



WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

NAIDOC Week 2020 - Always Was, Always Will Be.

NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European history but 65 000+ years ago when our country was criss-crossed by generations of indigenous people. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples.

Next week during NAIDOC week we will be exploring this year's theme Always Was, Always Will Be commencing our celebrations with a performance by Aboriginal musicians Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse, whose performance highlights the importance of keeping Noongar language and culture alive, teaching the students Wanjoo (the Welcome Song), the correct pronunciation of the lyrics and the importance of saying welcome. This performance will be in our undercover area on Monday at 1.30pm.

Road safety around our school

For the safety of all children and adults in our neighbourhood I would like to remind the community of a few behaviour expectations of both pedestrians and drivers when in our school zone:

- Please drive at speeds suitable to the situation and always below 40km hour.
- When using the Kiss and Drive remain in your car and carefully move forward when the car in front of your pulls away – DO NOT EXIT the Kiss and Drive until you are the front car in the queue.
- Do not stop on the opposite side of the road from the Kiss and Drive, or under any circumstance encourage your child to move between parked cars and across the road to your car. This is an extremely high risk behaviour known to have caused many serious accidents.
- Demonstrate safe pedestrian behaviour, ie, put your phone away, especially when crossing the roads, and talk to your children about when and how to safely walk home.

Please remember it is a very busy and congested school zone and patience is required from both motorists and pedestrians.

Thank you for your support with this, and remember whenever possible, to leave the car at home.

Class placements for 2021

Our teachers put many hours into developing groups that they believe will be harmonious for both academic and social reasons. When doing



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
8-15 NOV 2020



this they consider the child's academic strengths, areas for improvement and ensure that each child is with some of their friends and with peers that they believe they will work with harmoniously. It is a complicated process, throughout which our focus is always on providing an environment to achieve the best outcomes we can for all students. I have attached our [Class Placement Policy](#) for your information.

Share the Dignity

This year, WLPS will again be supporting Share the Dignity by being a collection point, and by promoting their Christmas drive, 'It's in the Bag'. The charity supports

women in need by providing them with feminine hygiene products throughout the year. To contribute something to 'It's in the Bag', you can either:

- build a bag on your own, or with your family or friends. The bag needs to contain essential items (sanitary products, roll on deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap/shower gel). If you like, you can add nice 'extras', including an encouraging note or Christmas card.
- make a donation of any of the essential products listed above.
- sponsor a bag - through the website <https://www.sharethedignity.org.au/sponsor-a-bag>

Donations can be left in our front office throughout November, and will be passed onto Share the Dignity to brighten the Christmas of many local Perth women who need a helping hand.

Warm regards,

Fiona Kelly

Dates for your Diary

15 October to 12 November

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

8 November to 14 November

NAIDOC Week

9 November

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

18 November

SING Festival - WLPS Choir

19 November

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

19 November

2021 Year 1 parent information session - 8.00am

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

25 November

2021 Year 4 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

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

Cyber Friendly Primary Schools: Social Awareness Online

Families can help children learn skills to respect the opinions, feelings and rights of others when they are online by encouraging respectful communication and empathy and to recognise the difference between positive and negative online relationships. More information about how to talk with your children about these social awareness skills online can be found on the Cyber Friendly Primary Schools website: <https://cyberfriendlyprimary.telethonkids.org.au/families/>



CYBER FRIENDLY
PRIMARY SCHOOLS



STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assembly.

