**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.

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**VIRTUE FOR WEEKS 6/7—RESPECT**

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**Dear Parents**

**Thursday 28 February: Open Evening**

The school was open from 5pm until 7pm. It was a very pleasant atmosphere with parents able to leisurely have their children show them through their class and around the school. The library resource centre and P&C meeting place were also available for our visitors to peruse. Mrs Bolin, our P&C President was on hand and spoke to a number of parents about the services provided by the P&C and the advantages of becoming a member.

Thank you to Mrs van der Linden for setting up a very interesting collage of recent school highlights and activities. This was played on a large flat screen television outside the Library. It was great to meet and talk with parents in a more general and leisurely fashion. Thank you to all the staff who stayed back after a long day, I know both the parents and students appreciated your time.

**School Website** [www.weldsquareps.wa.edu.au](http://www.weldsquareps.wa.edu.au)

Our new-look school website is up and running. Following leading schools in WA and because we want to keep the school community informed, we have decided to trial a Weld Square Primary School Morley 6062 [facebook](http://www.facebook.com) page. Visit our website and log in to Facebook. While you’re there ‘Like’ us on Facebook! You can even read this newsletter on the website, keep track of school events via the calendar and so much more…..

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**The role you play in your children’s education is vital in helping them become happy and confident learners at school.** To assist you, a series of booklets is available online at the Department's parent website, [Schools and you](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou). They include great activities, games and ideas that your children will love. Designed for busy families with young children, each booklet focuses on a specific learning area:

- ☺ *Learning at home:* A guide for parents/carers of children aged 0 to four years
- ☺ *Hello school!* A guide for parents/carers of children in Kindergarten to Year 1.
- ☺ *Reading: Light up your child’s imagination:* A guide for parents/carers of children in Kindergarten to Year 2.

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**Glen Cookson**
Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

- **Friday, 15 March:** Assembly (Councillors)
- **18-21 March:** Harmony Week
- **Tuesday, 19 March:** Suitcase Stories Incursion
  - School Council Meeting—6pm
  - P&C Meeting 7:30pm
- **Thursday, 21 March:** LOTE Excursion (Chinese Dance and Art)
WELD SQUARE PRIMARY SCHOOL MUSICAL TALENT!

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in special music lessons at John Forrest Secondary College:

- Clarinet: Sophia, Stacey and Casey
- Voice: Grace, Courtney, Sunny, Tommy and Soniya
- Classical Guitar: Thary
- Trumpet: Lawrence
- Trombone: Baramee

Join a Club in Bayswater

A day of fun, information and activities is planned for April with a focus on the Arts. Over the past six months The City of Bayswater has partnered with Inclusion WA to deliver the Disability Services Commission ‘Count Me In’ initiative to the residents of the City of Bayswater. This particular program encourages residents to learn more about their community by promoting the opportunity to develop natural friendships and by increasing opportunities for social interaction through existing community based services.

The next big community wide ‘Have-a-Go Day’ will take place on Sunday April 14 at The Rise in Maylands. This open day will see groups and clubs representing the arts, dance, music and drama attending to promote their club to local residents.

Inclusion WA provides a range of services for clubs, groups or individuals who are interested in taking part in the ‘Count Me In’ project. We warmly welcome you to register your interest as a participating club or individual.

For more information on how to register your club, or find out more about attending, please contact Eleanor at Eleanor.Jones@inclusionwa.org.au.
CREATIVE WRITING: Dangle (by Brienna)

One winter’s day a man named Dangle was watching the midday news at his house but became bored so he went on a walk to the woods.

As he entered the snowy woods he saw a gigantic long rope dangling from the sun all the way to Earth! Because he was shocked and curious he tugged on the rope...It suddenly changed day to night. As he was so curious he tugged again...Day. He thought it was fun to tug on the rope so he kept on tugging it: ...Night...Day...Night...Day...Night.

He tugged one more time... BUT it was BROKEN! It didn’t work! He pulled one more time...it didn’t work and everybody was screaming! Dangle was lying on the ground crying because he didn’t want to sleep! Then his luck got worse. The rope fell and fell...

30 minutes later... It was all lying on the ground, a large red pile of rope! He decided that it was time to continue on his walk.

Eight hours later he discovered another rope but this time the only difference was that it was blue.

He thought to himself, “What if I tug on it, it might work!”

So he tugged on the blue rope and sure enough it turned to day time and he shouted, “Yeah, Yeah.”

Then everybody was screaming because it was nine at night! Then he freaked and pulled it again and then the same thing happened so he said, “I do not care anymore. I’m going to bed!”

After the eventful day, he fell asleep and never woke up!

Everybody lived sunny but sad FOREVER!

FAMOUS AUSTRALIANS: Delta Lea Goodrem (by Kelly)

Delta Goodrem is an Australian singer-songwriter, pianist and television actress. She was born on the 9th November 1984 and raised in Sydney. She enrolled in singing, dancing, acting and piano classes at a young age. She began her career as a child actress, starring in various television shows and rose to fame in 2002 in the Australian soap opera Neighbours as Nina Tucker.

