

# Weld Square Primary School Newsletter



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## VISION STATEMENT:

Weld Square Primary School is committed to teaching and learning excellence within a supportive and inclusive community. We believe all children can be successful learners and will inspire them to be confident and creative individuals as well as active and informed citizens.

Dear Readers

On Monday night Mrs Andrijich and I travelled to Bullsbrook to share dinner with our River Ranger campers. They were having a terrific time and were full of great stories about the team building activities they had undertaken during the day. Special thanks to Mrs Francis, Mr Birkelbach, Mrs Lovering, Mrs van der Linden and Mrs Manikham for giving up their personal time so that our students may have such a fabulous experience.

Tomorrow students from Pre-primary to Year 6 will bring home interim reports. These give families some early insight into work habits and progress. Teachers have indicated if an interview is required. These reports are just one strategy we use to communicate with parents and carers. You will find some information about our Communication and Reporting to Parents included in this newsletter.

Next term our Weld Square Playgroup will officially commence! It will run on Monday mornings from 9-10:30am. Excitingly, we have been



fortunate to secure a play leader from the Midvale Hub to help in second term. The Midvale Hub also runs programs in parenting and child development so please look out for more related information. You can call in at the Front Office for further details about the Playgroup. We hope you will help spread the word about this group so we can grow its numbers. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to getting this idea off the ground!

Thank you to all those people who attended our Parent Information Session and Morning Tea today. It was fantastic to have 25 families represented! We appreciate the time you took to share your hopes and aspirations for our school. It was also great to have the opportunity to let you know about some of the wonderful things happening at Weld Square! Thank you to the Rachel and Leah from the Midvale Hub and Liz from Multicultural Services Centre of WA for providing information about their services. It was also good to have Maria from Playgroup WA there to help with registrations. We hope that Weld Square can continue to develop relationships with organisations in our community to support our students and their families.

On Thursday we will commemorate ANZAC Day with a ceremony at 2pm. The President of the Bedford-Morley Sub-branch of the RSL will be our guest and our new school choir will perform. Families are warmly invited to attend.



Second term promises to be an exciting time at Weld Square Primary! We will launch our home reading program for Pre-primary to Year 2 students - R.A.W.S (Reading at Weld Square), introduce a special 'Writing Wall' in the library to display student work and also prepare for 'Weld Square Words', an end of year publication to showcase outstanding writing. As well as these we will participate in NAPLAN, the Winter Sporting Carnivals and other school events. We will also open our 'Kiss and Go' space which we hope will ease congestion in the front carpark and make the area safer for everyone!

Thank you to Micah from LA 10 for her essay reflecting the concept of 'belonging' which was written during Harmony Week. This is an example of the written work you may see on our new 'Writing Wall'.

Our amazing P & C have had a busy term sharing the plans for the Nature Play project with staff, students and the community as well as holding a successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings Bayswater. Dana, our School Captains Samuel and Rokaya and I had the privilege of representing the School at the official opening of Bunnings Bayswater last week. They acknowledged the partnership which achieved part of the Nature Play project by presenting a framed photograph of the work being carried out. The P & C have not finished for the term yet and we are very grateful for their work providing lunches for the participants at Friday's interschool cricket and modcrosse carnival. On that note, we wish all our teams the best for the day. We hope you have fun and play in good spirit!

Thank you also for the warm response I have received to the news I will remain at Weld Square Primary next term. I look forward to sharing this time with you all as we continue our journey to move our school from 'good to great'.

Kind regards

Nicole Kovalevs, Principal



## Belonging Is...

People. There are 7.2 billion of us in the world and we are all unique with our own traits and quirks. There are people of colour, LGBTQ+ people, disabled people, mentally ill people, people who are chronically ill, people with bodily deformities/differences and more. But there are still cruel people out there who have the audacity to call someone out because of who they are.

Luckily, I haven't experienced severe hatred because of who I am but I have seen others experience it. I've heard cultural appropriation, people of colour and the LGBTQ+ community being called slurs and I know that sometimes people are killed, simply because of their personality and who they choose to be.

Whenever I hear about this, I just wonder. I wonder if people of colour ever feel bad about their heritage. I wonder if the LGBTQ+ community ever feel nervous about coming out to their close friends and family. I wonder if disabled people ever wish for a life where they weren't born with their deformities. I wonder if chronically and mentally ill people just wish to give up their fight. I wonder if women are afraid to speak up for their rights, afraid that they would just be overlooked and cast in the shadow again. I wonder if every person in the whole entire world has ever felt bad for being themselves.

