



WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

P&C thank you lunch

On Wednesday this week, the P&C committee prepared a thank you lunch, on behalf of the parent community, for the WLPS staff. This is no small feat with close to 60 staff members here on any given day. The food was delicious and greatly appreciated by all, but even more importantly was the message, delivered by P&C President Andrew Faragher. Andrew thanked the staff for all the extra work and effort they put in during COVID times, for the care and support they gave to the children, acknowledging how much this helped parents during such a difficult time.



WLPS students shine

Yesterday at the interschool cross country event WLPS students put on a spectacular show. Our 15 runners all performed extremely well with four being selected for participation in the Australian School Sport Championships next April. This is particularly impressive with 2300 students having participated in yesterday's event. Congratulations Mr B for selecting and training such a great team. Well done to all of our runners, with a special mention going to Spencer Hathrill, Lucas Metcalf, Scarlett Brown and Youssef Ahmed-Megebry.



Assemblies return – an abridged version

It was wonderful to have all the children back together for the first assembly in a long while. There is nothing quite like our school song to put a smile on everyone's faces. To help reduce the number of adults in attendance, we have decided not to have items at assemblies for the time being. This also allows us to shorten the time required for assemblies, increasing in-class learning time. The parents of merit award winners are invited and it was wonderful to see so many of you here yesterday.



Making friends at the bowling club

Community projects such as the one being led by Mr McInerheney and Nigel Blacklock (Bowling Club manager) at the West Leederville Sportsmen Club add such value to communities. They provide a place for families to come together, to contribute, and to have shared ownership of a place in their suburb. Thank you to the parents and staff who helped out on Saturday 1 August. Although the number of helpers was less than hoped for, those that came did an amazing job. We look forward to even more families being involved as this project evolves.

Continuing to be vigilant during COVID times

With the current state of affairs being as they are in WA, we continue to plan events such as next Friday's picnic and our faction carnival. It is imperative that we all remember that although things feel nearly normal, they are not, and we must all remember to socially distance and practise good hygiene.

We must also be prepared for a sudden change in circumstances and the possibility that events may be postponed if required, to maintain our community's health and safety.



Our core business continues

Which bit you might ask? The teaching and learning of course! Research tells us that some teaching strategies have a higher impact on student achievement than others. Currently, the teachers at WLPS are honing their skills in the use of ten strategies identified through research as having a high effect size. Through research, collaboration and professional sharing, we are focussing on our expertise in: setting goals; structuring lessons; explicit teaching; worked examples; collaborative learning; multiple exposures; questioning; feedback; metacognitive strategies; and differentiated teaching.

Planning for 2021

We've started already! We would greatly appreciate knowing if your children are returning to WLPS next year. This helps us to plan staffing and resourcing in a timely manner. Any information provided regarding your family's plans is kept confidential. Your completion of this one minute survey would really be appreciated. [2021 School enrolment](#).

School Survey

Thank you for everyone who answered the parent survey. It was shared last week with the School Board. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive with any suggestions for improvement genuinely aimed at making changes for the benefit of all children. After we have completed the staff and student surveys, also required to be undertaken biennially, we will triangulate the information and I will provide updates in upcoming newsletters.

Warm regards,
Fiona Kelly

STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Gryffin Richards
Rory O'Donnell
Alanna Buckley
Owen Hobbs
Elliot Campbell
Emma Hawkins
Pepper O'Brien
Cole Jones
Frances Buckley

Year 1

Ben Stratton
Oscar La Pedalina
Jadelynn Nguyen
Jack Indrisie
Oscar Ravine
Fionn Healy

Year 2

Evie Eaton
Zac Moyle
Isla Tan
Kieran Nelson

Year 3

Ryan Dhamija
Chloe Speirs
Theo Carmody
Daniella Nightingale
Grace Dark
Hayden Strika
George Langmead
Hudson McDiven

