

# 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

It has been terrific to see our classes settle quickly into routines and focus on learning. Thank you to all our students, staff and families for a great start to the school year! It was a pleasure to announce our student leadership positions for 2018 at last week's assembly. Congratulations to all those students who gained positions. We look forward to supporting you to develop your leadership skills as well as benefiting from your contributions to Weld Square Primary.

We wish Mrs van der Linden, who is currently on leave while she recovers from shoulder surgery, a very speedy recovery. In her absence, Mrs Andrijich is our Associate Principal and we thank her for taking on this role especially at such a busy time of year. Miss Rajasingham will be working fulltime in LA 4 for this period.

It is extremely important that students arrive on time to school each day. Arriving regularly late to school can have negative long-term academic and personal effects. Being at school on time ensures students can prepare for the day and be ready to embark on learning with their peers, rather than trying to catch up. It sets the tone for the day and provides an opportunity for students to catch up with their friends before class, often reducing the possibility of disruptions during class. Being on time also helps students learn about routine and commitment which are important life skills. If you would like some ideas on how to help get your child/children to school on time please see me!

Please encourage your child/children to wear their uniform to school proudly each day. We will again be rewarding classes which have the most students in uniform with an extra play every few weeks.

You may have heard along the grapevine of an exciting Nature Play project being undertaken by our P & C. This, along with other topics, will be discussed at the next meeting on February 20 at 6pm. Please consider attending this meeting, as it is a great way to support both your own children and our school. Weld

Square Primary is fortunate to have a fantastic group of people in the P & C who will make you feel very welcome! Please don't be concerned about having to take on a specific role; we are looking for general members who can contribute just as much as they are able. If you have any questions about the P & C please see me, Michelle Hughes or another P & C member.

At our assembly on Friday, I spoke with the students about a very powerful three letter word – 'yet'. This little word can be used to frame our perception of challenges more positively. It is a great word for both children and adults to practise using in order to develop what is often called a 'growth mindset'. Please support your children to rephrase positively when they come across an obstacle.

'I can't do this...yet.'  
'This doesn't work...yet.'  
'I don't know...yet.'  
'It doesn't make sense...yet.'  
'I don't get it... yet.'  
'I'm not good at this... yet.'



### Honour Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following students:

LA2 PP:	Jaxon
LA3 Year 1:	Steven, Harrison and Scarlett
LA5 Year 3:	Sara, Corey and Valentino
LA8 Year 2:	Naz, Jade and Athena
LA4 Year 4/5:	Jenelle, Geanne and Luke
LA10 Year 5/6:	Allean, Kaylee and Olivia



“Check out our special Kindy spiders who are learning about the letter S and our clever Pre-primary students who have been sorting sounds.”



Have a great fortnight!

Kind regards,  
Nicole Kovalevs



### **IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE**

Recently a student in our school was diagnosed with cancer. While this is sad news, we are encouraged by the fact that there is treatment for this form of cancer and we are all hopeful of the outcome. While the child will be away from school for periods of time, he will pop in to visit and return to lessons as often as possible. This child's immune system will be compromised by treatment and is especially vulnerable to measles and chicken pox. Please notify the school immediately if your child develops either of these illnesses. As always, if your child is unwell please keep them home.

We expect to have the Camp Quality Puppets out to school this term to ensure our students are supported to understand information related to cancer which is developmentally appropriate.

On behalf of our school community I offer the student and family involved our thoughts and love as they navigate this journey.

Nicole Kovalevs

Weld Square Primary School's P & C committee are collecting Coles vouchers on behalf of the school. The collection bins will be located outside LA2 and LA4 every



### **How does it work?**

Shop In-store	Shop Online
<b>Step 1</b> For every \$10 spent at Coles, you will receive one Sports for Schools voucher	<b>Step 1</b> Select your school to donate your voucher.
<b>Step 2</b> You then bring vouchers to your school, placing them in the collection bins provided.	<b>Step 2</b> For every \$10 spent on Coles online, a digital voucher will be sent to your selected school.
<b>Step 3</b> Every voucher you donate to your school can be redeemed for leading brand sports equipment	<b>Step 3</b> Every digital voucher you donate to your school can be redeemed for leading brand sports equipment.

### **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 direct debit to the account below:

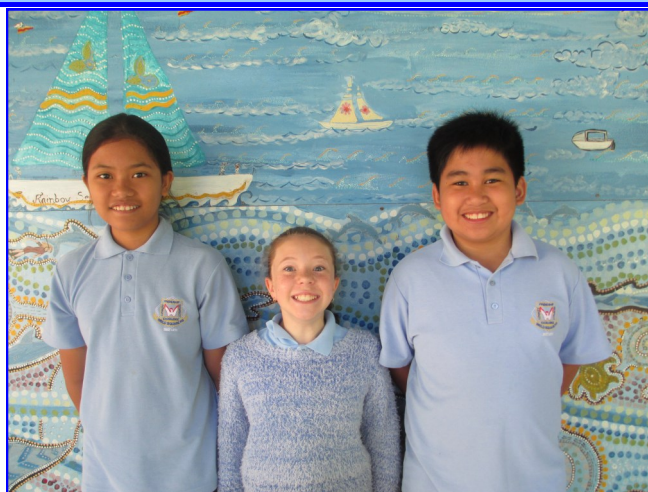
Account Name: Weld Square Primary School  
 BSB No.: 016 363  
 Account No.: 3409 59672  
 Reference: Child's name and what the funds are for: (eg: Lindsay/Vol Contributions)



## MEET OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCILLORS AND FACTION LEADERS



School Captains: Rokaya and Samuel



Councillors: Allean, Olivia and Dylan

### BANKSIA



Leader: Kaylee  
Leader: Jenelle

### HOVEA



Leader: Kaeden  
Leader: Tim

### WATTLE



Leader: Skye  
Leader: Mollie

## TECHNICIANS AND RIVER RANGER CADET LEADERS



Technicians: Jezabella and Andy



RRC leaders: Lanah, Jayde, Tobias and Micah



# P&C NEWS

Hello Everyone,

It was great to see our new student leaders announced at the assembly last Friday.