Pre-primary

Finn Blackman
James Potter
Georgia Saunt
Shi Rui Goh
Caroline Little
Sebastian McArdle
Marcellus Jeudine
Yvonne Casey
Matthew Ung
Zoe Marchant

Year 1

Farah Bell
Evelyn Blackman
Georgia Speirs
Alex Tate
Flynn Ford
Emily Little

Year 2

Chloe McArdle
Andrej Ulicevic
Oscar Chandler
Gabriela Fechner

Year 3

Clarissa Tejaya
Liam Ford
Amelia Guntrip
Alexys Meheux
Jasper Cooley
Juan D'Addona

Year 4

Declan Wong

Year 5

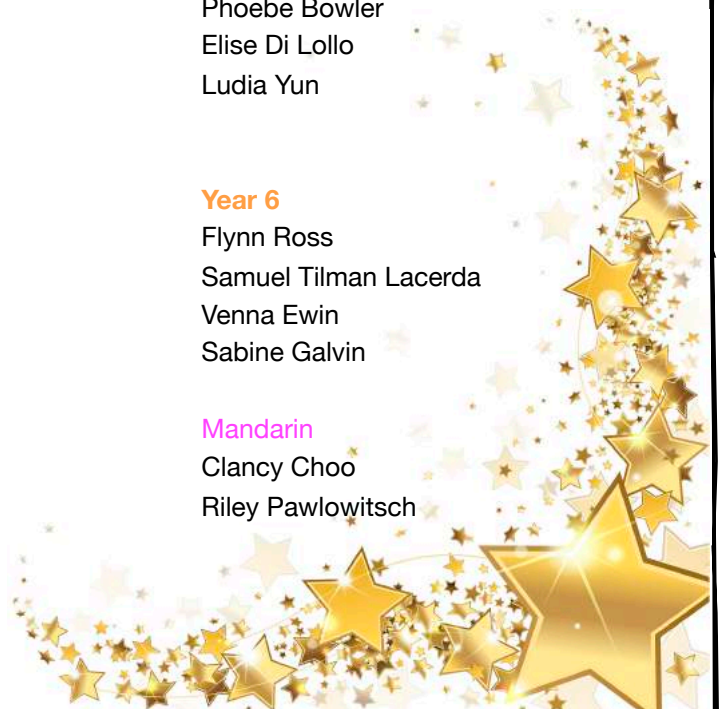
Ruby Eaton
Luka Farish-Luhan
Phoebe Bowler
Elise Di Lollo
Ludia Yun

Year 6

Flynn Ross
Samuel Tilman Lacerda
Venna Ewin
Sabine Galvin

Mandarin

Clancy Choo
Riley Pawlowitsch



Year 6 Camp



Last week the Year 6's went on camp to Forest Edge. It was a fantastic experience and we learnt life lessons from every activity that we did including 'expanding our paradigm' as the camp leaders taught us. In our groups we braved a 200m flying fox, abseiled down what seemed like a mountain to us, conquered our fears on the Leap of Faith Pamper Pole and worked together to build a tower of crates to climb. To end it all, a massive mud fight was held which had us in hysterics and sadness as the camp that we had all been looking forward to, was coming to an end. We learnt how to do a 360 in a kayak, preparing, serving and cleaning up after ourselves and working together to have the best room competition. The camp was everything we expected and more. We all know that we will never forget it, the fun we had with the instructors and our teachers. We are still dancing to the song "5,6,7,8" and it will remain one of our favourites.

Written by: Manuela, Sofia and Keira



Year 2



Heritage Building Courtyard

Recently we have been planting some exciting new plants for the courtyard in the Heritage building. All of the Year 2 students have a terracotta pot and have planted a seedling or a cutting. Some of these plants included strawberry and petunia seedlings as well as succulent cuttings. We have learned that some plants can grow from cuttings and will grow new roots. Everyone had a fantastic time planting their plant in their pot and we are enjoying taking turns watering them.



We have also been using this outdoor space for learning with our new flexible furniture. Each Year 2 class received some flexible furniture which has proved very popular!



Lego We Do

We have recently been enjoying the use of the new Lego We Do, which are robotic lego. Once we have constructed the lego, we then bluetooth the device to an iPad, and then we can program the device. It is very cool and everyone loves it!



