cycle of violence starts with disrespect.

Not all disrespectful behaviour towards women ends in violence. But all violence against women starts with disrespectful behaviour.

And disrespectful attitudes often start at home.

Sometimes without realising it we can say and do things that make children and young people think disrespectful and aggressive behaviours are acceptable. We do this when we play down boy's disrespectful behaviour toward a sibling; accept aggression as just part of being a boy; and even blaming girls for provoking aggression or disrespectful behaviour.

Gradually, boys and girls start to believe that disrespect is just a normal part of growing up.



Respect starts at home

As parents we have an incredible power to shape positively children's attitudes and behaviours, including how they treat others. Here are three ideas and attitude of respect at home:

- 1.** Start by insisting that siblings treat each other well. Encourage both genders to resolve conflict and disputes using low power methods such as talking things through; give and take and apologising.
- 2.** Socialise your sons. It's easy to excuse boy's aggressive behaviour as part of being a boy. Yes, their physiology may mean they are more prone to handle disputes physically but that doesn't mean we accept that. Model for your sons how to resolve disputes in a civil and civilised way.
- 3.** Put respect on the agenda. Healthy families talk about the things that matter to them. If respect matters then you need to hold conversations around disrespectful behaviours – whether they occur in the family outside. Be willing to listen to children's and young people's views but also to challenge views that are questionable.

Respect is the core value of a civil society is respect; and that's also the core value in every healthy, functioning family I've ever worked with.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.