Dear Parents

At our fortnightly Honour Certificate assembly I spoke about the importance of the virtue respect. It is one of the virtues embedded in our school logo. Perhaps it is something to have a conversation with your children about. What is respect? How does it look? How does it feel? The Collins Australian Dictionary talks about respect being an attitude of admiration, paying attention to, having consideration for feelings, a polite or kind regard for something or someone.

In Todd Parr’s excellent book, “It’s Ok to be Different” he colourfully illustrates it’s ok to have one, or two or three teeth missing, it’s ok to have different hair or no hair, it’s ok to have a different nose, it’s ok to have big ears (think of a rabbit) and it’s ok to be a different colour. This is a recommended read and clever discussion starter for deeper and meaningful conversations.

To give meaning to Harmony Week (commencing on the 21 March) and further understanding to the virtue, respect, I spoke to the children about football, a game which many can identify with and feel passionate about. Many of us support a favourite team and respect the right of others to support their team. As you know I support the Geelong Cats and Mr Payne supports Fremantle Dockers. While we are passionate about different teams we can still be respectful of each other, even good friends and professional work colleagues.

We are all different in many ways here at Weld Square Primary School. We can speak different languages, eat different foods, come from different countries, have different interests, abilities, religions or no religion, play different games, enjoy different sports, some of us are boys, some of us are girls and some of us are gay. No matter what or who at WSPS, as a government school, we give respect to everyone and perhaps most importantly we respect ourselves. Apart from the fact that it is the right thing to do, and it is the law, by being respectful we can have fun and enjoy life. Wouldn’t it be boring and unhealthy if we all supported the Cats and only ate Nutella sandwiches!

Help your child establish a good homework routine
Help your child with their homework—but don’t do their homework for them! Most children start getting homework from the first year of school—practicing reading, spelling, writing and arithmetic initially, but evolving into larger, more complex research projects later on. Help your child by encouraging them, testing their spelling, listening to their reading, and guiding them if they can’t see the solution to a problem or don’t know where to look for information.

Donations Wanted
LA 11 would like donations of Christmas material and small buttons for a project they will be working on. Please drop them in to the school office.
Last Thursday 10 March, LA10 conducted the whole school assembly. The assembly theme was happiness. The students sang and performed the song “Happy” by Pharrell Williams. The students encouraged their audience to be happy, join in and throw money. Sadly no money was thrown.

**Assembly Highlights**

**Honour Certificate Winners**

Congratulations to the following students:
- LA1 K/PP: Whole Class
- LA2 K/PP: Whole Class
- LA3 Year 1: Juliette and Layla
- LA5 Year 2: Jonathan and Pooja
- LA8 Year 3: Isha and Andy
- LA11 Year 4/5: Rokaya
- LA10 Year 5/6: Elvin and Akhil
- H & PE: Clara and Bayley

**Weld Square Celebrates Harmony Week**

All classes will be involved with a variety of learning activities to promote Harmony Week, throughout the week beginning 21 March.

All parents and families are invited to our special Harmony Week assembly and Community Picnic on Thursday 24 March. The assembly will commence at 11.35am and be immediately followed by a Community Picnic in the park.

Students will sit in family or class groups. Families will be supplied with “Please Try Me” dish descriptions to be placed with dishes they wish to share with other families.

Students and family members are encouraged to wear national costume for the day and participate in the 11.35am assembly.

**Welcome Ms Binmeng Luo**

I come from Xi’An, an ancient city in China. It has a long long history and a lot of delicious food. I hope you'll have the chance to travel to this city. As for myself, now, I'm still a postgraduate student in ZheJiang University. I like singing, watching movies, but most I like eating delicious food, ha ha. And also, I love watching the sunrise and sunset. My family only have one child just like most Chinese families. I love them so much.

I know it will be a wonderful experience in this school, Thanks for everybody's help.

Ms Luo

Glen Cookson
Principal
Hello to everyone,

Homework Club is going well and I’m very grateful to Donna Wilson from PEAC for her help, as well as teachers, of course, who help give me appropriate work for their students.

Harmony Week starts March 21 and is a wonderful opportunity for us to appreciate and enjoy the wonderful, rich variety our families bring to the school community here at Weld Square. The week culminates in our Community Day where we can show off our National Dress (what does a £10 Pom wear? Somebody help me, please!)

It is also an opportunity for us to think about and support other communities who are not as fortunate as ours. For some years West Australian schools have been supporting the Angkor Project of kids helping kids. Weld Square joined this organisation last year and we have a Sister School in the very poor farming province of Kompong Speu. Last year we were able to raise almost $100 to go towards stationery, books, furniture, etc. In addition to this we had a donation of a computer which we were able to send to Cambodia through one of our parents, Stephen Dew, father of William in Kindy. Thanks so much, Stephen. Staff raised the money to buy a printer to go with it instead of having a Secret Santa present last year. Many thanks to the staff.