Venturing into the music industry, Goodrem recorded an album entitled Delta through an independent label, which was never released due to legal reasons. Subsequently signing to Sony at the age of 15, she released her multi-platinum album Innocent Eyes which topped the Australian albums chart and UK album chart. It became one of the highest selling albums in Australian history, with 4.5 million copies sold worldwide and all five of its single Born to Try, Lost Without You, Innocent Eyes, Not me Not I, and Predictable reaching number one in Australia and three of them reaching the top ten in the UK. This gave her the record of becoming the first ever artist to have a number 1 single from their debut album.

FAMOUS AUSTRALIANS: Bindi Sue Irwin (by Aevoia)

Bindi Irwin is the daughter of The Crocodile Hunter, Steve Irwin and Terri Irwin. Bindi was born in Buderim Queensland. She began appearing on television shows as early as age two. She appeared regularly in her father’s show including The Crocodile Hunter’s Diaries, and also appeared on a 2002 film, The Wiggles. Irwin was the presenter of a 26-part wildlife documentary kid’s show called Bindi the Jungle Girl, a production of the Discovery Kids television network. Her father was filmed in many of the early shows before his death on 2006 when production was temporarily put on hold. The series premiered in June 2007 on Discovery Kids. Bindi Sue Irwin is seen on ABC3 for Bindi’s Boot Camp. Movies: Bindi’s Boot Camp also on ABC3. Sibling: Robert Clarence Irwin. Awards: Daytime Emmy Award. Parents: Terry Irwin and Steve Irwin.

By: Aevoia

The LA9 Assembly Was Great (by Emma)

On Friday, March 1, LA9 performed a song for their assembly item which was amazing! The song, “The Twelve Days of School,” I liked because it was about school and I love school. Mr Payne, my teacher made the song up. Thank you Mr Payne for helping make this a wonderful item. I thought it was going to be bad but I was wrong. It was great and I loved it so much! I am sure that the audience loved it too as I heard lots of kids laughing. Friday’s assembly was amazing and I can’t wait for our next assembly.
Hello to all the families of Weld Square Primary School.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR PLAYGROUND: Do you have leftover limestone blocks laying around, tree branches that are fairly straight and between 10 to 30cm in diameter, large aluminum pots and lids (for a music wall) and any other materials that we can use for our playground enhancement? Please see the plans located on our P&C notice board to gauge the idea that we are striving for.

PLAYGROUND PROGRESS: The grassy mound is completed and we are just waiting for the new lawn to establish before our children can road test the mound. We have relocated the existing cubby house, leveled out the grounds and laid new lawn, which is establishing itself, and it is looking fantastic. There have been new small retaining walls built, which are the foundations for the next project, the stage and sensory garden. Watch this space for our next busy bee to surge ahead the naturescape playground for our junior children.

BUSY BEE: Come along on Sunday, 24 March between 9.00am-12.30pm for our next Playground Busy Bee. We need all hands on deck to: break up a bitumen path, move back a garden bed, shift sand, lay blue metal and crushed dust blue metal, gardening tasks, laying mulch (crushed/fine pine bark), recoating cubby house. Please write your name and contact number of the Busy Bee list outside the Pre Primary entrance room.

FUNDRAISING: We have registered with The West Australian for their Quick Cash for Schools promotion. This could win our school up to $10,000. All you need to do is to collect the coupon from the weekend West Australian on Saturday, 16 and 23 March. Bring the coupons to the school and place them in a box located outside the Pre Primary room. Please ask your friends and family for their coupons as well. The more we collect the more chance of us winning a piece of the prize.

SCHOOL WELCOME OPEN NIGHT: The P&C room was open for parents to come and visit and talk to a committee member about what exactly we do for the benefit of our children attending the school. To the parents that visited we look forward to seeing you around the school and we thank you for taking the time to visit.

FIRST AND ONLY WINTER UNIFORM ORDERS: Orders are now being taken for zip windcheaters and track pants. This is the only time these items will be ordered this year. Polo shirts can also be ordered. A new stock of hats have arrived and are now available for purchase. All orders received must be pre-paid and submitted on the enclosed order form. Please write your child’s name, learning area and the amount enclosed on the front of a sealed office. Completed order forms can be given to either Mrs Lindsay in the school office or to Mrs Nikki Taylor (Uniform shop coordinator). NO ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER FRIDAY, 22 MARCH 2013.

The Uniform shop opens each Friday in the undercover area from 8.30-9.00am. The uniform shop also has second hand uniforms for sale at minimal cost to you. If your child has outgrown their school uniform and you have nobody to pass them on to, the uniform shop will gladly accept donations.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS: To the families who have paid the P&C voluntary contributions, we thank you for your support. Your contributions will be going toward getting the junior playground completed so our children can benefit from our hard efforts.

P&C MEETING: Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm in the P&C room, which is located behind the staff room. It is the people on this committee who work tirelessly to organize events and decide how the funds raised are to be spent. New members are always welcome. Come along and meet the friendly people who work behind the scenes supporting our children.

Helen Bolin
P&C President

HELP SAVE TREES
Please supply your email address to the school to enable us to send you an electronic copy of the newsletter each fortnight. Please return this slip to your child’s class teacher.

Name ______________________________ Email Address ______________________________