If you are a person who fits into any of these categories, hear me out. Do not and I mean do not ever feel bad about being yourself. This goes for every one regardless of your ethnicity, religion, shape, sexuality and more. Do not worry about that! Once again, we are all unique with our various quirks, traits and idiosyncrasies. No one on this Earth is like you. Take this as a little motivation. Whenever someone makes you feel bad about yourself (which no one should ever do), brush it off and don't let your insecurities get in the way. This also demonstrates two qualities of the 5 Keys: persistence and resilience. It doesn't matter what people think of you! It may sound really cliché but it really doesn't matter, as long as you are comfortable with yourself and you are the best person you can be. Because we all belong in this world and no one should ever feel that they don't.

Written by Micah Santos (Year 6)



The happy campers at the Kerem Adventure Camp in Bullsbrook!





# P&C NEWS

Hello Everyone,

We hope you had a great Easter. Our Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings went very well. Thank you to everyone who helped us prepare and sell our yummy sausages and drinks. We were able to raise approximately \$900.

I attended a meeting at Amber-Jade Sanderson's office with other parents from surrounding schools. There were P&C and school board representatives who discussed issues and ideas to strengthen parent involvement in schools. The Fogarty Foundation presented an overview of their programs within schools. Some ideas will be raised at our next meeting on Tuesday 13 May at 6.00pm. One Fogarty Foundations program includes Coder Dojo for Year 4+. Check the Hampton Senior High School website for details if you are interested.

Thursday afternoon is our ANZAC service. Tea and coffee will be available. We will also serve tea, coffee and cake at the Cricket/Lacrosse Carnival next Friday at Light Street Reserve, Dianella. Thank you to our team for organizing Subway lunch orders for participants of all schools involved.



Uniform Shop: Please note, due to the Lightning Carnival, The uniform shop will not be open this Friday.

Lollipops fundraiser will be held on Friday 18 May 2018. Don't forget to mark this on your calendar. More details to follow.

Please have a fun and safe holiday break.

Thank you.

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## Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the families that have already paid their 2018 Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions are \$60.00 per child from K-6 and can be paid by either cash or cheque to the school office or by payment 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)



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Thursday 12 April - ANZAC Service 2.00pm**  
**Friday 13 April - Cricket/Lacrosse Carnival - Last day of Term One**



**STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL  
MONDAY 30 APRIL 2018**



**The Staff Development Day will be on  
Friday 29 June - the last day of Term 2.**





# **WELD SQUARE PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNICATION and REPORTING GUIDELINES for PARENTS**

## **Overview**

At Weld Square Primary School, we aim to build strong partnerships between school and home. We communicate with parents and carers throughout the year to ensure that they are well informed about their child's achievement and progress. We also communicate with parents and the school community to ensure information about school events, learning and teaching programs, and general business matters is shared in a timely and useful manner. Our commitment to building effective relationships between school and home to support student well-being and academic progress begins with an interview on enrolment.

We ask that parents and carers let the school know of changes to contact and medical information as soon as possible. Please make sure your email address is current so you can access our Connect community. We also encourage parents and carers to inform the school of any incident or change in circumstance which may impact on a student's engagement at school. In addition, parents are welcome to make an appointment to see their child's teacher as necessary. The staff in the front office can help arrange this for you.

## **General Communication**

- Connect
- Newsletter - emailed fortnightly
- Website - <http://www.weldsquareps.wa.edu.au/>
- Facebook - [Weld Square Primary School Morley](#)
- Email - [weldsquare.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:weldsquare.ps@education.wa.edu.au)
- P&C Meetings—Tuesday evenings, twice per term
- Meet the teacher information sessions—early term 1
- Classroom and school notes as required
- Parent Information Booklet
- School Council
- School assemblies as per school planner

## **Student Progress and Achievement Communication**

- On Entry Assessment (Pre-primary, Year 1 and 2)
- Interim report—term 1 (Pre-primary to Year 6)
- NAPLAN (Year 3 and 5)
- 3 Way Conferences and Report Meetings—end term 2
- Open Evening and Arts Festival—term 3
- Formal report—end of Semester 1 and 2





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