Dear Community Members

**Origo Maths has started at Weld**

At WSPS we are continually looking for ways to improve our teaching and learning programs. At the suggestion of several teachers we have decided to embark on an ambitious whole school implementation of the ORIGO Maths program. The ORIGO Stepping Stones is an award winning core mathematics program developed by specialists for primary schools.

*Stepping Stones* has been developed to fully address and improve on the Australian Curriculum: Mathematics, including complete coverage of the content and outcome codes for the WA Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum K-6.

*Stepping Stones* is delivered online to give teachers one central location to access all their lesson plans, student activity pages and teaching tools.

In an Australian first, *Stepping Stones* provides every teacher with access to all online content from all year levels. Having a web based support infrastructure is an important and efficient way to equip teachers with everything they need to accommodate inevitable mixed abilities in all our LA classrooms. ORIGO teaching and learning strategies are very different to how most parents, including myself were taught Mathematics at school.


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**Specialist sport - Golf day**

Mr Farrell organized a special golf clinic for all classes last Thursday. This was a new experience for most students with several showing great potential. If anyone is interested in their child joining a club visit: [www.golfwa.org.au/mygolf](http://www.golfwa.org.au/mygolf)

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**SLAM - Self Defence kicks on**

Self defence instructor, Basil Carameli brought along his protective armour and mats allowing students to practice a range of self-defence techniques.

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**Wanted a good home for excess furniture items.**

The items below are available for sale by tender. If you are interested please call in to the school office before 9.00am Tuesday 20 September and make a bid. The highest bidder will be notified and items will be available for collection immediately.

- Plus a single IKEA king size bed. Contact Mr Cookson if you are able to provide a good home and small donation.
School Faction Carnival
- a team effort resulting in a top day.

Thank you to all those staff, student leaders and parents who worked hard to make our Carnival such a success. A special thank you to Mr Quartermaine and Udom for their expertise in the long jump pit and judging on the finish line, Mrs McRoberts for her knowledge and experience, Mr Farrell for his excellent overall program organization and the P&C team for providing canteen supplies, organizing the Subway lunch orders and running the Fathers’ Day raffle.

Thanks to Mr Mittler for collecting the new P&C shade shelter. I would also like to acknowledge all those staff who diligently undertook the important responsibilities allocated to them, including the erection of shade shelters from early morning. Thanks to the many parents who encouraged the children by making up Faction banners, mascots and supplying the colorful dress attire.

This year we had a deliberate emphasis on team sports which essentially became the whole of the morning program. We were fortunate to have perfect weather where students were able to concentrate on doing the best for their Faction. The whole day was one of friendly competitiveness with keen rivals showing respect and being good sports at the end of races. This was aptly demonstrated by Faction Leaders Emma, Kwanjai, Jesse and Sebastian at the end of their individual races. Well done to those student leaders.

Champions and Runner Ups

Year 1 Champion Girl - Trinity
Year 1 Runner Up Girl - Reia
Year 1 Champion Boy - Dean
Year 1 Runner Up Boy - Taj
Year 2 Champion Girl - Imenh
Year 2 Runner Up Girl - Isabella
Year 2 Champion Boy - Manaaki
Year 2 Runner Up Boy - Daniel
Year 3 Champion Girl - Jenelle
Year 3 Runner Up Girl - Ella
Year 3 Champion Boy - Bayley
Year 3 Runner Up Boy - Sai
Year 4 Champion Girls - Fatema / Rokaya
Year 4 Runner Up Girl - Micah
Year 4 Champion Boy - Samuel
Year 4 Runner Up Boy - Konrad
Year 5 Champion Girl - Dakota
Year 5 Runner Up Girl - Emily
Year 5 Champion Boy - Sebastian
Year 5 Runner Up Boy - Jesse
Year 6 Champion Girl - Kwanjai
Year 6 Runner Up Girl - Emma F
Year 6 Champion Boy - Elvin
Year 6 Runner Up Boy - Apollonas

Faction Scores
- Hovea - 171 points
- Banksia - 129 points
- Wattle - 118 points

Virtue Awards 5 September
Charlie, Aron, Skye, Isha and Corey

Virtue Awards 12 September
Charlie, Tobias, Lanah, Tessa, Benjamin, Laurence, Rishi, Jacob and Bayley.

Inaugural Best Battery Recycling Award
LA10

Last Newsletter for Term 3
As this will be the last newsletter for term 3, I would like to thank all those WSPS community members for volunteering their time and expertise to support our teaching and learning program. I wish everyone a healthy and rejuvenating break and look forward to seeing you all in term 4.

