Dear Community Members

City of Bayswater Christmas Banner Competition

Congratulations to our talented Art students:

- First time winner for WSPS – Emma Rose
- Runner up - Jacob

Emma won a $200 prize for her school as well a $200 prize for herself. Jacob won a $50 prize for himself.

Well at least Emma and Jacob have money to buy their parents and favourite siblings Mollie and Joshua nice Christmas presents this year!

Daniel from LA 5, who recently relocated to a New Zealand school, also won a $50 runner up prize.

All the prize winners will have their original art work reproduced into a giant street banner which will be hung in a prominent City of Bayswater street.

Chinese Culture Assembly

Congratulations to Mrs Williams (LOTE Teacher) and Ms Luo (Confucius Institute Language Teacher) for organising and conducting a wonderful assembly last Thursday. A special thanks and appreciation for the outstanding performance from Master Ms Zhou (Confucius Institute Martial Arts specialist teacher). Judging by several faces in the audience, Ms Zhou left quite an impression after her remarkable performance.

I have received many compliments from staff, students and parents. Mr Britza (MLA for Morley) and his wife also attended the assembly and asked me to convey their congratulations for the outstanding performances.

A whole school assembly is always challenging to organise and all staff and students can be proud of a stupendous effort and final performance.

Mathletics Awards

31 October

**Gold**
Mahki

**Silver**
Andy, Jayde and Clara
Honour Certificate Awards 3 November
Congratulations to the following students:
LA2 K/PP: Elias
LA3 Year 1: Jaden
LA5 Year 2: Seth, Jacob
LA8 Year 3: Elsa, Tessa
LA11 Year 4/5: Frank
LA10 Year 5/6: Emma Rose, Jacob
LOTE: Jesse, Logan, Sebastian, Shianne, Charlotte

Virtues Awards 31 October
Congratulations to: Andy, Geanne, Sai, Tatenda, Mahki, Corey, Campbell, Seth and Maksim.

Virtues Awards 7 November
Congratulations to: Tristen, Mollie, Ella, Yuan, Konrad and Navina.

Be present when it matters
“Dads need to be around at times that matter - crisis times such as exams, relationship breakdowns and important transition times.” - Jim McCluskey, medical researcher, doctor and researcher.

- Learn to recognize what constitutes a crisis time for your child. What stresses them out? Find a way to be there and support your child during those times.
- Make it clear that you are available anytime your child needs to talk. Let them know that they can call you in times of need.

Glen Cookson
Principal
Hi everyone

I hope you have been enjoying the notes I’m sharing on helping your children to become resilient. Here are some more:

**Build feelings of competence and a sense of mastery.**

Nurture that feeling in them – that one that reminds them they can do hard things. You’ll be doing this every time you acknowledge their strengths, the brave things they do, their effort when they do something difficult; and when you encourage them to make their own decisions. When they have a sense of mastery, they are less likely to be reactive to future stress and more likely to handle future challenges.

‘You’re a superstar when it comes to trying hard things. You’ve got what it takes. Keep going. You’ll get there.’

**Nurture optimism.**

Optimism has been found to be one of the key characteristics of resilient people. The brain can be rewired to be more optimistic through the experiences it is exposed to. If you have a small human who tends to look at the glass as being half empty, show them a different view. This doesn’t mean invalidating how they feel. Acknowledge their view of the world, and introduce them to a different one.

‘It’s disappointing when it rains on a sports day isn’t it. Let’s make the most of this. What’s something we can do on a rainy day that we probably wouldn’t do if it was sunny?’

The idea is to focus on what is left, rather than what has been lost.

Don’t forget you are a superstar parent or carer!

Blessings from the Chaplain

Sandy Clifton

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**2017 School Year**

The following two important documents were sent home with your child today (9 November):

- 2017 Schedule of Contributions and Charges
- 2017 Personal Item requirements for students. - These items can be purchased through Campion, our supplier for 2017, or from a supplier of your own choice. Some items (such as headsets, calculators etc) can be used over a period of several years and do not need to be re-purchased.

**Orders must be placed by Friday 9 December 2016. Orders received after this date incur a higher delivery charge. Orders can be returned to the school office provided credit card payment details have been completed. No money will be accepted by the school office.**

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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: _________________

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School attending in 2017: _________________________________________________________________
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.

Orientation Day at Hampton SHS – 29 Nov
All students attending Orientation day MUST be fully enrolled.
If you need an Enrolment pack for Year 7/2017, please phone 9270 5700.
Places are limited so act promptly to avoid disappointment.

Enrol now for VacSwim summer school holiday swimming lessons
It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim December/January school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water.
To enrol or find out more visit: education.wa.edu.au/swimming

Enrolments close on Monday 28 November for the earlier programs and Monday 5 December for the second January program.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 10 November: Science LA10 Hampton SHS 9.00am
Tuesday 15 November: P&C Meeting
Wednesday 16 November: River Rangers Groundwater Festival - Whiteman Park LA10 & LA11 9.00am - 2.00pm
Thursday 17 November: Assembly - LA1 & LA2 (YCDI Theme)
Tuesday 22 - Friday 25 November: River Rangers Camp

“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.”
Albert Einstein

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