



WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,
Open Night

I hope that you agree that our Open Night last night was pretty amazing. It began with a fabulous opening performance by the ensemble and choir, with their teachers Amy Grosso and Jade Martin showcasing the musical talent hidden here at West Leederville Primary School. Another hidden treasure was our Year 5 and 6 students' sculptures. Under the guidance of Artist in Residence Amanda Shelsher they truly created a treasure to keep for life. I hope you had the opportunity to see these in our secret garden (the atrium in the Heritage Building).

Thank you to all of our wonderful teachers and clever students for making your classrooms look so fabulous by displaying all of your creative work. Although I see much of this each day, when it is all out on display it continues to impress me year after year. Of particular note for me this year was the quality of the written work; some of the creative language was truly impressive.

It appears that many of you made it to the Book Fair, as the shelves were looking pretty bare this morning. *Thank you for participating in this fundraiser for our library, especially those families who purchased a book for the library too. Check out the titles below that have been donated directly to our collection. Your support is greatly appreciated.



For the last couple of years we have held parent information sessions for all year levels, not just our Kindergarten and Pre-primary families. Parent feedback has told us that these meetings are greatly appreciated as an opportunity to receive information about our structures and priorities for the following year, and to provide feedback through engagement in collaborative tasks.

Parent information sessions for this year will be held on the following dates:

Kindergarten 2021	November 18 @ 9:30 - 10:30
Pre-primary 2021	November 18 @ 1:30 - 2:15
Year 1 2021	November 19 @ 8am
Year 2 2021	November 23 @ 8am
Year 3 2021	November 24 @ 8am
Year 4 2021	November 25 @ 8 am
Year 5 2021	November 26 @ 8am
Year 6 2021	November 20 @ 8am

The agenda for these meetings will include general information from me regarding class structures, funding, teaching pedagogy and our school priorities (this will be the same at each meeting). You will be introduced to the teachers for the year group who will present a brief overview of the year to come. *Following this you will be asked to provide feedback through a WWW/EBI (What Worked Well/Even Better If) framework and “provocation” questions.

Please book into the relevant sessions for your children’s 2021 year level. I look forward to meeting with you then.

Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly



Dates for your Diary

15 October to 12 November

Protective Behaviours incursion - PP and Year 4 (every Thursday - 5 sessions)

26 October to 28 October

Year 6 Camp

2 November

School Photos - Kindergarten Blue & Red

4 November

School Photos - most classes, PP to Year 6

5 November

Assembly - parents of students receiving Merit Certificates will be notified prior

6 November

School Photos - Kindergarten Green, sibling photos and remaining classes.

Walk, Ride, Scoot Safely to School and Sausage Sizzle

8 November to 14 November

NAIDOC Week

9 October

Wanjoo Dreamtime incursion - PP to Year 6

18 November

2021 Kindergarten parent information session - 9.30am to 10.30am

2021 Pre-primary parent information session - 1.30pm to 2.30pm

20 November

2021 Year 6 parent information session - 8.00am

23 November to 4 December

Interm swimming - Pre-primary

23 November

2021 Year 2 parent information session - 8.00am

24 November

2021 Year 3 parent information session - 8.00am

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES

22 November

WLPS Fun Festival

10 December

End of Year concert

15 December

Year 6 Graduation - 9.15am, undercover area

17 December

Book Awards assembly - 9am, undercover area

STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Cait Rajbhandari
Mia Ralph
Vivienne Vallis
Amelia Philpot
Archie Metcalf
Charlotte Slaven
Saskia Smart
Dallan Corcoran
Thomas Kennedy

Year 1

Tom Chittock
Jack Savietto
Bernyce Wong
Elijah Ashby-Cohen

Year 2

Max Thayer
Amelia Lunghi
Andrew Joice
Morgan Trevaskis
Zoe Bellatoni
Ruien He

Year 3

Jianing Gong
Zechariah Navea
Lucas Stavreski
Shiloh Shen
Dante Tilman Lacerda
Lucas Metcalf
Campbell Finch
Scarlett Brown

