

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 9/10 - RELIABILITY



Dear Readers

Reporting to Parents

This will be our last Newsletter for this semester. It has been another busy and productive semester. Teachers have now completed their Semester One Reports. The reports are thoughtful, thorough and comprehensive. The reports are

written only after teachers have reviewed test and observational records along with student completed work. The reports are written in the context of the prescribed WA Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority framework. <http://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/teaching/curriculum>

The Pre-primary to Year 10 Western Australian curriculum provides a coherent and comprehensive set of prescribed content and achievement standards which teachers use to plan student learning programs, assess student progress and report to parents. This year Kindergarten parents will receive a newly formatted report in line with Education Department Policy and The National Quality Standards. The new Kindergarten report provides excellent information to parents that enables them to better support their child and the school in making the very best of their child's school experience.

3 Way Conferences and Report Interviews

The school has provided opportunities for parents to meet with teachers in person to discuss their child's report and progress. I urge all parents to take this opportunity to discuss with teachers their child's Semester One Report. For some parents it may be a little daunting to fully understand the language of curriculum content, standards and comments related to student work effort and attitude. Please don't be put off, have a few questions in mind before you see the teacher and ask what you need. The more informed we, as teachers and parents are, the better able we are to support our children to reach their potential. If more time is required then parents are able to book other mutually convenient times.

Long Service Leave

On a personal note, after 20 years, I will be taking extended long service leave (17 July – 20 October). I will look forward to spending time with my family including daughter, Jasmine (presently on a study exchange at Oregon University) and old friends from my hometown of Geelong. I have already booked flights and tickets to the AFL Grand Final. Regardless of who is playing I'm looking forward to what is an iconic Australian sports experience.

The Education Department has appointed Nicole Kovalevs as the WSPS Principal in my absence. Nicole is an outstanding, well-regarded and experienced Administrator (including as a Principal of large and small primary schools) from our local North Metropolitan Education Region.

I wish everyone a safe, rejuvenating and enjoyable semester break. I look forward to seeing everyone in term 4.

Assembly Highlights

The children from LA 5 performed a wonderful rendition of "Try Everything" by Shakira, complete with amazing moves! The song was about not giving up and always trying your hardest.



Honour Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following students:

Pre-Primary: Gabriel, Shaam

Year 1: Emily, Charlize

Year 2: Layla, Clara

Year 3: Laurence, Elsa, Tessa

Year 4/5: Ella, Isha, Mollie

Year 5/6: Mitchell, Jesse, Daniel, Rishi, Jasmine, Akhil, Julian, Yuan, Charlie

LOTE: Pardhu, Mollie



Gymnastics Comes to Weld Square

Our Kindy to Year 4/5 students have been participating in gymnastics on Wednesdays over 3 weeks.

Developing core skills of movement enhances confidence, flexibility and coordination, all while the kids are having fun and being active.

Movement can also play an important role when kids are learning and growing.

It assists with concentration, focus and engagement, along with building their self-esteem.

The thrill of seeing the nervous, shy kid in the class overcome a challenge and beam with confidence is why we love it as much as the kids!

Incorporating EdGym as part of our PE program creates an atmosphere of excitement, engagement and eagerness to learn, while at the same time improving confidence, focus and engagement to assist in all areas of the kids development.

Explore Discover Grow.



RIVER RANGER NEWS

The River Ranger Cadets will be fundraising in terms 2 and 3.

Funds raised will be used to subsidize the cost of the Cadet camp in early term 4.



We plan on producing a family cookbook to sell.

We would like the whole school community to contribute to this cookbook. Do you have a favourite recipe you would like to share? If so, please email the recipe to either Leeann.Francis@education.wa.edu.au or Jennifer.Lindsay@education.wa.edu.au. Please include what type of dish it is (eg salad, main or dessert), your family's name and a picture of the prepared recipe (if you have one).

Please send recipes to either of the above email addresses by 30 June 2017.

Thank you
Lee Francis

Connecting parents to Connect

By now you've probably heard others in our school community talking about the introduction of the online environment called Connect.

In case you were unable to attend the information night or have missed the discussion about the use of Connect in our school, here's a run down about it. Connect is a secure online environment developed by the Department of Education for staff, students and parents in public schools. It will give our teachers a tool to deliver content to the students via an online classroom. This means your children will be able to share with you what they are learning, submit assignments and discuss issues together online anywhere, anytime. For you, Connect provides easy access to information relevant to your child's classes and learning such as assessments, teacher feedback and attendance data.