This year, assemblies will be on Friday mornings (every three weeks) and our uniform shop will be open from 9.00 - 9.30am every Friday for your convenience. A free cuppa is also available before and after assemblies, so come along and have a chat. If you can't do that, you can contact us on our email listed below, or use our post box outside the Uniform Shop, located in the undercover area. We can help the school community with any questions about school and support families when required.

This year we will be based in LA1. Our meetings will be held there. The first meeting is on Tuesday 20 February at 6.00pm. All are welcome. At the meeting we will discuss events for this year, lunch order arrangements and plan for our Easter Sausage Sizzle at the new Bunnings, which is at the old Masters location. If you can volunteer at our events, please let us know and watch this space for more details.



We have our playground project up and running thanks to a group of parents and Bunnings, Morley have kicked us off with work in 'Fairylane'.

We want to welcome our new families to Weld Square and hope everyone enjoyed the summer break. Like Weld Square Primary School on Facebook for regular updates about our activities and we hope to see you at our events.

*"In this life we cannot always do great things, but we can do small things with great love."*

*Mother Teresa*

Michelle Hughes

P&C President

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## Chaplain's Chat

Welcome to all families new to the school community, and welcome back to all.

All parents are invited to a morning tea and chat in the Staff Room on Wednesday mornings as soon as children have been dropped off. We hope to see as many of you as possible, especially families new to the school. You will be able to get to know other parents and find out more about what goes on at Weld School Primary School. Wonderful things are happening around the place!



This year I will be running Homework Club on my own, and we have decided that for Term 1 we will only be inviting students from Year 3. Invites will come out soon.

I am busy in classrooms on Monday until recess and would love to catch up with parents either at the morning tea and chat, or perhaps just before pick up on Mondays and Wednesdays, which are still my days at school.

Blessings from the Chaplain

Sandy Clifton

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- |                     |   |   |
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| Tuesday 20 February | - | Scitech After School for participating students |
|                     | - | P & C Meeting 6.00pm                            |
| Monday 26 February  | - | RRC - After School                              |
| Tuesday 27 February | - | Scitech After School for participating students |





## 2018 STAFF TEAMS

### ADMINISTRATION TEAM:

**School Principal:** Nicole Kovalevs  
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**Associate Principal:** Maria van der Linden  
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**Manager Corporate Services:** Jenny Lindsay  
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**Corporate Services Officer:** Patricia Snow  
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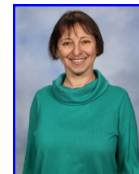
### JUNIOR SCHOOL TEAM – Kindergarten to Year 3

**Kindy / Pre Primary - LA 2 Teachers:** Ms Jody Wyndam (Mon - Wed)  
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Ms Nicky Payne (Wed - Fri)  
[Nicole.Payne@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Nicole.Payne@education.wa.edu.au)

**Year 1 - LA 3 Teacher:** Ms Angela Rechichi  
[Angela.Rechichi@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Angela.Rechichi@education.wa.edu.au)



**Year 3 - LA 5 Teachers:** Ms Alison Bampton (Mon - Thurs)  
[Alison.Bampton@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Alison.Bampton@education.wa.edu.au)



Ms Jessie Connor (Fri)  
[Jessie.Connor@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Jessie.Connor@education.wa.edu.au)

### MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL TEAM

**Years 4/5 - LA 4 Teachers:** Mrs Sina Andrijich (Mon - Wed)  
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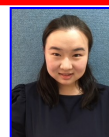


Ms Gillian Rajasingham (Thurs - Fri)  
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**Years 5/6 - LA 10 Teacher:** Dr Karl Birkelbach  
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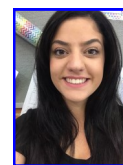
**LOTE - LA 11 Teacher:** Ms Yayan Ping (Tues & Wed)  
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**Science - Teacher:** Mrs Chrissie Norman (Tues & Wed)  
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**The Arts - Teacher:** Ms Samantha Jones (Thursday)  
(Music Drama) [Samatha.Vernon@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Samatha.Vernon@education.wa.edu.au)



## **SUPPORT TEAM**

**Chaplain:** Ms Sandy Clifton (Mon, Wed & Thurs)  
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**School Psychologist:** Ms Luciana Carelli

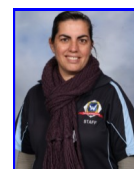


**School Nurse:** To be advised



**Library Officer:** Mrs Bev Giraud (Mon & Wed)  
[Bev.Giraud@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Bev.Giraud@education.wa.edu.au)

**Education Assistants:** Mrs Annette Lovering, Mr Emile van der Linden, Ms Lee Francis, Mrs Kerry Kasatchkow, Mrs Maria Lomma and Mrs Sandra Wallis



**Gardener/Handyperson:** Mr Max Walker (Mon)  
Mr Darren Ireland  
(Alternative Tues & every Wed)



**Cleaning Staff:** Mr Mendel Greenberg, Mrs Zivka Stojkovska and Mr Michael Tisseverasinghe (pm)



## **Volunteers**

Mrs Michelle Hughes, Mrs Santhy Manikam



**River Ranger Cadets:** Lee Francis (Coordinator) Instructors: Mrs Annette Lovering, Mr Karl Birkelbach and Ms Santhy Manikam,