Year 2



Ocean Art

In Year 2 we have been learning about the oceans and sea creatures. We have enjoyed creating some very interesting art, using edicol dye and white wax crayons. We learned that if we paint one colour of edicol dye near another colour while it is still wet, it will 'bleed' into each other, creating a wonderful underwater effect.



Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS)

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Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) provide a unique instrumental music program only available in Western Australian public schools. Specialist instrumental teachers are both qualified musicians and registered teachers, many of whom have additional postgraduate training in various music teaching methodologies. Students receive free small group lessons and are often lucky enough to participate in ensemble and performance opportunities.

What are the benefits?

Research shows that participation in instrumental music lessons has profound social, emotional, cognitive and physiological benefits for children. Additionally, learning an instrument may help students with other areas of the curriculum as they develop superior memory, critical thinking and problem solving skills. Instrumental music tuition also enables children to develop important character traits such as cooperation, discipline, commitment, and perseverance. But perhaps most of all - learning a musical instrument can be a lot of fun!

At West Leederville Primary School...

The IMSS program at West Leederville Primary School currently offers tuition in violin, viola and cello. Lessons are free (although students may be required to purchase or hire their instrument). Once selected for this prestigious program, students are expected to commit to the end of Year 6 and highly encouraged to continue with their instrumental studies into secondary school. Places are limited and the selection process involves a range of qualified professionals including the classroom music specialist, instrumental music specialist, and classroom teacher. Selection is competitive and decisions are carefully thought out, assessed and final. The selection process has taken place this year and successful students will be notified in the coming weeks. There are a limited number of places for this program and students who apply are selected based on:

- Results of an aptitude test
- Interest in learning a musical instrument
- Parent commitment and support
- Musical ability demonstrated in school music activities
- Physical suitability to play their selected musical instrument.
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For more information about this specialist program, please see <http://det.wa.edu.au/imss/detcms/portal/>

Instrumental Music School Services. The Department of Education's Instrumental Music School Services over 400 primary and secondary Western Australian public schools.



Inter School Cricket



On Friday, October 30th, West Leederville Primary School went to Woodlands Primary school to compete in 2 friendly games of cricket. This is the second year we have taken up the challenge and once again we managed to pick the hottest Spring day of the week. We had a bit more success this year with the first team narrowly winning by 5 runs and the second team being very competitive despite the victory being taken away by a special performance by a Woodlandian.

A big thank you goes out to all the players for their efforts and the spirit the games were played in. Special mention to Will Stevenson who smashed a quick fire 50. Ruby Eaton for being a rock at the other end and being involved in a great partnership.

On the other ground, shout outs to Clancy Choo for some quality bowling and a solid innings. Also to Lewis Duplock for an unbeaten innings including a few boundaries.

Well done everyone, you represented our amazing school well.



FOWLs Camping Night



The FOWLs held their annual camping night on Saturday 17th October at Lake Leschenaultia. With fine weather, 20 Dads plus 40 kids managed to set up their tents and then enjoy the afternoon by the lake kayaking and swimming, bike riding and playing a game of cricket. A gourmet group dinner was served and then dessert provided in the form of toasted marshmallows by the fire! The kids were well fed and before you knew it, everyone was packing up and heading back home, looking forward to the next camping event in 2021!



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 wlpdads@gmail.com



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



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If your child is in Year 5 in 2020, you can apply now for entry into Year 7 in 2022. Limited places may also be available for children entering Years 9, 10 and 11 in 2022.

Apply online: education.wa.edu.au/giftedandtalented

For more information:



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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!



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Triple P - Positive Parenting Program®

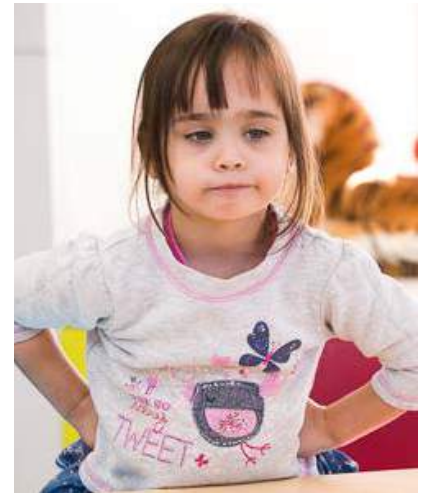
A FREE program that teaches practical and effective ways to enhance family relationships and manage common child behaviour issues.

