



WEST LEEDERVILLE
PRIMARY

From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

Term three is traditionally one of the busiest terms of the year and this year is no different.

We had a fantastic week launching our Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) program. The students participated in many events, activities and lessons relating to our school values of Kindness, Responsibility, Excellence, Perseverance and Courtesy. The week culminated in a huge surprise for the students with an inflatable boot camp course to teach students about Perseverance. Our students are also loving being rewarded and having conversations about these values through the use of tokens. I would like to thank the PBS team, particularly the team leader and coach, Mr Green and Mrs Swinhoe, for their tremendous passion and hard work to make this such a memorable week! I would also like to thank Mrs Yani Mengori for helping us turn the students designs into an amazing logo. Additionally, I would like to thank Mrs Cosentino, Mrs Gilifillan, and Mrs Hotchin for ensuring all students had permission to participate in the boot camp and I would like to acknowledge our P&C president Andrew Faragher and all the P&C members who helped with the BBQ on Friday afternoon.



Our fabulous PBS artwork was designed for us by our parent, Mrs Yani Mengori.

EARLY INTERVENTION

Early intervention is absolutely vital in supporting students with additional learning, physical or social needs. The brains of 5- & 6-year-old children are more capable of producing and strengthening neurons than at any other time their lives. Interventions at this age have a dramatic and lasting effect.

However sometimes parents or carers adopt a 'wait and see approach' holding the belief that their child may grow out of it, or they wait until it becomes a bigger problem, or worry that labelling their children with a learning difficulty may hinder progress.

I urge parents and carers with students in the early years to err on the side of caution rather a 'wait and see approach'. If one of our teachers suggests you seek advice from a paediatrician, psychologist, occupational therapist or speech therapist, please make this a priority so that we can work together to give all our students the best opportunity to be successful.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Our School Board had a very busy meeting on Tuesday 3 August. There were a number of agenda items which included:

- Strategic Priority - Learning Environment. Mr Green shared a presentation about the how the PBS program would encourage a safer and predictable learning environment, and give us the capacity to measure our progress towards this.
- Strategic Priority - Resources. There were two areas of resources that were focused on in this meeting.



- Firstly, we looked at our Human Resources and how we develop the skills and expertise of our workforce. In particular, we looked at the role of our Education Assistants, the research around their effect and the work we had started to raise their profile, develop their skills and increase opportunities for them to collaborate and contribute to the school's direction.

- Secondly, we also looked at one of the most valuable resources we have - how we use our time. In late Term 2, the staffing changes gave us an opportunity to look at and redistribute time towards some of our focus areas. This included creating some new leadership roles in mentoring and coaching in the areas of Gifted and Talented Education, Students at Educational Risk, and Leading Education Assistant Phase of Learning Teams. Congratulations Mr Savatovic, Mrs Curtis, Ms Ballantine and Mrs Mackaiser on taking on these roles.

Finally, we talked about planning for 2022 and we'd like to hear from you. Shortly you will be receiving a short survey asking for feedback in a number of different areas to help us improve what we do for our students and community. Please keep an eye out for this survey.

To finish off a busy night, several of Board members then joined Subiaco Primary School to participate in School Board Training. The training helps Board members understand their role and how they can support the school. This was a valuable opportunity to work with other schools to refine our skills in supporting the school's strategic direction.

Warm regards,

Sheri Evans
Principal

Dates for your Diary

24 August

Parliament House - Yr6 excursion

25 August

**Open Night & Book Fair
5pm - 7pm**

27 August

Book Week - Dress up

1 September

**Faction Athletics Carnival
Bob Hawke oval 9:00am - 2:30pm**

3 September

**Walk to school with Dads for
Father's Day - 8:00am - 8:50am**

18 September

**Massed Choir Festival Concert -
Perth Concert Hall
commencing 7:30pm**

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





Celebrating 100 Days of School



Year 1 Black celebrated 100 days of school. As part of our news program each child was tasked with bringing 100 of something that would fit in a small zip lock bag and explain what it was and why they picked it. We then turned these into a beautiful wall display. Our mathematics sessions were all based on activities around the number 100. We had great fun counting, problem solving and creating.



