# 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.

#### **Dear Readers**

We have had such a wonderful start to the school year. We have been very impressed with the behaviour and general attitude of all the students this year. Everyone is very positive and focused on their learning which is fabulous to see. This week we welcome Ms Ping back into the school. We look forward to seeing her smiling face when she returns Thursday.

#### Councillor Assembly

Last Friday our Student Councillors held their very first assembly. The assembly was prepared and run by the students and I think we should commend them on their efforts. It is a fantastic start to their leadership journey and I look forward to seeing what they can achieve over the course of the year.

#### Class Meetings

Thanks to all the parents who have attended our class meetings over the last week. We hope we have provided you with useful information about what is happening in the classes and how things will operate this year. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to the classroom teacher in the first instance or I am more than happy to assist with anything further.

# **School Photos**

School photos will be on Wednesday 4 March. We will be sending home the ordering system soon so look out for the envelopes!

#### Literacy Pro

Students in Years Three to Six have undertaken the Literacy Pro testing over the last couple of weeks. This assessment is designed to measure reading comprehension by determining the level of text complexity a student can read and understand independently through a short online quiz. It converts this measure into what is known as a Lexile. The benefit of the testing is it enables students to then choose books they can read in their Lexile range, providing them with the opportunity to experience success. It also enables us to monitor the progress of each individual student over the year. Each student will receive a letter informing the parents of their starting Lexile and I encourage anyone with questions to speak to their child's teacher directly about the results.

#### Cars and Stars

Students in Pre-primary to Year Six have been completing the Cars and Stars placement testing over the last few weeks. Cars and Stars is a whole school reading comprehension program designed to improve students' ability to comprehend texts by explicitly teaching them the strategies they need to locate and interpret information. Students will be working at their own level on the program and will complement our existing structures. If you have any further queries about the program, please speak to your child's teacher or myself.

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will be hosting our parent/ teacher interviews on Wednesday 8 April 2020. This is a chance for parents to discuss how their child is settling into the school year and



how they are progressing academically and socially. Interpreters will be available as needed. The school will close at 12.00pm that day and interview times will be available from 12.30-6.00pm. We will release a booking sheet in week six for parents to complete.

## Honour Certificate Recipients 14 February

LA2 (PP) Indianna and Boyan

LA3 (Yr 1/2) Hadi and Aryiah

LA5 (Yr 4/5) Faith and Juliette

LA8 (Yr 2) Jenna-Nicole and Francesco

LA10 (Yr 5/6) Jonathan and Mohamed



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Thursday 20 February Monday 24 February Thursday 27 February Monday 2 March Wednesday 4 March Thursday 5 March

Monday 9 March

**DATES TO REMEMBER** 

Playgroup 9.00—10.30am

River Ranger Cadets 3.00-4.00pm

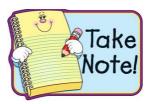
- Playgroup 9.00—10.30am

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

- School Photos

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River Ranger Cadets 3.00-4.00pm





# Hi Everyone

As you know we are holding our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fete on the 28 March and we need the help of our school community. We will be having a few stalls and would

love it if you had any used books or toys in decent condition to donate, or you can even donate something new that you don't really use or need any more for our raffle baskets.

A note will be coming home soon to let you know what items we are looking for. There will be a basket/box out the front of each learning area in which to put the items.

Do you want to hold your own stall? For a small fee you can hold your own stall and sell items on the day. If you would like a stallholder form please let us know either by calling me or emailing <a href="mailto:ws.fete@gmail.com.au">ws.fete@gmail.com.au</a>.

Do you have your own business? If you would like to take advantage of this huge advertising opportunity and donate a voucher, a prize or a service free of charge, we will put your company's logo etc. on our promotional material and ensure that your business is acknowledged before, on the day of and after the event. Please contact us via the same email if you're interested.

There are many ways to get involved in this event and if you are not a stall holder or own a business, we still need your help. There are many volunteer positions available before, after and on the day. If you are available, please send me an email or call me on 0430 039 466. Many hands make light work! From sausage cooking, setting up, ticket booths, operating popcorn and fairy floss machines the list is endless. So please if you can spare some time we would really appreciate it.

It's going to be a great day! Help us to showcase what an amazing school and community we have here at Weld Square Primary.

# Thanks

We look forward to hearing from you.

Dana Harle P&C President





## **Voluntary Contributions**

Thank you to the families that have already paid their 2020 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)

## Student Update and Student Health Care Summary Forms

These forms were sent home last week and we have had a lot of them already returned. It is very important we have up to date information on all students health and contact details. Please return the update forms even if there are no changes to be made.



Thank you

# MEET OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCILLORS AND FACTION LEADERS



School Captains: Tristen and Tessa

Councillors: Jonathan, Jessie and Roman



# RIVER RANGER CADET LEADERS, RECYCLING HEROES AND TECHNICIANS



RRC leaders: Katrina and Laurence



Recycling Heroes: Mikayla and Brian



Tech Team: Clara and Navina (Absent)

# **City of Bayswater Library News**



# Bayswater Bilbies - Year 1 Reading Club - Starting Term 2

We will be launching a new reading club for Year 1 students called the Bayswater Bilbies starting in Term 2. To be eligible to join, Year 1 students will need their own City of Bayswater library membership. They will receive a special card for them to record each library visit and will collect rewards along the way. Once their card is full they will go into the draw to win a book prize.

#### Make It! Club

The City of Bayswater Libraries run a weekly after school club during the school term. At Make It! the children will get to make something each week from craft, to Lego, playdough and food.

Maylands Library – Every Tuesday 4pm-5pm Bayswater Library – Every Wednesday, 4pm-5pm Morley Library – Every Friday, 4pm-5pm

#### CoderDojo (Ages 7-17)

Morley Library runs a CoderDojo once a fortnight during the school term. Students will get to try out a variety of coding and robots including Spheros, Ozobots, Bee Bots and MaKey MaKeys.

Term 1: Every second Friday from 7 February	3.30pm – 5pm
Term 2: Every second Wednesday from 6 May	3.30pm – 5pm



# Healthy lunchbox session

Come along to a FREE 90 minute session for tips and advice on how top pack a healthy lunchbox and choose healthy snacks!

**Date:** Friday 13 March **Time:** 9.00-10.30am **Place:** WSPS Library