Who is this program for?

Parents, carers and/or grandparents of a child aged between 3 and 8 years.

What is involved?

- **Seminar Series** – 90-minute talks on:
 - children's behaviour – the tough part of parenting
 - raising confident children
 - raising emotionally resilient children.
- **Discussion Group** – small, 2-hour groups:
 - misbehaving
 - fighting and aggression
 - bedtime routine
 - hassle-free shopping with children.
- **Group Triple P** – 8-week parenting course.



Program details:

Seminar Series, Floreat All Saints Uniting Church
Tuesday's 9.30am - 11.30am
10th, 17th and 24th November 2020

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Visit www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups

How do I book?

Ask your child health nurse or visit healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups.

Coronavirus
update

To help us all stay healthy, please remember:

- Practise physical distancing.
- Do not attend if you are feeling unwell or need to self-isolate.

If you need to cancel your booking, contact the **Child Health Booking System** on **1300 749 869** (metro only).

Please note:

Unless there is a crèche advertised, only babies under the age of 6 months can attend this group. However, we welcome babies who need breastfeeding during the session. **DO NOT** bring hot food and drinks for safety reasons.

INSIGHTS

Give kids a thumbs up for the right things



Children of all ages enjoy parental recognition. They like when their parents make a fuss over their behaviour or highlight something they've done well.

Sometimes parents will reward their children's behaviour with a treat, money or a gift. This is okay in small doses, but parental recognition alone is a high enough driver of children's behaviour most of the time.

First borns, in particular, love approval. Youngest children just love that you have noticed them! Second borns can sometimes do things in spite of their parents, but deep down they love the recognition too, even if they don't let on that they do.

The behaviour you focus on expands

If you want your kids to be neater then focus on their neat behaviours. "You've tidied your toys up before dinner. Top job!" You don't have to throw a party, just let them know that you noticed and you approve of their tidiness. You may also let them know how it affects you. "You've tidied your toys up before dinner. It makes my job easier." The behaviours that you notice and comment on will expand.

Noticing kids' tidiness once won't suddenly turn messy kids into exceptionally neat ones, but do it often enough and you'll start to get some turn around.

You can give kids a thumbs up for all sorts of behaviours. Here's some examples.

Being co-operative

Stubborn kids need a pat on the head when they respond on your terms not theirs.

Being brave

Nervous and anxious kids need to have their bravery pointed out to them. It's reassuring and empowering.

Being helpful

Want helpful kids? Then you need to notice helpful behaviours.

Being tolerant

Sometimes older siblings need to be very tolerant of younger siblings. Tolerance is a very giving behaviour and should be promoted.

Being patient

Something to encourage in boys, in particular. It's often not their strong point.

Being persistent

Let kids know when 'hanging in there' pays off. The link between persistence and success is massive but persistence needs to be promoted. It's also the one factor of temperament that can be affected by parenting.

Being friendly

If your child struggles in social situations then recognise pro-social behaviours such as sharing, initiating contact with another child or taking an interest in another person.

Don't wait until you get perfect behaviour to give recognition, particularly for very young children. Kids have L-plates when it comes to behaving (co-operatively, bravely, patiently) so their attempts and close approximations need to be verified by the significant adults in their lives – their parents.

Recognising kids' positive behaviours is easy to do, but it's also easy not to do. We often get tied up with other things and forget to show appreciation and nurture the behaviours our kids need to develop. It's important to be aware of this. It's the little things such as giving positive recognition that have the biggest impact on kids' development.



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.