Year 4

Anushka Chaturvedi
Jasmine Lucs
Gabriel Zein

Year 5

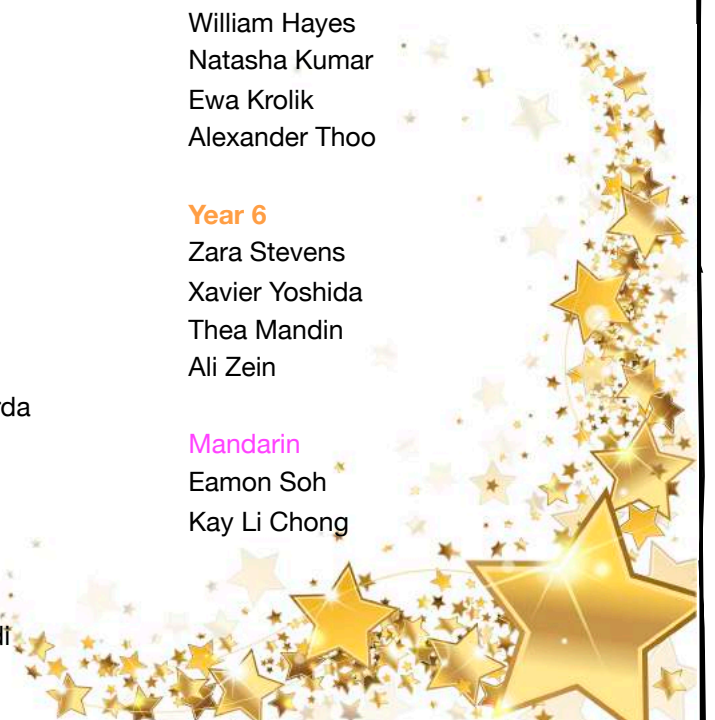
Maria Troumpetaris
Brigitte Keyser
William Hayes
Natasha Kumar
Ewa Krolik
Alexander Thoo

Year 6

Zara Stevens
Xavier Yoshida
Thea Mandin
Ali Zein

Mandarin

Eamon Soh
Kay Li Chong



Cyber Friendly Primary Schools: Managing Ourselves Online



CYBER FRIENDLY
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Families can help children learn skills to manage their reactions to emotions when they have positive and negative experiences online, for example if they experience conflict or cyberbullying.

A quick way to support children recognise and manage emotions is to help them:

- Name it: What am I feeling? Identify and understand how the emotion affects you.
- Explain it: Why am I feeling it? Think about what you are feeling and why you might be feeling this way.
- Accept it: It is okay to feel this way? It helps to be kind and understanding to ourselves for the way we feel. This helps us accept our emotions and not blame others or judge ourselves for how we feel.
- Manage it: What can I do to deal with this situation? The goal is always to recognise and accept your feelings are happening without losing control and also finding ways to feel better



More information about how to talk with your children about these self management skills online and other tips for setting rules and limits online can be found at the Cyber Friendly Primary Schools website: <https://cyberfriendlyprimary.telethonkids.org.au/families/>



Visiting Author and Illustrator



West Leederville Primary School was lucky to have the awesome husband and wife team, of Mark Greenwood and Frane Lessac, visit our school last Friday, 16th October. Mark's presentation was for students in Years 3 to 6 and was received with great interest and enthusiasm by all. He is a passionate writer, master story-teller and keen historian, therefore many of his books are steeped in history, from Western Australia and Australia, and are connected to famous people, events and unique and mysterious items. Mark also shared his writing tips and the process he uses when writing his books.

Frane addressed the students from Pre-primary to Year 2. She is an amazingly talented illustrator, who works on some of Mark's book as well collaborating with other authors. The students were totally enthralled with her stories and illustrations. She led them through the process of illustrating by drawing some Australian animals and a 'magical' pumpkin and answered questions from many young aspiring illustrators. Thanks to those who assisted in organising this wonderful incursion.

Written by Ms G




Kindy Green and Blue Explore the Galaxy



Kindy Blue and Green have begun the term flying off to space to explore the galaxy. Students returned to kindy to discover a space rocket in the home corner. They enjoyed launching the rocket from mission control and blasting off to the moon.