Water in Aboriginal Culture

On Wednesday 11 August the Year 3 students participated in a highly informative and interesting session on the use of water in Aboriginal culture. Mr Harley Johnstone, from the Water Corporation of W.A. brought a wealth of knowledge and engaged the students with interactive activities such as: playing Bingo, (eg Find someone who has heard a didgeridoo, Find someone who has eaten kangaroo, etc.) creating a story with Aboriginal symbols, viewing images of how water is found and collected by Aboriginal people and a demonstration of how a kangaroo skin may be used to make a 'choota' (water carrier). This incursion was thoroughly enjoyed by students and teachers alike.



Faction Athletics Carnival

- When: Wednesday, 1 September, 2021
- Where: Bob Hawke College oval
- 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 School Stream app.



STAR STUDENTS

The following students received Merit Certificates at the recent assemblies.

Year 1

Emilia Bakulin
Hugo Ogden
Yvonne Casey
Harry Marchant
Stella Stravreski
Aston Lewis

Year 3

Harrison Lynn
Jett Lemerle
Novy Foy
Niki Balram
Troy McCallum
Conor Simpson

Year 5

Ewan Bengson
Remi Merenda
Fynn Watt
Abdullah Saad
Juliette Cresp
Harry Smitheringale

Year 2

Beau Hooper
Hudson Pendlebury
Ross Underwood
Zheyuan Tian

Year 4

Dante Tilman Lacerda
Ayana Brandi
Aedan Dhepnorarrat
Shiloh Shen
Phoenix Ravine

Year 6

Isabel Greenwood
Sophia Taylor
Ruby Lorimer
Ella O'Sullivan

Mandarin

Farah Bell
Zheyuan Tian



Rotary Club of Cambridge



Student Councillors with Dr Kit Prendergast (aka the Bee Babette)

On the 3rd August, the Rotary Club invited the WLPS Student Councillors to attend one of their meetings held at the Cambridge Bowling Club. Dr Prendergast, a bee expert and researcher, gave a fascinating talk on Australian Native Bees.

Book Week & Open Night

CBCA Book Week will be celebrated in Week 6, commencing Monday 23 August through until Friday 27 August.

During this week we are celebrating books, Australian children's authors and illustrators.

Our annual **Book Week dress up day** is **Friday 27 August**. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character or dress to the theme:

'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'.

Each year held in conjunction with Book Week, is the WLPS **Open Night and Book Fair**. This year the Open night will be held on **Wednesday 25 August** commencing at 5pm and concluding at 7pm.

Parents and families are invited to come and view the classrooms and displays.

Operating out of the library during Open Night will be a Book Fair. Parents are welcome to attend during the hours of the Open Night and either purchase a book for their child/ren or donate one to the library.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Open night.



Kindy Red Olympics

On the Monday 2 August, the Kindy Red Olympics started; the symbolic Olympic Cauldron was lit and the children completed the torch relay. The first medals were handed out with Australia leading the medal tally.

The children in Kindy Red participated in four events over three days which focused on Fundamental Movement Skills appropriate to early childhood.



FOWLS Update



WALK TO SCHOOL WITH DADS/ FATHER FIGURES MORNING

Friday 3 Sept - 8:00 - 8:50AM

COFFEE VAN & SPORTS EQUIPMENT ON THE LAWN

Free Coffee and Hot Chocolate!

THANKS TO CRAIG GASPAR FROM DUET PROPERTY, THE COFFEE THIEF, AND WEST LEEDERVILLE PS P&C.

Walk to school with Dads morning for Father's Day – Friday 3 September 2021

Dads and Father Figures are invited to a Walk to School with their kids morning, on Friday 3 September. The Coffee Thief van will be serving free coffee to Dads (and Mums) and there will be free hot chocolates available for the kids too. The lawn area will be made available for sporting games for Dads and kids. Cinnamon scrolls (halves will be available) and toasties will also be available to purchase. Thanks to Craig Gaspar from Duet Property Group for sponsoring this event for the FOWLS.

