

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 7/8 - COURTESY



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It's hard to believe we are already into another winter season. It's great to see the changes in gardens; winter vegetable seedlings starting to establish and deciduous trees dropping rustic colourful leaves. Deciduous means "falling off at maturity" or "tending to fall off",

and it is typically used in order to refer to trees or shrubs that lose their leaves seasonally. "Deciduous" has a similar meaning when referring to animal parts, such as deciduous antlers in deer, deciduous teeth which are also known as baby teeth in some mammals.



It is also that time of the school year when our students are completing and consolidating semester one learning and ready to move onto a new teaching and learning program for semester two. Teachers are now also finalising semester one assessments and reports for parents. This year, as noted in our term 2 planner, we will be inviting parents to a 3 way conference on the afternoon of Thursday 22 June. This will give parents the opportunity to speak directly to LA teachers about their child's semester one report. Shortly you will receive an interview schedule for preferred times. The school will make every effort to accommodate requests. Necessarily this will be a short (10 minute) interview to ensure every parent has at least some time with teaching staff. Alternative arrangements can be made, on request, where parents would like to have a more extensive or detailed feedback discussion about their child's learning progress.



Fasting Period Explained

Ramadan is one of the biggest events for the world's 1.6 billion Muslims. It's the name of the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. The Islamic calendar is lunar, which means it follows the cycle of the Moon. This results in Ramadan falling at a different time each year. It usually lasts 29-30 days.

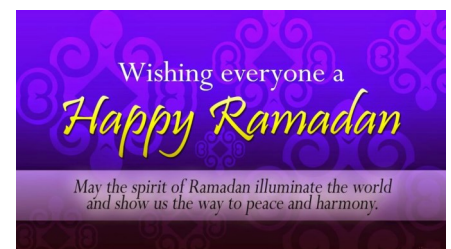
Ramadan is a special time because Muslims believe the Prophet Mohammed received the holy book - the Koran - from God during this month.

As a mark of respect, Muslims give up food and drink between dawn - the gradual twilight before sunrise - and sunset.

Giving up food and drink is called fasting (Sawm in Arabic). Fasting is one of the five pillars of Islam. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims are expected to give charity and help the needy. It is a time of self evaluation and for learning self discipline. It is seen as a way for a person to improve themselves physically and spiritually.

A Fasting Muslim will usually eat a meal called iftar right after sunset.

The end of Ramadan is called Eid al-Fitr, a celebration of one to three days, when people exchange gifts, wear their best clothes and eat celebratory meals with family and friends.



Assembly Highlights



Our school councillors hosted the Thursday assembly.

Honour Certificates Winners

Congratulations to the following students:

Pre-Primary: Hudson and Pat

Year 1: Lachlan and Joe

Year 2: Christopher and Tessa

Year 5/6: Konrad and Logan

LOTE: Lily and Akhil



Vitues Awards 22 May



Back row: Lachlan, Imenh, Aughan, William, Soorav

Front row: Charis, Gero, Serenity

Seen around WSPS



Some of our students playing in our Fairyland area.

Internet Safety Information Evening

Hampton Senior High School will be hosting an Internet Safety Education Session and we would like to extend the invitation to our local community. This free session will be for adults only and is being held in the Performing Arts Theatre. Bookings are essential.

Our speaker will be internationally acclaimed Brett Lee from Internet Safe Education. Brett's experience in the Queensland police force for 22 years, including 16 years as a detective in the field of Child Exploitation, ensures that his messages will be from real experiences.

A special dedicated parent information session will be held from **6.30pm – 7.30pm on 12 June 2017**.

Don't miss out on this special opportunity! An eye-opening session (Adults only)

Register for the parent information session on 12 June via our school website [http://](http://www.hampton.wa.edu.au/)

www.hampton.wa.edu.au/

Go to News and Events – Parent Interview Bookings.

Ref: <http://www.internetsafeeducation.com/presentations/>

Battery Report

We collected a total of 26.64kgs of batteries. But we were 1.83kgs lower than last time. So please remember to bring in your flat batteries. Now for our winners.

1st place - LA 5 with 1kg of batteries.

2nd place - Admin with 0.5kgs of batteries.

3rd place - LA 3 with 0.3kgs of batteries.

Congratulations to LA 5, once again please remember to bring in all your flat batteries.



Say I love you

- Tell your children you love them, often.
- Surprise them sometimes by telling them when they don't expect it.
- Don't use empty, repetitive words - think of different ways to tell them you love them. 'You are more precious than diamonds' or other creative ways can help them hear your love.

Glen Cookson

Glen Cookson
Principal

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** 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>
- Download the Connect flyers for you and your child from Connect.

RIVER RANGER NEWS



Our bikes arrived last week and the children are very keen to start riding them.

The children made 120 muffins last week for their first fundraising event.