Kindy Red's Rainbow Lunch

At the end of last term we had a Rainbow  Lunch. We learnt about the science of rainbows and water. The students had a wonderful time learning about the colours of the rainbow through painting, food and play.



Book Week



Walk, Ride, Scoot Safely to School

Walk, Ride, Scoot Safely to School Day is approaching and this year will be on Friday, 6th November.

On this day, we ask that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way

Students from Years 3 to 6 are encouraged to walk, scoot or ride safely to school and a sausage sizzle will be available for breakfast from approximately 8.15am. The sausages and bread for our sausage sizzle have kindly been donated by DUET Real Estate. Students who bring along their own "keep-it" cup are also welcome to a cup of Milo.

We will have some special prizes to hand out for some of our more enthusiastic cyclists on the day.



School Photos

School Photo days are approaching! Fotomakers WA will be visiting West Leederville Primary School on 2nd, 4th and 6th November 2020. Sibling photos will be taken on the 6th November 2020. Every student will be sent home with an information letter prior to the photo day.

All students must be dressed in full blue school uniform on photo days.

Fotomakers WA prefer you to view your images before making a decision on what to purchase. This means you will NOT need to fill in a prepaid envelope prior to photo day. All students will be photographed and once the school has given us the green light (names spelt correctly etc.) each family will be given details on how to log in to our secure website to view and purchase their portraits and group photographs.

A request form for a sibling photo is included on the information letter that your child will bring home prior to the photo days.

Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to admin@fotomakerswa.com.au or tel: **1300 876 920**.

Year 6 Fundraiser

Bake Sale - Year 6 Fundraiser

The Year 6's are hosting bake sales to raise money to purchase their Graduation Gift to the school.

When: Term 4, Week 1 to Week 5
Every Tuesday at recess

Where: Undercover area in front of the canteen

Daffodil Day

West Leederville Primary School took part in Daffodil Day this year and raised an incredible \$654.75. Thank you to all those who helped make Daffodil Day such a success this year.



Year 4/5 Visit Anglicare Op Shop Warehouse



We stepped out into the hot and dry car park, surrounded by huge warehouses on every side. This Thursday, 24th September was not a normal day for Year 4/5. We were at the Anglicare WA Op Shop Warehouse in Welshpool. Our guide, Issy, took us into the immense warehouse with mountains of bails, all full of unsorted clothes.

We handed in the clothes we had collected during our donation drive and helped to sort out some astronomically large bails of clothes. Not only were we sorting clothes, we were collecting as many materials as we could for our class' recyclable fashion project. We were like seagulls, snatching clothes off each other, then putting them into our bags. We found jackets elegant scarves, old shoes, almost new t-shirts, jackets, soccer shirts and even some underwear!

Afterwards, we saw how the two women who sort the clothes go through 5,200 bails of clothes a year! That is 350 000kgs all up! If you have clothes that you'd consider donating, make sure they're good enough to give to a friend. You can donate clothes at donation bins, or even take them to the op shop itself. You can call them to arrange a truck to come to your place for larger donations, like furniture.

Written by Ewa Krolik and Alexander Pitchen



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Program	Dates	Price	Enrolments close
Country Early Start	18-24 Dec 2020		1 November
January Program 1	29 Dec-8 Jan	Child \$30* Family \$81*	8 November
January Program 2	11-22 Jan		15 November
January 5 day	4-8 Jan	Child \$16* Family \$41*	8 November

*Concessions available. Does not include pool entry.



Get in quick, as late enrolments can't be guaranteed.

Enrol at education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Information on the website is available in languages other than English.

Share The Dignity

SHARE THE DIGNITY IT'S IN THE BAG CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN



Dear WLPS Parents, Carers and Community,

In 2020, West Leederville Primary School is proud to continue to support Share the Dignity.

Each November, Share the Dignity donates thousands of bags, filled with essentials, to women and girls across the nation. These bags ensure that those experiencing homeless, fleeing domestic violence, or just doing it tough have a right to some simple dignity, as well as a little bit of joy at Christmastime.

If you are in the position to, we would be so grateful if you could contribute to this worthy cause.

To build a bag:

1) Choose your bag

The bag may be new, or pre-loved in great condition (no obvious signs of wear).

