

Weld Square Primary School Newsletter



Phone: (08) 9276 5891

Email: WeldSquare.PS@det.wa.edu.au

Date: 1 March 2017

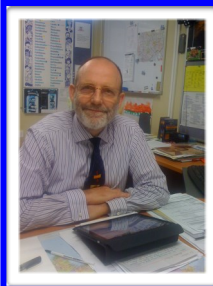
Newsletter: 3/2017



MISSION STATEMENT:

To develop, within a caring environment, the cognitive, social, physical and creative abilities of all children to enable them to realise their full potential and to maximise future opportunities as members of the community.

VIRTUE FOR WEEKS 5/6—RESPECT



Dear Parents

WSPS Celebrated the Year of the Rooster with Zhejiang University Wenquin Art Troupe

WSPS celebrated the start of the Year of the Rooster with a colourful splash of Chinese culture from 10 young performers selected from the renowned Zhejiang Wenquin Art

Troupe. They showcased an ancient civilisation with an engaging demonstration of an array of traditional Chinese musical instruments and dance.

The Wenquin troupe are only here for a short time. Most of the troupe are

post graduate university students with a love of music and performance. Once this tour is over they will go back to China to complete their studies in a range of disciplines including engineering and medicine. The troupe has performed at the UN Headquarters in the US, the 2016 G20 meeting in China and throughout Europe, Asia and Australia.

Wenquin will perform at the Australia China Business Council dinner at Crown Ballroom and will give several other public performances.

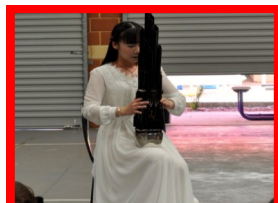
The Wenquin performance was very engaging and interesting for all our students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The performance attracted a number of parents and grandparents who especially came in to see the Wenquin Troupe.

All students were mesmerised for almost an hour listening to a range of traditional Chinese musical instruments. It was the first time that most of the students had ever seen or heard traditional Chinese instruments played. A special thank you to our LOTE teacher Mrs Williams and the Confucius Institute at UWA for facilitating their WSPS visit.



Bayswater Aged Care Hostel Visit

At WSPS we are committed to not only helping our students realise their full potential but also to become valuable members of their community. During this semester, every Tuesday afternoon a group of our LA10 students will visit the Bayswater Aged Care Hostel in Embleton Avenue. Over this time they will get to know the residents, some of whom we met last year. Remember Hilton, he has now turned 108 and was able to converse with Jasmine for almost 30 minutes. The students under the leadership of their Mentor, Quinten, played a variety of games, chatted with and served afternoon tea to the residents. I am proud of our students for making a valuable contribution to their community.



鸡
年
大
吉

Honour Certificate Winners

LA 2 PP:	Zaynab, Mateos
LA 3 Year 1:	Beau, Sena
LA 5 Year 2:	Joshua
LA 8 Year 3:	Manaaki, Elsa
LA 4 Year 4/5:	Jenelle
LA 10 Year 5/6:	Howell, Logan
LOTE:	Hayley, Samuel
Science:	Luke, Soourav



Virtues Awards from 27 February



Back row: Dakota, Charlie, Jesse, Mitchell, Julian, Sebastian

Front row: Francine, Pandeli, Dean

Freo Docker Visit Weld Square Primary School

The Pre-primary, Year 1, and Year 2 classes are participating in a Freo Fundamentals clinic run by the Fremantle Dockers. The program provides a 30 minute fundamental movement session each Wednesday for four weeks. The children had a fantastic time last week working on their ball skills and are looking forward to trying out their *kicking at the* next session. There have also been whispers of a surprise guest in the coming weeks!



Smart Start Incursion

The incursion workshops teach students about money as a concept – what it's worth and how to keep it safe. Captain Cash helped guide the students on how to become a superhero with their money. Using rhyme, hands-on activities and colourful characters, the workshop helps puts students on a lifelong path of practising solid financial habits.

Several concepts are covered, including:

- an introduction to notes and coins
- recognition of Australian currency
- keeping money safe
- the difference between needs and wants
- using money in exchange for goods and services.



Melanie's Legacy

Thanks to Melanie's Family for donating a Library reading bench in her memory. Melanie's family all shared in the construction of the bench. Ivan came out from his home in Israel to join the family to design and construct the bench.




Left to right: Son Darren, Daughter Romy, Husband Fred and Brother Ivan.



If you can, aim to spend a few minutes one-on-one with each of your children every day – for example, getting them up in the morning, or reading a story together at bedtime. Soon it will become an integral part of your day and theirs – a habit that will strengthen your relationships with your children.

- If daily habits are too difficult to create, aim for weekly routines such as cooking breakfast on a weekend morning, walking the dog on certain afternoons, or watching the Friday night footy match on TV.

As your children grow, the nature of these routines will evolve – the important thing is to keep up the habit of spending time together.