Blessings from the Chaplain

Sandy Clifton
Hi Everyone

It’s a busy time for us for the rest of Term 1 and your support is greatly appreciated. Next week is Harmony Week and I can’t wait to see all the national dress of our culturally rich community at the special assembly on Thursday 24 March at 11.35am.

Then Easter is upon us and we will be sizzling the sausages at Masters in Bayswater from 8.00am - 4.00pm on Saturday 26 March. Come along and help out or just grab a snack. The money raised will be used to erect our shade sail.

Then to finish off there will be another morning tea after the assembly on Thursday 7 April and our big family night with Numguts Bush Band Friday 8 April. The canteen will be open from 5.00pm and dancing will be from 6.00-8.00pm.

Congratulations to our nominated and elected office bearers. I’m sure we can continue to thrive and provide to the school resources, activities and heaps of fun for all!

Have a safe and happy Easter.

“It’s nice to be important, but it’s important to be nice.”

Kermit the frog

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Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the families that have already paid their 2016 Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions are $60.00 per child from K to 6 and can be paid by either cash or cheque to the school office or by direct debit to the account below:

Account Name: Weld Square Primary School
BSB No.: 016 363
Account No.: 3409 59672
Reference: Child’s name and what the funds are for:
(eg: Lindsay/Vol Contributions)

Recorders For Sale

There are a number of new recorders available from the school office at a price of $7.00 each. See Mrs Lindsay if interested.

Morley Out of School Care

If any parents are needing out of school care for Easter Tuesday 29 March, Morley Out of School Care will be open. Places will be limited, so please phone Karen to make a reservation for your child.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 21 March - Constable Care PP—Year 6
Thursday 24 March - Assembly - Community Day - National Dress and picnic
Friday 25 March - GOOD FRIDAY—No School
Saturday 26 March - P&C Sausage Sizzle at Masters
Monday 28 March - EASTER MONDAY—No School
Tuesday 29 March - EASTER TUESDAY—No School
Today Captain Water Wise came to our school. He showed us how to save water and he told us that we were a water wise school.

First Captain Water Wise asked some questions. This is how you can save water if you see something leaking or a sprinkler watering the concrete: tell a grown up or tell the person who is watching you to fix it.

After he asked some questions four people came up with Captain Water Wise and he showed them a dance and he sang about saving water. We all did the actions together while he sang and played guitar. I learned a lot about being water wise and it was fun.

The Captain Water Wise Incursion - 3.3.16
By Jenelle - Year 3 LA 8

Today Captain Water Wise came to WSPS to help us save water.
The first thing he told us was how to save water in the shower. Captain Water Wise said to remember not to take too long in the shower because you will waste water.

Captain Water Wise used four volunteers to show us how to save water.

A Year 4 boy, Tobias, went up with Captain Water Wise to demonstrate a shower washing your face and your body very quickly. Don’t forget behind your ears!

Then Emma from Year 6 went up to show us how to do the laundry and dish washing using environmentally friendly soaps. He told us to remember to fully load our dish washers and washing machines before using them. Emma danced as well and Captain Water Wise played the guitar and sang about the laundry.

Then Lily from Year 5 went up to show us how to save water in the garden. First she fixed the sprinkler with a timer and then she danced with Captain Water Wise as well.

Daniel from Year 6 went up next and he was really funny. He showed us how to use the toilet efficiently. Captain Water Wise said don’t put silly stuff in the toilet. He told us you can only put paper in the toilet and two more things: press the little button when you pee and press the big button for when you poo. Daniel did exactly what he said and then cleaned the toilet. He was very funny.

Lastly we all sang together about saving water. Then Captain Water Wise left. It was very funny and educational.
Dear Parents / Caregivers,
I would like to say thank you to all parents and grandparents who came to support and help their children and the staff. It was lovely to see you all. Your presence has meant a lot to us and our students. You made the cooking lesson more fun and special. It would not have been as successful without your help in supervising and guiding students through chopping, wrapping dumplings and skewering fruit, and also cleaning, washing and cooking. You are all super stars!
A big thank you to Mrs Watts, Susan, Ludivina, Jackie, Mr Ross, Mr Messenger, Mrs Celenza, Mrs Ida, Mrs Nguyen, Mrs Iloski, Mrs K, Ms Luo and others for your time and effort to assist us.
Enjoy the snapshots.

Linda Chun Fun Williams
LOTE (Mandarin) Teacher