2) Fill your bag. An adult bag requires the following essentials:

- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Roll on deodorant
- Sealed sanitary product/s

Optional: Add in any special items. Examples include a pen, notepad, lipbalm, makeup, nail polish, cleansing wipes etc. You might even like to include a note/card to the recipient of your bag.

If you would like to put together a bag for a teenager or new mum, the requirements are slightly different...follow this [link](#) for details.

3) Drop your bag off to the WLPS admin building by the 29th November. It will be passed on to Shelley (Associate Principal) who is a 'Shero' for Share the Dignity. Alternatively, it can be dropped to any Bunnings store.

To donate some essentials:

Each year, when the bags are checked by 'Sheros', some are missing items and need to be filled. Most commonly missing is:

- Conditioner
- Roll-on deodorant
- Something 'special' that is not on the list of requirements.

If you would like to donate something small, rather than putting together a bag, then this would also be SO GREATLY APPRECIATED. Please drop anything off to the admin building by the 29th November.

At the end of the campaign, Shelley will collect the items and deliver them to Share the Dignity's partner charities.

More information about Share the Dignity and how they support women across the country can be found at <https://sharethedignity.com.au/>

We look forward to seeing the contribution the West Leederville Community can make!

INSIGHTS

Parenting in challenging times



Life has a way of throwing curve balls that really test the strength and resilience of families. Personal tragedy, natural disasters and global pandemics are the types of events that challenge us all to the core, testing our emotional and social resources.

When difficulties occur children look to the adults in their lives to maintain their security and safety. When change and uncertainty reigns, kids want strong, empathetic leadership from the significant adults in their world. As a parent it can be difficult responding to a child's needs when you're trying to adjust to changes that are forced on you.

Following are some elements to consider when parenting through times of challenge, change and difficulty:

Attention

Like a television antenna your attention is tuned to pick up the strongest signal. In times of difficulty a child may not necessarily signal that they are struggling, so you may need to fine tune your attention to pick up their needs. Start to notice the small comments and subtle behavioural changes, as they may not be small at all, and can provide helpful clues to their state of mind.

Priorities

In challenging times your focus may need to shift away from schoolwork, household neatness and chores. It can move toward relationship building, maintaining wellbeing and helping each other out. Parental priorities need to shift to the immediate rather than the future, the emotional instead of the behavioural and from thriving mode to survival mode in tough times.

Permission

Children and young people often struggle to express their feelings and thoughts in the face of adversity. They look to the significant adults in their lives for guidance about how they should respond to change, loss, uncertainty and disappointment. Allow them to speak about how they are feeling. Prompt conversations through closeness and connection. Display your own vulnerability and in doing so give your kids the permission they need to express themselves in safe ways.

Collaboration

Difficult times will invariably suit a family that enjoys a collaborative, close parenting style. In collaborative families kids feel listened to and also have an ability to impact family decision making. Shared mealtimes and regular family gatherings are generally a prominent feature of collaborative families. In difficult times those families that prosper are those that value and promote close connection between siblings and parents.

Wellbeing

parenting*ideas

Child and parent wellbeing becomes paramount in times of hardship. That may mean reprioritising the importance of school and work, doing something joyful every day and practising regular wellbeing strategies such as exercise, mindfulness, deep breathing and spending time in nature. The wellbeing bucket needs to be regularly refilled during challenging times.

These five elements form the basis of a planned parent response when major difficulties occur. Be patient, be kind to yourself and be willing to reach out to the wider community for help.



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.

FOWLS - Fathers of West Leederville

The next Dads and Kids event is **Paint a Gnome at The Coffee Thief's new community garden**, this Sunday 25 October between 10:00am to 2:00pm. Ben the Artist (also known as Barista Ben) will be on hand to help Dads and Kids paint their own Gnome to live in their community garden. BYO Gnome (1 per family - grab one from your garden, Bunnings or BigW). For more information, please email wpsdads@gmail.com or contact Pete on 0403 250 255.

Mailing List - Dads and Father Figures - The easiest way to get FOWLS updates is to register your email at the FOWLS website here - <https://thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/west-leederville-ps-dads-group>, or email wpsdads@gmail.com