Glen Cookson
Principal

River Ranger Cadets

The cadets have a very busy year ahead with lots of fun and exciting after school activities planned. Our first one happens on Monday March 13 at 3.15pm with West Morley cadet unit. We need 3 parent helpers from LA 10 on that day to assist with cooking and bush skills. If you are able to help please leave your name and number with Mrs Lindsay in the office by Friday March 10 and I will be in contact with you.

Many thanks

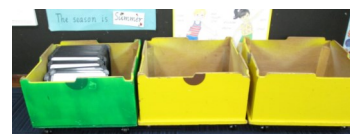
Lee Francis

RRC Leader



Thankyou

A big thank you from the Year 1s to Mr Ross for constructing our moveable storage containers. They will be a great help in our classroom.



Chaplain's chat



Hello students and families,

It is great to be back at school with you all! What a busy term we have! New teachers and new students and their families have joined our school community and we welcome you all. I have been trying to get to know Kindy students and their families.



Year 3 seems to be a year when some children start to struggle with friendships. In class the students use the You Can Do It program (see Gabby Get-along in the picture) and this term I am doing some extra work addressing some of the issues in the whole class and in small groups.

Homework Club is off to a good start and we thank Donna from PEAC for helping us once again this year. Sophie, Donna's daughter, is busy at uni this year and will not be able to help.

This is a special year for me as my whole family – children and grandchildren – are meeting in Italy to have a holiday together. I will be leaving on the 18 March so will not be at school for weeks 8, 9 and 10 and Mr Birkelbach has kindly offered to help Donna at Homework Club.

I wish you all a wonderful year.

Blessings from the Chaplain

Sandy Clifton



Student Update Forms

A friendly reminder for all families who have not yet returned their Student Update forms please return them to the office ASAP.

Library Bags

We have now received our stock of Library bags. The cost will \$6.50ea. They are available from the office.

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the families that have already paid their 2017 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 surname and what the funds are for. Eg: Lindsay/Voluntary Contributions

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 6 March	-	Labour Day—Public Holiday <u>STUDENTS DO NO ATTEND SCHOOL ON THIS DAY</u>
Thursday 9 March	-	Assembly
Monday 13 March	-	RRC after school activity with West Morley PS Cadets - 3.15 - 4.30pm



P&C NEWS

Hi Everyone

I recently attended the WACSSO forum for the State Election. There was a panel consisting of Peter Collier Minister for Education, Sue Ellery Shadow Minister for Education, Greens Representative Alison Xamon and Nationals representative Mia Davies.

All panel members spoke briefly about their positions on Education. They answered submitted questions on Education. It was mentioned that the Education Policy is the most important component of this election. The Western Suburbs are very powerful with major issues concerning new/reinvented schools causing concern for those communities.

For us in the East the issues were ; infrastructure (old buildings), public transport, Education Assistants and mental health. The partial sale of Western Power is intended to tackle some of these issues. Is this the best way to fund these improvements? Being informed is the only way to make a decision on election day. I recommend you investigate the WACSSO position paper response summary State Election 2017. This paper outlines how these and other issues are being addressed. <http://www.wacssso.wa.edu.au>

It was also mentioned that parent engagement in the school communities is essential. Schools like WSPS, where the engagement of parents is strong, are most successful in retaining staff and looking after our kids. Cyber safety and cost of BYOD policies were also discussed, with all the panellists agreeing that technology is an increasingly challenging fact of life in schools and homes. The impact of health and how classrooms can be infected by disability or anxieties was also addressed.

I don't want to say who you should vote for that's personal. I always look at who in my small pocket of Australians is working the hardest to improve my families position in the community.

We had our first meeting for 2017 last week. You have received a survey for our lunch order days. The P&C Committee provide a day, generally each month where lunch can be ordered. This can only happen with your help. Volunteer to help on the day with cooking, packing, planning. The first one will be held on March 29. Use our post box (outside the uniform shop) to return the survey forms.

Place your lunch orders in an envelope with the correct money, child's name and learning area. (There are some envelopes attached to the post box.)



We will be having an Easter Raffle, tickets will be available from the March 17, which is our ride to school day.

Uniform supplies are being topped up so remember to put your orders in to ensure you can get what you need.

The funds we raise with these endeavours benefit our children. We have new playground equipment being constructed, shade sails for the juniors is on our wish list and we are even planning chickens for the River Ranger Cadets to raise and nurture.



The Fathering Project hosted a Lawn Bowls evening and are planning a camp out on the oval later this year. This is an awesome program that gets the men involved with each other, something us mums do instinctively.

Coming up:

P&C AGM:	Tuesday 21 March 6-7pm
Special Lunch:	Wednesday 29 March
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle:	Saturday 1 April
Easter Raffle Drawn:	Thursday 6 April



"Don't have a one size fits all approach" Sue Ellery Shadow Minister for Education

Michelle Hughes

P&C President

0402 779 118

weldsquareprimary@gmail.com