

# 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

Welcome back to Term Three. We have had a very smooth start to the term and have loved seeing all the smiling faces back at school. As we continue to operate in phase four of COVID-19 all parents may enter the school grounds to drop off or pick up their children or attend pre-arranged meetings, however everyone must continue to adhere to the physical distancing requirements of one person per 2 square metres and use good hygiene practices. Please stay home if you or your children are unwell.

I have been really pleased with the presentation of the students upon their return this term. Almost everyone has been wearing their school uniform or the navy blue coloured jumpers and pants or shorts. It really makes a difference to the standard of dress at the school and everyone looks fantastic so thank you for all your support parents and carers.

On Monday and Tuesday, the staff engaged in professional learning whilst everyone enjoyed an extra-long break. On Monday the staff engaged in a session on feedback and checking for understanding run by Mrs van der Linden. The session reminded all staff about the importance of setting learning goals and providing feedback to students about their work in order to make progress. We learnt that effective feedback is seen to attribute to an extra 8 months in student growth over the year, a significant amount. The staff will use this information to plan for opportunities to provide regular feedback to students. We also engaged in a session about Vicarious Trauma, presented by the School Chaplain Area Coordinator, Janine Rule. Janine unpacked the impact of COVID-19 on the staff and shared signals of and strategies for dealing with compassion fatigue and preventing burn out. On Tuesday the staff engaged in a full day of professional learning on Fierce Conversations. This course is designed to improve our ability to communicate effectively as a team and individuals by giving strategies and skills in engaging in effective conversations. Both days were seen as being very valuable by the staff.

We are so happy to be able to reintroduce our community activities this term. Yesterday we welcomed the Playgroup back onto the school site. It was lovely to see our younger siblings enjoy some time together and

we welcomed some new families. If you do have children in the 0-4 age bracket and would like to join our Playgroup please come to the Kindy room on Thursdays 9-10.30am. More information can be found at the school office.

Today we had a Councillor Assembly. Once again congratulations to our school leaders for preparing for and speaking beautifully. I was very impressed with our audience behaviour during the assembly so well done to all our students for listening and engaging attentively at the assembly. We will have more regular assemblies this term so please check the term planners for additional dates.

Friday 7 August we will be participating in the Interschool Cross Country event. The staff and students are really looking forward to representing the school at a sporting event as they have been missed over the last semester. Training for interschool will recommence before school Wednesdays and Fridays however all students are welcome. We wish our competitors the best of luck as they head into the event.

We are excited to announce that as of next week, River Ranger Cadets is able to be held again. The children have been waiting patiently to be able to begin again to get started on their exciting projects. All Year 5 and 6 students are involved and the classes are held Mondays 3.00-4.00pm.

Next week we start our dancing lessons. We were very disappointed at the end of last term to have been let down by our previous service provider and have spent some time over the holidays securing a new dance school, Dance Fusion. We have been able to get the cost down to \$30 per child, with parents paying \$10, \$10 being subsidised by the school, and \$10 by the P&C. We are hoping to be able to hold our Festival of the Arts evening in the same format as previous years however may need to modify it depending on the restrictions in place. No matter what, we will celebrate the Arts this term.

Mrs van der Linden is in the process of organising a master garden plan for our school. This is to streamline our gardens to be environmentally aware, native focused and water wise and she has engaged the help of some external experts in the area. If you have an interest or expertise in gardening and would like to be

on the planning committee for the garden, please contact Mrs van der Linden at the school to express your interest.

Thank you for a wonderful start to Term Three. Have a fabulous weekend!

Asher Dragun  
Principal

Honour Certificate Recipients 24 July 2020

LA3: Chase and Dhanushika  
LA5: Sena, Anthony and Sara  
LA8: Steven, Lana and Gab  
LA10: Madison, Mercedes and Mishaal



## P&C NEWS

Hello there,

Hope you enjoyed your school holiday break. Half way through the year already!

Lunch order forms will be distributed next week, we've got yummy Mac and Cheese plus all our usual items on the menu. Pop all orders into the P&C black box in the undercover area.

Thank you to all who dressed up for free dress day and gave a gold coin.

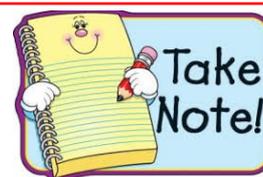
Cross country is coming up, good luck to all the competitors. Go Weld Square!

At our faction carnival we will be holding a cake stall with yummy treats, drinks, coffee and tea. We look forward to seeing you there.

Take care,  
Dana Harle  
WSPS P&C President

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Monday 27 July:</b>	<b>Dance classes commence</b>
<b>Thursday 30 July:</b>	<b>Playgroup 9.00-10.30am</b>
<b>Wednesday 5 August:</b>	<b>Kindy and Lunch Order Day</b>
<b>Thursday 6 August:</b>	<b>Playgroup 9.00-10.30am</b>
<b>Friday 7 August:</b>	<b>Assembly LA5 and Interschool Cross Country</b>
<b>Thursday 13 August:</b>	<b>Playgroup 9.00-10.30am and Science Incursion PP—Yr 6</b>
<b>Friday 14 August:</b>	<b>Assembly LA8</b>



### BOOKFAIR NOTICE

*Children's Bookweek celebrations are delayed until October this year due to COVID restrictions.*

***However, we are still having our BOOKFAIR in August this year.***

**Where:** In The Library **Monday 17 August to Thursday 20 August**  
**When:** Before School 8:30 – 9:00 After School 2:45 – 3:15

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August - Guessing competition** open to all students. To be held outside the Library at Monday Lunch Time. There are 3 Book Fair vouchers to be won and used at the fair.

Thank you,  
Mrs Giraud, Library