Year 4

Lachie Lynch
Lachlan Ladyman
Francesca Anderson
Nuri Bird
Olive Keane

Year 5

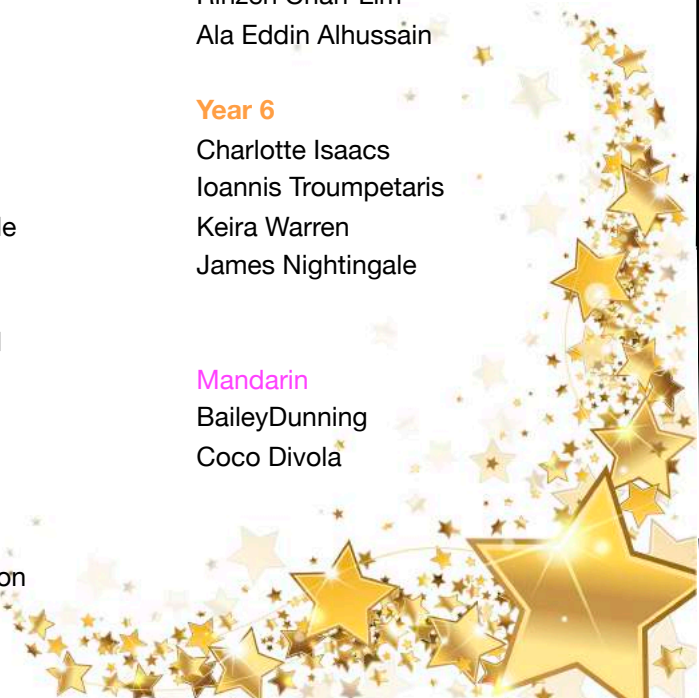
Rupert Decent
Rhys Walker
Imogen Park
Rinzen Chan-Lim
Ala Eddin Alhussain

Year 6

Charlotte Isaacs
Ioannis Troumpetaris
Keira Warren
James Nightingale

Mandarin

BaileyDunning
Coco Divola



Community Garden Busy Bee

Thank you very much to all the staff and parents who came down to help with the first major step in our community garden at the Leederville Bowling Club on Saturday 1 August.

Special thanks to P&C president, Andrew Faragher and club manager, Nigel Blacklock.

The weather proved perfect for moving dirt and we certainly moved heaps of that! We now have eight big garden beds, supplied by Greg Williamson of Empire Garden Beds installed.

Reticulation and mulching of the area still needs to be completed, to have the area ready for classes to get stuck in and grow plants.

Michael McInerheney



Fire Fighters visit Pre-primary



On Monday 3rd August, Peter and the fire crew from the Dalglish Fire Station visited the Pre-primary classes. The students spent a wonderful morning learning about the importance of not using matches and not lighting candles without adult supervision. We were shown the special parts of the fire fighters uniform and we learnt how fire fighters can help us. Every Pre-primary student had the opportunity to use the fire hose and they all sat in the fire truck. Many thanks to Erynne Campbell, a parent from Pre-primary Red for facilitating this incursion.



Dates for your Diary

18 August
Fisheries Discovery Centre excursion - Year 2

19 August
STEM Day - Tabloid Style Activities

21 August
Playground Opening
3:05pm - 5:30pm

26 August
Duyfken Excursion Year 4 Blue & Selected Students 4/5

27 August
Duyfken Excursion Year 4 Red & Selected Students 4/5

27 August
Assembly 2.30am - parents of students receiving Merit certificates will be notified prior.

28 August
Daffodil Day - Gold Coin Donation

2 September
Faction Athletics Carnival

16 September
Inter-school Athletics Carnival

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



Treasure Map Activity



As part of measurement and geometry this term, Year 2 have been learning about maps and grid references. Year 2 classes have put their knowledge and skills to work by following a map to find hidden treasure in the new playground. Classes worked together as a team to follow clues and use a map to find the treasure.

Another map activity that the classes have been working on, is creating maps to test their knowledge of directional language. Students worked together in groups to create these maps.

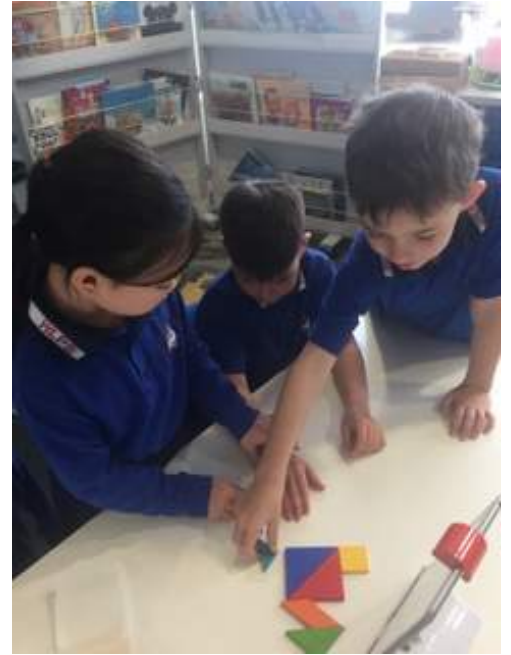


Delicious Donuts

During Term 2 the Year 2 students have been learning about persuasive writing. Each student invented a donut flavour and wrote a persuasive text about why their donut was the most creative and delicious. Following this, the students made model donuts and created boxes to advertise their yummy treats. Our mouth-watering designs will be on display at Open Night on October 21, 2020.



