

# 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

Welcome to Term Two. The coming nine weeks promise to be jam packed with learning at Weld Square Primary! We wish Ms Rechichi a very happy, restful Long Service Leave break and welcome Miss Pitchen to our school in her place.

Congratulations to our mixed modcrosse team as well as our girls' and boys' cricket teams for the fine way you participated in the interschool carnival on the last day of Term 1. We were proud of your effort and enthusiasm throughout the day. Thank you to Mr Birkelbach and all our staff who were involved. Special thanks also to Mr Parmenter for his help coaching cricket and Bayswater Lacrosse Club for their support. Once again our P & C ran a delicious cake/coffee stall. Thank you to all those who contributed or purchased from them!

Our Year 3 and 5 students will be involved in NAPLAN during Week Three. These assessments are a regular part of the school calendar and our students have been well prepared. You can support your children by encouraging them to try their best and reminding them that NAPLAN is just another opportunity for them to show how their learning is going. We do ask that, as always, good sleep routines and nutrition are maintained especially over that week.

Between the middle of May and June, some of our families will be observing Ramadan. This involves a number of practices including fasting. We would appreciate families involved notifying us which of their children are participating in fasting. Ramadan Mubarak (May your Ramadan be blessed).

You may have heard about the Department of Education's 'Never Stop Reading' initiative targeting 8 to 12 year olds which was launched recently. As we raise the profile of reading at Weld Square, this is a timely reminder of the importance of reading to children even when they can read for themselves! Reading is a fundamental skill your child will use for the rest of their life – so



why stop reading aloud just when they are getting started! Building a love of reading in your child by reading aloud at home strengthens their language, vocabulary and comprehension skills. The quality time spent reading with your child enhances their sense of wellbeing, not to mention creates special moments that will be treasured for years. You can find out more about the program at:

[education.wa.edu.au/neverstopreading](http://education.wa.edu.au/neverstopreading).

Our new home reading program is set to begin on Wednesday 9 May. All students from Pre-primary to Year 2 will be involved. Teachers will attend the Reading Room with their classes on this day and students will bring home their first book. The Reading Room will be open from 8:15am on Thursday 10 May for students to exchange their books. Once students have done their exchanges, they will wait outside until the classrooms open as usual at 8:30am.

Please keep an eye out for our new 'Kiss and Go' signs along the front of the internal school carpark. This zone is designed for dropping students only. It is not for parking and drivers must not leave their cars. We ask that if you need to walk your child to Out of School Care or to class that you park in the appropriate bays. Thank you for helping keep our students safe and ensuring you can get away smoothly! Special thanks to our P&C, especially Renae, for their input and help with the design of the sign.

Finally, it is with great pleasure that I welcome the Weld Square Playgroup to our school. The Playgroup will have their first 'official' session on Monday 7 May. We are very excited about supporting this new service for our families and the wider community. The Playgroup will meet every Monday during the school term from 9.00-10:30am. Please contact the office for more information. New members are very welcome!

Kind regards

Nicole Kovalevs  
Principal

## IMPORTANT NOTICE: PROPOSED EARLY CLOSE WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE

The School will most likely close at 12 noon on Wednesday 27 June in order to hold our Parent/Teacher Meetings and Three Way Conferences. We will confirm very shortly, in the meantime please mark this in your calendar and consider the necessary plans. Thank you!

### ANZAC Service

Thank you to all those family and friends who shared our ANZAC Service with us last term. We were fortunate to have Mr Shearing –Jones, President of the Bedford-Morley Sub-branch of the RSL, give the keynote address. Our new choir debuted during the Service and impressed everyone with their talent. We look forward to hearing more from them over the year ahead.



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INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

# Weld Square Primary School Playgroup



**WHEN:** Every Monday during term  
**TIME:** 9:00am to 10:30am  
**WHERE:** The Old Kindy Room, Weld Square PS  
**BRING:** A hat and a piece of fruit to be shared

At playgroup you can have fun playing with your child, meet other parents and familiarise your child with the school environment ready for future school years.

For more information, please contact the school on 9276 5891.