On Friday they sold them along with juice boxes and made \$246.50 towards their camp.



Important notice:

Our next River Ranger after school activity

is on Monday 12 June from 3.10pm to 4.10pm . It is really important that all the year 5 and 6 children attend, as we are starting to plan for our camp which will be held in early Term 4.

Lee Francis

River Ranger Cadet Leader



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

River Ranger Cadet Leader





P&C NEWS

Hello Everyone

Winter is here and your P&C are gearing up for a busy month to celebrate.

Firstly a lunch order day is set for Wednesday 14 June. On the menu will be pizza, pies, sausage rolls and hot dogs. If you have some spare time that morning and want to help, you can contact us at weldsquareprimary@gmail.com. Order forms have been handed out to students.

We are also hosting a family night in the hall on Friday 23 June. The canteen will be open and selling pizza and other tasty hot food as well as drinks and sweets. Any donation of baked goods will be greatly appreciated. From 4.30pm there will be something special for the younger kids and at 6.30pm will be something for the older children. \$6.00 entry includes popcorn, lolly bag and a drink. (Only \$15 total if you have 3 or more children.) These nights are always a lot of fun and a perfect chance to make new friends.

Next P&C Meeting: Tuesday 20 June 6.00pm - 7.30pm all welcome.

Uniform Shop: Thursday Mornings 9.00am or after assemblies.

Cuppa Corner: After Thursday assemblies

"For every minute you are angry you lose 60 seconds of happiness."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Michelle Hughes

P&C President

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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 2013 and 30 June 2014.

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

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. By contacting:

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

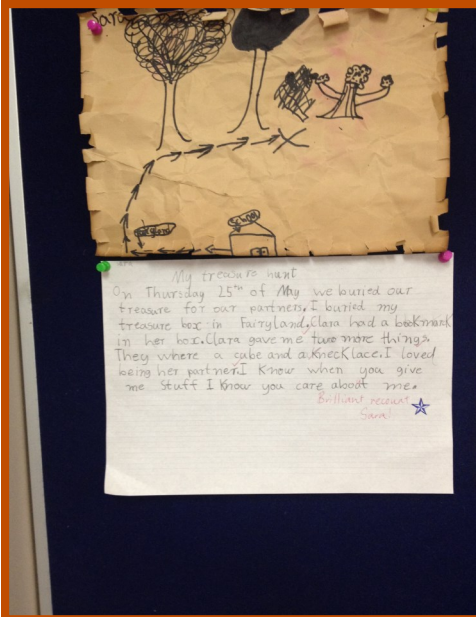
DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 9 June	-	Round 4 Winter Sports WSPS v Morley PS at home
Monday 12 June	-	River Ranger Cadets after school 3.10pm - 4.10pm
Wednesday 14 June	-	Welcome to Freo - Years 4, 5 and 6.
Thursday 15 June	-	Assembly LA 5
Friday 16 June	-	Round 5 Winter Sports WSPS v Embleton PS at Embleton PS
Tuesday 20 June	-	Reports will go home.
	-	Bright Sparks LA10 - Hampton SHS 9.30am - 10.30am
Wednesday 21 June	-	RRC Chittering Tree Planting
Thursday 22 June	-	Welcome to Freo - Years 4,5 and 6
	-	3 Way Conferences. Students half day at school go home at 12.30pm
Friday 23 June	-	School Cross Country
Monday 26 June	-	RRC 3.10pm - 4.10pm
Wednesday 28 June	-	Student Councillor - PJ Gold Coin Fundraiser
Friday 30 June	-	Winter Lightning Carnival





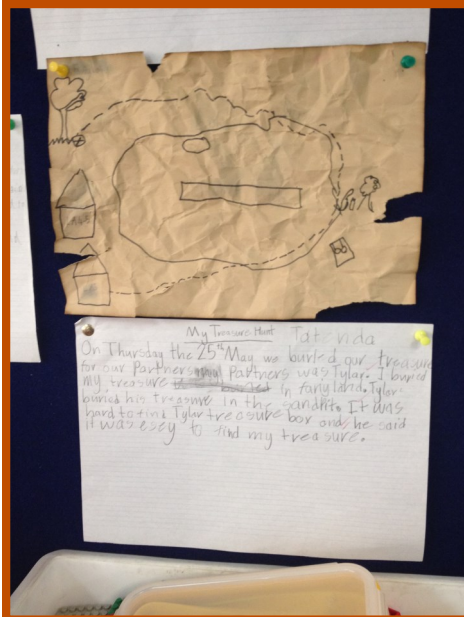
LA 5 TREASURE HUNT RECOUNTS AND COLLAGES BASED ON THE BOOK



My Treasure Hunt

On Thursday 25th of May we buried our treasure for our partners. I buried my treasure box in Fairyland. Clara had a bookmark in her box. Clara gave me two more things. They were a cube and a necklace. I loved being her partner. I know when you give me stuff I know you care about me.

