

# Weld Square Primary School Newsletter



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## 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 1/2 - EXCELLENCE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back for another exciting year of teaching and learning at WSPS. I trust that the holiday break was rejuvenating and refreshing as well as allowing you to spend quality time with family and friends. I look forward to being part of another enriching and enjoyable learning journey with you all.

### 2016 WSPS Directions

Staff have been busy for the past week preparing teaching programs that aim to be both engaging and challenging for all students, no matter what level they are at. At the end of every year a process of reflection and comprehensive evaluations are closely studied to underpin planning and programming for the following year. Evaluation data include student reports, tests, departmental reports, staff meetings and school reports.

Each year the Education Department set focus priorities (Reference: Focus 2016: Directions for Schools) for all schools to attend to. In 2016, WSPS staff will:

- Define as a staff team what student progress is expected over a school year in each learning area of the Western Australian Curriculum.
- Emphasise instruction in synthetic phonics.
- Focus on age-appropriate instruction to strengthen student performance in writing.
- Plan to increase emphasis on Science, Technology, and Mathematics.
- Promote the explicit teaching of information technology across the curriculum.
- Work with parents to promote the safe use of social media.
- Implement strategies to develop opportunities for student leadership roles and promote respectful and positive behaviour towards others.
- Encourage 100% attendance.

### iSTAR

To support implementation of the 2016 priorities staff will continue to practice the iSTAR teaching model. iSTAR is an acronym of effective teaching practice. As a model for learning, iSTAR offers an accepted and agreed language for describing what effective practice for learning looks like when we see it in action. That is, a language for describing how to make learning visible. iSTAR as a model is informed by the research of John Hattie looking at recent practices for

learning that have the greatest impact on outcomes for students. For more information please ask your child's teacher. (I = Inform-Inspire, S = Show-Share, T = Try-Transfer, A = Apply - Action, R = Review-Revise).

### You Can Do It (YCDI)

To support the 2016 Education Department priorities staff will also be undertaking professional learning to implement the YCDI program. The YCDI program aims to promote and develop five core social and emotional competencies; Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience. <http://www.asg.com.au/you-can-do-it-education>

### 2016 Teaching Staff

In order to address Education Department priorities there have been a number of staffing changes. A complete list of all changes will be published shortly. The main 2016 staffing (admin & teaching) appointments are:

#### Admin Team

**Principal** - Mr Glen Cookson  
**Associate Principal** - Mr Rick Payne  
**Manager of Corporate Services** - Mrs Jenny Lindsay

#### Teaching Staff

- **LA 1 – Kindergarten/Pre-Primary** - Ms Brae Giorgi and Mrs Linda Doyle (Friday)
- **LA 2 – Kindergarten/Pre-Primary** - Ms Tamille Cox and Mr Darry Bonjolo (Friday)  
We welcome Darry, an experienced and highly regarded teacher to WSPS.
- **LA 3 - Year 1** - Ms Angela Rechichi.
- **LA - 4 - LOTE (Chinese)** - Mrs Linda Williams (Tuesday and Thursday).
- **LA 5 - Year 2** - Ms Alison Bampton
- **LA 8 - Year 3** - Dr Karl Birkelbach
- **LA 10 - Year 5/6** - Dr Eli Nathan (Tues- Friday) and Ms Gillian Rajasingham (Monday)
- **LA 11 - Year 4/5** - Mrs Sina Andrijich (Mon- Wed) and Ms Gillian Rajasingham (Thurs- Fri)
- **Physical Education Specialist – Years 1- 6** – Mr Ben Farrell (Thursday)

**Note:** Mrs van der Linden on Long Service Leave for term 1.

Glen Cookson  
Principal

**WELD SQUARE PRIMARY SCHOOL - TERM 1 PLANNER 2016**

WEEK	MONDAY FP	TUESDAY FP	WEDNESDAY FP	THURSDAY	FRIDAY FP
				<b>28 JAN</b> SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY	<b>29 JAN</b> SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY
1	1 FEB Chaplain am 12.55 Assembly - Welcome back	2 FEB	3 FEB Chaplain am Newsletter SSS Network meeting 3.30 (WSPS)	4 FEB Chaplain	5 FEB Councillors Speeches-8.45am
2	8 FEB Assembly – Chaplain am Q Mentor Program/RRC – pm	9 FEB Staff Meeting	10 FEB Chaplain am SLAM - Art	11 FEB Chaplain Assembly – Councillors	12 FEB Incursion – Refugees RRC (Red Cross Migrant Support Program).
3	15 FEB Assembly – Faction Draw 12.55pm Chaplain am Q Mentor Program/RRC - pm	16 FEB P&C Meeting 6.00pm	17 FEB Chaplain am Newsletter MSN Meeting PEAC Meeting am - Rick	18 FEB Chaplain Principal Briefing (am) Teacher/Parent Meetings	19 FEB
4	22 FEB Assembly – Faction Draw 12.55pm Chaplain am Q Mentor Program/RRC - pm	23 FEB Staff Meeting	24 FEB Chaplain am SLAM - Art	25 FEB Chaplain Assembly—Councillors	26 FEB Mr Cookson—Leave
5	29 FEB Assembly – Faction Draw 12.55pm Chaplain am Q Mentor Program/RRC – pm Mr Cookson—Leave	1 MAR Mr Cookson—Leave	2 MAR Chaplain am Newsletter Mr Cookson—Leave SLAM - Art	3 MAR Chaplain	<b>4 MAR</b> SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY
6	<b>7 MAR</b> LABOUR DAY	8 MAR Staff Meeting	9 MAR Chaplain am SLAM - Art	10 MAR Chaplain Assembly LA10 – Year 5/6	11 MAR
7	14 MAR Assembly – Faction Draw 12.55pm Chaplain am Q Mentor Program/RRC – pm	15 MAR P&C Meeting 6.00pm	16 MAR Chaplain am Newsletter MSN Meeting SLAM - Art	17 MAR Chaplain	18 MAR
8	21 MAR Assembly – Faction Draw 12.55pm Chaplain am Q Mentor Program/RRC – pm Constable Care PP – Year 6	22 MAR Staff Meeting	23 MAR R.R.C. Leaders Conference Chaplain am SLAM - Art	24 MAR Chaplain Assembly Community Day – National Dress and Picnic	<b>25 MAR</b> GOOD FRIDAY P&C SAUSAGE SIZZLE – 26/4
9	<b>28 MAR</b> EASTER MONDAY	<b>29 MAR</b> EASTER TUESDAY	30 MAR Chaplain am Newsletter SLAM - Art	31 MAR Chaplain	1 APR S.S.S. Soccer/T-ball Ashfield Reserve Interim Reports to Office
10	4 APR Assembly – Faction Draw 12.55pm Chaplain am Q Mentor Program/RRC - pm	5 APR Staff Meeting	6 APR Chaplain am - SLAM - Art Interim Reports home	7 APR Chaplain Assembly LA8 - Year 3	8 APR Last day of Term 1 <b>P&amp;C Bush Dance</b>

**STAFF & STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 26 APRIL**