OSMO Learning Is Fun



Year 1 Black have been very excited to test run the latest OSMO additions to WLPS expansive technology store . Using OSMO is part of Year 1 Digital Technologies program. The children are highly motivated to use OSMO and it helps them practise quick fire maths, English and problem solving skills. As the term progresses and we move from unplugged to plugged technology we will also learn how to use the coding feature. Learning should always be this much fun!



The Daffodil Day Appeal is Cancer Council's most iconic and much-loved fundraising campaign. It is a day for Australians to give hope to those affected by all cancers by donating to support a cancer free future.

Each year, on the fourth Friday in August, thousands of Australians support Daffodil Day and fund world class cancer research to find new ways to better detect, treat and defeat cancer.

Friday, 28 August 2020:

Bring a gold coin donation for Cancer Council WA.
Students to wear yellow or orange.



STEM Project, Ocean Creatures



In science, Year 3 Blue have been exploring marine environments and the threats posed to ocean creatures by pollution. Students selected an ocean creature that they were interested in researching and utilised their note taking skills to record relevant facts. They then used this information to plan and write an information report that included a classification and definition, headings, paragraphs, subject specific language and interesting facts. Students then typed their information report and added colour, a border and relevant pictures. To accompany their information report, students were given a design brief to plan and create a three dimensional version of their ocean creature and set it in a diorama that reflected its natural environment. On completion of this, a self reflection sheet provided students with an opportunity to assess how closely their finished product resembled their plan, explain their choices of material and highlight modifications made to their original design. Students then used a self portrait artwork and an ICT app, 'Chatterpix', to add dialogue about their ocean creature. Each student was assigned a specific day

to present a prepared oral presentation to the class, highlighting their learning about their chosen ocean creature. At our Year 3 Blue STEM Expo, students had the opportunity to share their great work with parents and students from other classes. I am so proud of their dedication to their learning and pride in their finished product.

Well done everyone!

Joanne Bosward and
Olivia Jacobsen



INSIGHTS

Encourage kids to occupy themselves



A child's ability to fill in their own time and cope with moments of boredom are important independence skills to develop. Children have less practise at keeping themselves occupied than those of past generations. You have many jobs as a parent, but constantly entertaining your child, should not be one of them. These ideas will help:

Invite them to keep themselves busy

When your child tells you that he or she is bored they are bringing you a problem to solve. Boredom is your child's problem, not yours. If this happens, encourage your child to keep themselves busy by asking questions such as "How can you keep yourself amused?"

Make a list

If your child is stuck for ideas make a list of activities that they can refer to when they're bored. Include a variety of activities such as creative tasks, performance tasks, crafts, sports, indoor and outdoor games, music activities, reading and helping. Place the list in a convenient place with easy access and visibility.

Make a boredom buster jar

Cut up a list of boredom busting activities and place them in a jar. When your child is stuck for an idea to keep him or herself amused invite them to select an activity from the boredom buster jar. Ask your child to add enjoyable activities to the jar over time.

Encourage plenty of green-time

Today's children spend more time in front of screens, and less time outdoors than those of previous generations. Not only is time spent in natural environments refreshing, relaxing and rejuvenating, but it's also a wonderful way for kids to relieve boredom. Encourage your child to spend some of their free time outside in natural environments to promote good mental health and develop their confidence.

Help find their interests

If your child struggles to keep him or herself occupied, consider helping them identify a hobby or interest that they enjoy. Often finding that one activity a child loves or excels in makes a huge difference to their self-esteem and wellbeing, and can become the driver for future career choice.

Build in downtime

A trait common among healthy families is the propensity for everyone to enjoy spending downtime or unstructured time together. It's during downtime that parents and children share activities together, which promotes better relationships and helps children's informal learning.

Most children when given unstructured time will rise to the occasion (even after some complaining) and will find interesting things to do. By encouraging them to find something "to do", other than filling their time with screen-based activities, you are promoting a fabulous life-skill in your kids.



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.

P&C Updates

How are we already halfway through Term 3?! There are a lot of exciting school events coming up this term for the school community to become involved in.

We wanted to say another huge thank you to the teachers who supported our children during the lockdown period and afterwards and went to so much effort in taking the time to prepare for on-line school learning. The teachers were treated to a special lunch on Wednesday, 12 August to say thank you on behalf of the school community.

