Dear Parents

Thank goodness for the cooler weather! It has been another busy and productive fortnight here at WSPS.
The school councillors conducted their first assembly in the covered assembly area on our newly erected stage. They did a great job and congratulations to all those councillors doing a behind the scenes task or talking for the first time from the stage. I was very pleased to announce the following items of good news:

- The SLAM program has started and the art group are working on a design to paint our new table tennis tables.
- Shade sails are being planned for this year to go between the covered assembly area and the library. We are anticipating grant monies to be available later in the year.
- Our library computer system is being upgraded from the out of date Alice system to the new Oliver v5 system. This means we will be going to a web based system allowing 24 hour online access from home. The new system especially caters for younger children with a friendly interface using attractive graphics and larger font. We will be able to download and access e-books which in turn will support our important reading and literacy programs. This is certainly very exciting news and will complement our recently upgraded whole school computer system network.

Assembly Highlights

At WSPS we are a Waste Wise School

Above is the result of the Waste Audit by our Waste Wise monitors, which they displayed at the assembly.

Honour Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following students:
LA3 Year 1: Dean and Charis
LA5 Year 2: Mahnoor and Imenh
LA8 Year 3: Ella and Tim
LA11 Year 4/5: Lily
LA10 Year 5/6: Sebastian and Nikolas
LOTE: Emma F and Emily
Science: Priyen and Elvin

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.
Mathletics Certificates 22 February

Gold: Benjamin, Konrad and Samuel
Silver: Saima, Mollie, Emma F and William

Mathletics Certificates from 29 February

Virtues Awards 22 February

Gold Certificate winner Sai (centre back) surrounded by the Bronze Certificate winners.

Virtues Awards 29 February

Weld Square Primary School students from Year 1-6 had a visit from First Aid Focus, with the goal of providing school kids of all ages access to vital first aid knowledge and skill development. Dividing the program into three modules, kids are trained to respond to first aid situations by St John Ambulance for free. Learning experiences that come from completing the course include, seeking and offering help when needed, communicating clearly, listening actively, negotiating conflict constructively and accepting responsibility and leadership.

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.

Tennis and Cricket Specialist Programs
The Tennis Trial Day will be held at John Forrest Secondary College on Wednesday 30 March. Applications accepted from Year 5 and 6 students. The Cricket Trial Day will be held at the WACA on Monday 4 April. Applications accepted from Year 6 students only.

For more information and application forms for either of these programs, please enquire at the office.

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)

Glen Cookson
Principal
Hi Everyone

Firstly I would like to clarify that our email address is not the forum for actual orders for lunches and uniforms, as we don't have facilities to accept payments. However, it is perfect for enquiries, suggestions and communication with our team of helpful members and to register to volunteer for our upcoming events. All offers of help are much appreciated. Apologises for any inconvenience.

Upcoming events include:
- Masters Sausage Sizzle—26 March 2016. We are still building our teams for this event. A schedule is in the office. Please pop in and put your name down.
- Numguts Bush Band has been booked for the family night on the last day of this term, Friday 8 April. This event needs participation and should be a great night for the whole family. The canteen will be open. Donations of snacks would be most appreciated. So brush off your boots and get ready for a hoedown!!
- Next P&C Meeting will be on Tuesday 15 March commencing at 6.00pm and is our 2016 AGM. All welcome!

Michelle Hughes
P&C President
0402 779 118
weldsquareprimary@gmail.com

**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.

**After School EOI Survey for a Year 4-6 Music Tuition**

Please complete and return by email to glen.cookson@education.wa.edu.au by 11 March 2016.

1. My child ______________ would be interested in a 45 min group music tuition at WSPS on one day after school. The best two days for us are___________.

2. I understand that this would be a self-funded user pays tuition organised by a qualified tutor. Payments would be made directly to the tutor.

3. I understand that it would be the parent’s responsibility to ensure students arrive and are collected on time for their tuition, abide by a good behaviour contract and have a genuine interest in developing their music skills, including performance capability.

Parent Name: ____________________________  Email: _________________________________

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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STUDENTS DO NO ATTEND SCHOOL ON THESE TWO DAYS
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

The Principal and Staff invite you to attend an Information Evening. Parents of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to attend.

Where: John Forrest Secondary College.
Date: Tuesday 3 May 2016
Time: 6.15pm to approximately 8.00pm.
      (Aim to arrive at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start.)
Venue: College Gym.

All students are welcome at John Forrest Secondary College. We offer exceptional programs including:

- College based Academic Excellence Program (Year 7-10).
- Specialist Programs in Cricket, Netball, Tennis and Music (Year 7-10).
- College based Computer Science Program (Year 8-10).
- Curriculum Enrichment Program (Year 7-9).

There will be an opportunity for questions about the College Organisation, Curriculum and Student Services.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Melanie English
Year 7 and 8 Deputy Principal

Melissa Gillett
Principal