Schools can use Connect to keep you updated with important information. Things like up-coming events, excursions, classroom activities, photos and stories can be sent to you via email or, if you prefer, via a push notification on your phone. Download Connect Now from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). You will soon receive secure login information to Connect via the email address we have on file for you. If you have recently changed your email address please let us know by phoning [92765891](tel:92765891) or emailing Catherine.Scafidi@education.wa.edu.au so we can update our details.

How do I find out more?

- Check out the short video clip on Connect at <https://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome>



Teach your kids to have hope for the future

- When you have a positive attitude about life it rubs off on your children.
- Be flexible and willing to face change.
- Show your children how to have hope for the future.

Making time after school

- Pick them up from school when possible.
- Take them out occasionally for ice creams, swims, bowling or other treats.
- Have dinner with the children most nights of the week.
- Turn the TV off during dinner and listen to them.

Glen Cookson
Principal

Helping children through death and loss & a special event or two in Perth

Maggie Dent is an author, educator, and parenting & resilience specialist with a particular interest in the early years and adolescence.

I know I don't normally email you until my newsletter comes out but.....

Yesterday I did a radio interview and Facebook Live event on Nova in Perth and I noticed a big spike in the comments in the number of people who have questions about death and loss. Death and loss and children is one of those tricky topics the we adults often really struggle with. How do we prepare our children for a relative dying? How do we support them when their pet dies? What about when it is a parent? And how do we help our teens when they lose a friend? I feel at time like this in particular – when our news is full of terrorist attacks - grief and loss in all forms is exacerbated. For our children, particularly, fear and uncertainty can also creep in.

That's why I'm emailing you today, to share some new, resources and articles that might help.

I also just want to take this opportunity to ask anyone who lives in Perth and or is working with adolescents to **SAVE THE DATE** of Tuesday, 15 August for a very special Telethon fundraiser, in which I am bringing some of my favourite parenting experts from around Australia together for a very special **RAISING ADOLESCENTS MASTERCLASS**.

PERTH EVENT ON DEATH AND LOSS

I am happy to announce that it has been decided to run a special event on Death and Loss Through the Eyes of a Child or Teen on Wednesday, 2 August in Perth. I have worked very closely with death and dying due to my extensive background in palliative care, the funeral industry, as a counsellor and as a celebrant who has conducted over 250 funerals. I have worked with many families who have been visited by sudden and uninvited death. In this seminar, in a practical way, I explore some innovative techniques that have helped children, teens and their parents. This event will be helpful for anyone who lives or works with children and adolescents. The event is running at All Saints' College, Bullcreek, 7.00pm-9.00pm (doors open 6.15pm). Tickets are \$35.

MORE RESOURCES ON THE DEATH LOSS

I have a whole section on my website to assist people who are supporting their children or adolescents through grief and loss, so please checkout my Parenting/Common Concerns page on death and loss to access those resources.

MORE RESOURCES

Helping children with fear

I have written several articles about protecting our children and ourselves from fear-based thinking and anxiety, which can be triggered by our media and this seems a good time to remind you of some of those resources.

You can read my article on Making Our Kids Feel Safe In the Distorted World the Media Relays Back to Us.

Also you might want to check out my blog on Self-care in the age of 24/7 Negative News Cycles.

Just a reminder I have two free audios on my website to help younger children to feel safe and sleep more soundly. Sleepytime and Safe 'n Sound guide children to create an imaginary giant protector who can keep them safe wherever they are.

Best Wishes

Maggie Dent

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to the families that have already paid their 2017 Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions are \$60.00 per child from K to 6 and can be paid by either cash or cheque to the school office or by direct debit 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)





P&C NEWS

Hello Everyone

Don't miss out - this Friday evening is our Family Night.

- Canteen will be open. Food donations for the canteen are much appreciated e.g. cupcakes.
- \$6 per child (\$15 for 3 or more children)
- Popcorn, lolly bag, drinks and something special as well.
- Pre order pizza for \$10.
- Children must be accompanied by a parent

I recently had the opportunity to attend a Cyber Safety information session at Hampton SHS. Internet safe education was presented by Brett Lee (not the cricketer) a former Queensland policeman/detective with experience from U.S.A F.B.I, homeland security etc. He has incredible experience with sex predators. He said we must be careful about our mindset regarding the internet. The internet is not a private place and we do not have the right to privacy when we are online. This is what we must teach our children.

He has 5 key points regarding technology.

1. Communicate with your kids.
2. Set clear rules and boundaries.
3. Stay up to date with apps and programs.
4. Consider and use parent controls.
5. Be the one who makes the final decision.