Glen Cookson
Principal
Hi everyone,

How did you go last week with the Resilience Building?

Here are some more ideas:

Let them know that it’s okay to ask for help.

Children will often have the idea that being brave is about dealing with things by themselves. Let them know that being brave and strong means knowing when to ask for help. If there is anything they can do themselves, guide them towards that but resist carrying them there.

Build their executive functioning.

Strengthening their executive functioning will strengthen the prefrontal cortex. This will help them manage their own behaviour and feelings, and increase their capacity to develop coping strategies. Some powerful ways to build their executive functioning are:

• establishing routines;
• modelling healthy social behaviour;
• creating and maintaining supportive reliable relationships around them;
• providing opportunities for their own social connections;
• creative play;
• board games (good for impulse control (taking turns), planning, working memory, and mental flexibility (the ability to shift thoughts to an alternative, better pattern of thought if the situation requires);
• games that involve memory (e.g. the shopping game – ‘I went shopping and I bought a [puppy]’; the next person says, ‘I went shopping and I bought a [puppy and a bike for my t-rex]’; next person … ‘I went shopping and I bought [a puppy, a bike for my t-rex and a hot air balloon] – the winner is the last one standing who doesn’t forget something on the shopping list;
• exercise;
• giving them opportunities to think and act independently (if they disagree with you and tell you why you’re wrong, there’s a plus side – their executive functioning is flourishing!);
• providing opportunities for them to make their own decisions.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone, enjoy lots of opportunities to play together and grow together.

Blessings from the Chaplain
Sandy Clifton

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**NOT RETURNING TO WELD SQUARE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?**

Planning for next year has commenced. To assist us in this process if your child/children are not returning to WSPS next year please complete the slip below and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

My child/children will not be returning next year:

Name: _____________________________________________ Year /Learning Area: _________________

Name: _____________________________________________ Year/Learning Area: _________________

School attending in 2017: _________________________________________________________________

Signed: _____________________________________________ Date: _____________________________
Hello Everyone

What a great term we have had with the Book Fair and Sports days. Thank you to all families who donated time and food for our cake stall.

Time now for a big finale. We have Bunnings Sausage Sizzle this Sunday 18 September. We still have some spots available. If you are able to help, please put your name down on the roster in the office or come and grab a bite at the store.

Next Monday is the Festival of the Arts. The canteen will be open at 5.00pm, so you can buy some pies, sausage rolls, pasta or a sausage sizzle and a drink.

Then the Edudance performance will give the kids a chance to shine. The canteen will re-open afterwards for a sweet treat.

Please enjoy a safe and fun holiday break and we will see you next term.

Michelle Hughes
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What girls need from their dads

- A father signals to a girl how she can expect to be treated by men, i.e., how high she ‘sets the bar’.
- Teach her to only accept respect from men.
- Fathers are important in giving girls confidence.
- Girls need to hear how worthwhile and beautiful they are - not ‘pretty’, but ‘beautiful’.
- This will include outer beauty (looks, smile, laughter, eyes, clothing etc.)
- It will also include inner beauty (kindness, friendliness, fairness, curiosity, honesty etc.)
- Help girls to think through manipulative TV and magazine advertising about female looks, behaviour and sexuality.

For more tips, please visit the dedicated section in our website: thefatheringproject.org/

HAVE YOU ENROLLED YOUR CHILD FOR KINDY 2017?

Do you have a child with a date of birth between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013, if so they are eligible to attend Kindy next year?

If you know of anyone in your neighbourhood who has a child born in that time frame, please let them know that we are taking enrolments for next year.

Application forms are available from Mrs Lindsay in the school office between the hours of 8.15am and 3.15pm.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 14 September - Kids Teaching Kids Mandurah
Thursday 15 September - Kids Teaching Kids, Mandurah
Friday 16 September - Interschool Carnival and LOTE Excursion
Monday 19 September - Festival of Arts Evening
Thursday 23 September - Assembly
Friday 24 September - Last day of Term 3
Tuesday 11 October - First day of Swimming Lessons

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER
Thanks to the K/PP staff and volunteers for running a fun day of sporting activities. The Olympic themed activities were all conducted indoors due to the inclement weather, however this did not stop the children from actively engaging in all the Mini Olympic events. There were several photo finishes in the popular sack race events.