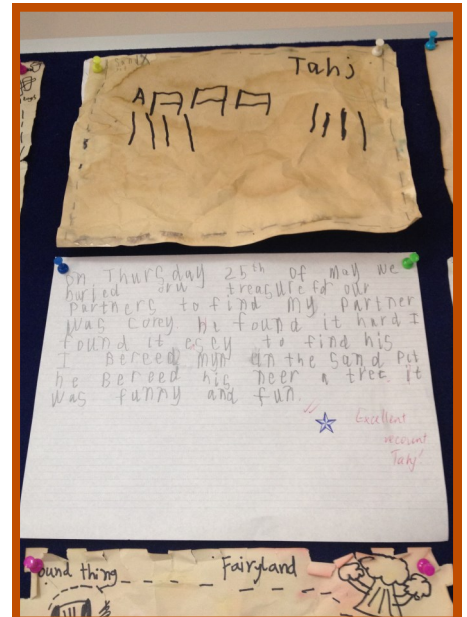
By Sara



My Treasure Hunt

On Thursday the 25th May we buried our treasure for our partners. My partner was Tylar. I buried my treasure in fairyland. Tylar buried his treasure in the sandpit. It was hard to find Tylar treasure box and he said it was esey to find my treasure.

By Tatenda



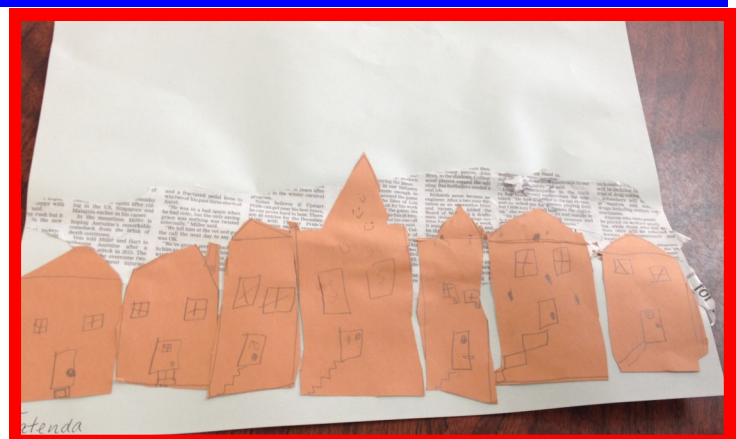
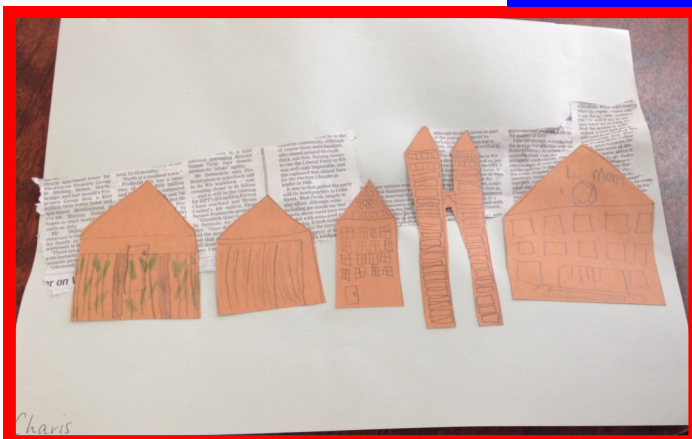
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On Thursday 25th May we buried aru treasure for our partners to find. My partner was Corey he found it hard I found it esey to find his. I buereed myn in the sandpit he bureed his neer a tree it was funny and fun.

By Tahj

LA 5 Happenings

LA 5 have been studying the book *The Treasure Box* by Margaret Wild. As part of our study we made our own maps and went on our treasure hunt in search of buried treasure. We also did some art work based on the book. The children had a lot of fun trying to trick their partners!





Chess Tournament
24th May, 2017

Weld Square's old rivals from Anzac Terrace Primary School returned on Wednesday the 24th May for another brain-busting but friendly chess tournament. Our last competition was back in 2015 and on both occasions some very exciting matches played out.

True to form, Anzac Terrace proved formidable opponents once again and carried the day, though the Weld Square players put up a very enthusiastic front. Some standout players from Weld Square included Charlie Clutterbuck who played with an unquenchable enthusiasm despite his inexperience and was also helpful in introducing Anzac Terrace visitors to the facilities. Well done also to Jonathan and Brian from LA 8 for their wins as well as Sebastian from LA 10 and Hady and Pardhu from LA 4.

The stars of Anzac Terrace were Darryl and Shantelle each with 4 wins no losses!

The facilitators Mr. Karl Birkelbach from LA 8 and Mr. Tristan Kaempf from Anzac Terrace would like to congratulate all the participating players for their brilliant sportsmanship.