These website are the most dangerous for our children.

- Secret Calculator - a hiding place for content.
- Yellow - Tinder for teens with no age verification.
- Musically.
- Meetime - for meeting strangers
- Twitch - for young males

They have an interesting product/program well worth looking at called Family Zone. For \$90 you get a box that plugs into your home internet and provides service to home and mobile, with simple set up, that manages screen time and restricts device features. You can get more info at: www.internetsafeeducation.com.

I fully recommend you have a look and consider how your children are exposed to the internet. Remember under 13s should not be on social media.

"No one can make you feel inferior without your consent"

Elanor Roosevelt

Michelle Hughes

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KINDY & PRE PRIMARY ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

Applications for enrolment of students entering Kindergarten and Pre Primary in 2018 are now being taken.

Children entering Kindergarten must have a date of birth between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013.

Children entering Pre Primary must have a date of birth between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012.

The school Education Act of 1999 requires parents/guardians to provide their child's immunisation records when the child is enrolled in school. The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) Immunisation History Statement is also a

requirement of the Department of Education Student Health Care Policy.

Parents are therefore asked to obtain a current copy of the immunisation details from:

- Medicare Online Services.
- By requesting a statement to be sent in the mail.
- By calling the Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809
- <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/australian-childhood-immunisation-register>.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 22 June	-	3 Way Conferences - Students finish school at 12.30pm
Friday 23 June	-	School Cross Country
	-	P&C Family Night 4.30pm onwards
Wednesday 28 June	-	PJ Day Gold Coin Donation
Thursday 29 June	-	Science Assembly
Friday 30 June	-	Winter Lightning Carnival
	-	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Friday 21 July	-	Dress Free Day

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 18 JULY



Sport Report

Winter Sport: During Term 2 Weld Square's senior students have been competing in the Morley Small Schools Winter Sports Competition. The students have been great ambassadors for our school competing in AFL and Netball. There has been amazing team performances and sportsmanship displayed throughout the duration of the competition. All teams have finished in the top 2 or 3 of their division. On **Friday June 30**, our football and netball teams will be participating in the annual Winter Sport Lightning Carnival. This all day event will be held at **Lightning Park Noranda-Football**, and **Noranda Netball Centre-Netball**. All spectators are welcome.

Ed Gym: For 3 Wednesdays, the Kindy to Year 4/5 students have been participating in the Ed Gym program. Incorporating EdGym as part of our PE program creates an atmosphere of excitement, engagement and eagerness to learn, while at the same time improving confidence, focus and engagement to assist in all areas of the children's development. Exploring the endless ways we can move our bodies, discovering the sensations and excitement that movement presents, and growing the confidence and ability of the kids, and setting them the challenge to want to explore and discover more on their own. The children were totally engaged in this program.

Welcome to Freo: This program is aimed at children in years four to six. Welcome to Freo is designed for upper primary school students to utilise the **Fremantle Dockers'** resources and player expertise to assist students in making informed decisions for a responsible, healthy and active lifestyle. It is a four session program that helps students develop an understanding of bullying, goal setting, healthy lifestyle, leadership and social responsibility within the WA Curriculum Framework Outcomes:

Session One: INTRODUCTION TO THE GAME

A club representative has visited our school and conducted an interactive session outlining the three session program including a DVD presentation and a fun, practical football activity.

Session Two: PLAYER CLINIC

Freo Dockers players will visit our school and conduct a Freo Footy Skills session-Thursday am, June 22.

Session Three: PLAYER VISIT SESSION

Our school will have Freo Dockers players conduct an interactive in-class session on one of the following topics: bullying, goal setting, healthy lifestyle, leadership and social responsibility. (Term 3)

Session Four: WELCOME TO FREO GALA DAY

We will be invited to the Fremantle Dockers Football Club for a fun clinic with the players and tour of the new facilities. (Term 3)

Cross Country: Cross country training is in full swing with classes teaming up to run the course on several occasions in readiness for our Faction Cross Country carnival to be held **this Friday, June 23**. The carnival will be commencing at 9am with our Year 1 students and progressing through the grades during the morning. Parents are encouraged to come along to support the children. All children who complete the course will earn points for their faction. Children are advised to have a wholesome breakfast beforehand and to bring along a water bottle. If weather conditions impact during the morning, we may defer the program until there is improvement in the weather. Our alternate date for the Cross Country event will be **Wednesday, June 28**.

Parent helpers may be required during the morning and can speak to one of the staff or Mr Payne, or call the school beforehand to register their assistance.