Dads and Kids activity:

Wembley Mini Golf – Saturday 11 September 2021

The next Dads/kids activity will be mini-golf at Wembley Golf Course, on Saturday 11 September starting from 3pm. Get a group together and come on down – post golf we can all meet near the playground for a drink and chat. See the Wembley mini golf website for prices. <https://www.wembleygolf.com.au/cms/mini-golf/opening-times-and-fees/>

FOWLS DADS AND KIDS
MINI GOLF

SEPT 11 | WEMBLEY GOLF COURSE FROM 3PM

ADULTS \$20, KIDS \$14,
FAMILY \$59 (2 A + 2 K)

RSVP to wpsdads@gmail.com or 0403250255

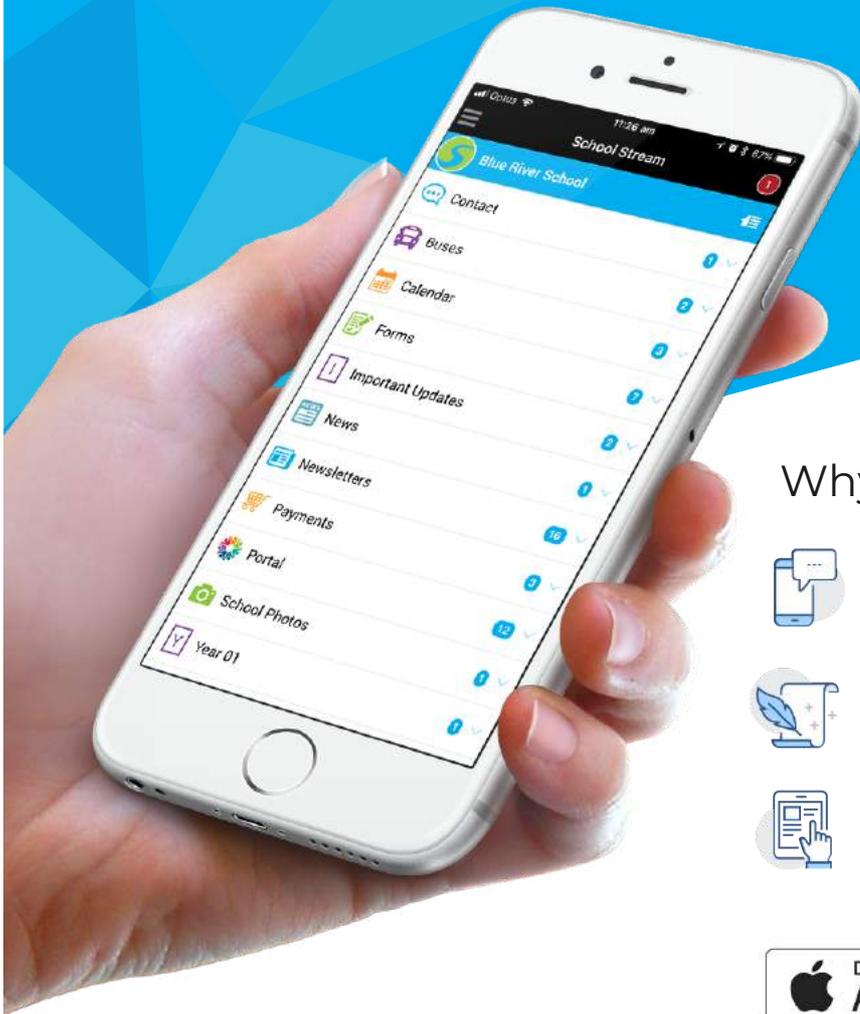
Year 2 Popcorn Olympics



Students from Year 2 White and Blue held their very own 'Popcorn Olympics'. They even made their own medals as a salute to our Olympic team.



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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.



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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.