NEW SCHOOL PLAYGROUND OPENING PARTY: FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST (3.05pm – 5.30pm)

Come join in the celebration of the new playground!

The WLPS P&C is hosting an event to mark the opening of the new school playground and we would love to have as many school families there as possible.

The event celebrates the enormous fundraising achievement of the P&C and you all as a school community. Did you know that the playground was a P&C led initiative? From fundraising, to design and construction. Amazing! This has all been achieved through the hard work and dedication of all of you as volunteers at P&C fundraising events.

Bring a picnic blanket and settle in for the afternoon with friends and family.

There will be a sausage sizzle, some sweet tunes playing, and a bar set up. If you want more than a sausage in a bun, bring along a picnic. Also, bring along your re-usable water bottles to fill up on the free water available from the school's water fountains. There will also be a P&C stall set up (where you can ask P&C members all about the P&C!).

GARDEN AT LEEDERVILLE SPORTING CLUB

It was great to see some of the school community volunteering for the busy bee on Saturday, 1 August to help out Mr Mac and Phil Braimbridge in preparing the garden beds for the school garden project at the Leederville Sporting Club. Keep a look out for the next stage! Thank you to West Perth Rotary for your sponsorship.

P&C MEETINGS: we would love to see you at the next P&C meeting. Please come along if you would like to ask questions or get involved in what is happening around the school. The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8 September in the school's staffroom (upstairs in the Year 5/6 building). If you have any questions please let us know at wlpsspandcsec@gmail.com

CANTEEN

New menu items in the canteen this term include fruit cups, and pumpkin & vegetable soup. 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.

FOWLS (Fathers of West Leederville)

The events for this Term with the FOWLS include:

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle - Saturday, 29 August:

- The FOWLS are booked in to run a sausage sizzle on Saturday 29 August at Bunnings Subiaco - please come down and support our dads and kids who are running this stall all day!
- Monies raised will be going to the P&C.
- We are still on the lookout for some volunteers on the day - please email Peter Kailis on wlpstdads@gmail.com if you can help.
- Also, if any of you have contacts for donations of buns, drinks or sausages - please get in contact with Peter Kailis (0403250255 or wlpstdads@gmail.com)

P&C Updates continued

Walk to School with Dads Morning - Friday, 4 September:

- Dads & Father Figures, put this date in your diary and walk to school with your kids on Friday morning, 4 September.
- The Coffee Thief van has been booked, with free coffee and hot chocolate for Dads and kids (Mum's welcome too!)
- Thanks to Craig Gasper from Duet for sponsoring this event again this year.
- Come down early for a chat with other Dads. The sporting equipment will be out on the front lawn for Dads and kids to play.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Have you got your Entertainment Book membership yet? This year the membership has gone digital so you can join anytime and still enjoy a full 12 months of benefit. From \$70 for 12 months you can enjoy special offers right from your phone which means no wasted paper from unused vouchers, new offers are added automatically, instant 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!

Most importantly, 20% from every Entertainment Book membership sale goes towards helping our school so jump online here: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/88681g> and purchase your membership today to start saving or contact Quyen Truong (qtruong@gmail.com) for any assistance.

CRAZY CAMEL FUNDRAISER

Our wonderful art teacher, Sally Gorey, and the WLPS teachers have helped the children create **their own amazing artwork** for the Crazy Camel fundraiser this year. The theme is 'RAINBOW'. Your kids' drawings can be turned into:

Greeting cards (\$15 for a pack of 8)

2021 Calendars (\$15 each)

Tote Bags (\$22 each)

Pillowcases (\$22 each)

Tea Towels (\$22)

Order any of the above products, which will feature your own child's artwork, online at www.crazycamel.com.au/WestLeederville before **Friday, 28 August**

Please contact Ann Conlon or Amanda Faragher (anncodhep@gmail.com or 0406 803 507) with any questions.



Crazy Camel Fundraiser

West Leederville PS - Art Fundraiser

Sally Gorey & the WLPS teachers are busy with the kids in creating some special artwork for the Crazy Camel fundraiser. The theme this year is "RAINBOWS". Your kids' drawings can be turned into the products below.



\$15 Calendars

\$22



Tote Bags

\$15



Greeting Cards



\$22

Tea Towels



Pillowcases

\$22

Raise money for WLPS to benefit your kids!

Order any of these products featuring your child's artwork **by Friday, 28th August, using the following link:**

www.crazycamel.com.au/westleederville

Products	Cost
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Any questions, please contact:

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