Dear Parents

NEW PEAC PROGRAM BASED AT WELD SQUARE
It has been a busy few weeks since I last wrote to you. The Education Department has asked Weld Square PS to host the PEAC program and establish a learning area space for classes and two staff.

The PEAC program will operate in the classroom and wet area space opposite the Library Resource Centre. Having a PEAC Program based at Weld Square has a number of advantages, namely being able to utilise additional staff expertise and for our own PEAC students travel arrangements it will be much more convenient. The program is scheduled to start at the of beginning term 2 after refurbishments are completed.

HARMONY WEEK
Parents are invited to participate in the Harmony Week activities scheduled for Friday 22 March.

The main activities will commence at 11.30 am in the covered assembly area with a short assembly and parade of students and parents in national costumes that reflect their cultural heritage. This will be a challenge of choice for some students that will have number costumes to choose from. As always we will have an interesting and colourful parade of many different costumes.

WELD SQUARE PS 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
Classical Guitar: Thary
Flute: Ella
Trombone: Baramee
Trumpet: Lawrence
Voice: Grace, Courtney, Sunny, Tommy and Soniya

Assembly, Friday 1 March 2013
Honour Certificates were presented to:

Pre Primary: Tara
Year 1: Franklin and Sofia
Year 2/3: Taryn
Year 3/4: Kwanjai and Syakirah
Year 5/6: Tommy and Emma
Year 6/7: Namphuong and Gary
LOTE: Melvin and Ciara
ICT: Jye, Shayne and Ali

DIARY BOARD
Congratulations to LA 5 on a very interesting diary board. The class has been learning about the Antarctic. The LA 5 diary board is on display in the library, so why not drop in some time and check it out. Did you know that the Antarctic is the coldest place on earth?

Glen Cookson
Principal
Virtues for the Week 6/7 and 8/9

Respect: Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves and others. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful, we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family and school, which makes life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.

Friendliness
Friendliness is being a friend. It is taking an interest in other people. It is going out of your way to make others feel welcome or to make a stranger feel at home. When you are friendly, you happily share your belongings, time, ideas and feelings. You share the good times and the bad times together. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness.

School Voluntary Contributions: Thank you to the families who have paid their voluntary contributions either to OfficeMax or the school office. Voluntary Contributions are $60 per child and can be paid by cheque or cash directly to the school office. Payment by instalments also welcome.

Have you Moved Address or Changed Contact Details: In the event of an accident or illness it is important that we are able to contact you quickly. If any details have changed (including any medical conditions) please advise the school office as soon as possible.

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During this term the Pre-Primary children in LA 2 have been immersing themselves in the world of Nursery Rhymes and Fairy Tales. We have dressed up as Kings and Queens and acted out a number of well-known and some not so well known tales. The children’s responses and engagement has been wonderful. We have been busy making crowns, building castles, measuring ourselves, and retelling our favourite stories!

Here are a few recounts of “The King’s Cake”:

The Team in Pre-Primary:

Alison Bampton
Teacher

Angela Rechichi
Teacher

Maria Lomma
Education Assistant

Cathy Scafidi
Education Assistant
Hello to all the families of Weld Square Primary School.

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. If you have not already done so, please advise Mrs Lindsay in the school office if you are able to attend.

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 an order form. Please write your child's name, learning area and the amount enclosed on the front of a sealed envelope. Order forms are available from the school 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.

UNIFORM SHOP: The Uniform Shop is open each Friday between 8.30-9.00am and is located in the undercover area. See Mrs Nikki Taylor if you require uniform items. Mrs Lindsay has order forms in the school office if you wish to place an order. The uniform shop also has some second hand uniforms for sale at a minimal cost to you. If your child has grown out of their school uniform, the uniforms are still in good condition and you have nobody to pass them onto, then 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.

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.

P&C MEETING: The 2013 Annual General Meeting elected the following as office bearers: Helen Bolin (President), Michelle Hughes (Vice President), Kym Dabrowski (Secretary), and Marion Hartmann (Treasurer). I would like to thank the outgoing committee members for 2012 for their efforts over the last year and welcome in the new committee members for 2013. New members are always welcome. Come along to our next meeting on Tuesday, 16 April at 7.30pm in the staffroom and meet the friendly people who work tirelessly behind the scenes.

Helen Bolin
P&C President

COMMUNITY NOTICES (SEE THE SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD FOR FULL DETAILS)

Cricket and Tennis Trials—John Forrest Secondary College: Trials are being held on Monday 15 April 2013. Please contact Lynn McPherson at John Forrest Secondary College (Phone: 9473 4035, Email: lynn.mcpherson@education.wa.edu.au) if your Year 5, 6, or 7 student is interested in choosing Cricket or Tennis as a full time subject at secondary school. Packages available in the office.

Easter Family Fun: Bring your family for a fun-filled Aussie Easter in the Perth Hills! Get creative with some special Easter craft, listen to the Easter Bilby story and take part in a traditional Easter egg hunt! Saturday 30th March.

East Perth District Basketball Association: Our association runs Junior Basketball Competitions and development programs at Morley Sport and Recreation Centre in Morley and The Rise in Maylands each Saturday throughout the school terms for both girls and boys.

Dates to Remember
Friday 22 March: Harmony Day Assembly
Tuesday 26 March: City of Bayswater Blessing of Road Event 9.30 - 11.30am
Friday 29 March: Good Friday—school closed
Monday 1 April: Easter Monday—school closed
Tuesday 2 April: Easter Tuesday—school closed
Wednesday, 10 April: School Nurse visit
Friday, 12 April: Assembly, Learning Area 8