



WELD SQUARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back



Welcome back to Term Four. I cannot believe we are at the end of the year already; it has truly flown by this year. I hope everyone had a relaxing break and arrived back at school refreshed and ready to learn.

School Development Day

On Monday 10 October the staff spent some time reflecting on our 2022 data. This included reflecting on our progress against the National School Improvement Tool. We also spent some time analysing the 2022 NAPLAN data which provided more promising trends in our student achievement profile. The Year Three results were equal to like schools in Numeracy and above like schools in Reading and Spelling but below in Writing, and slightly below in Grammar. The Year Five results were above like schools in Numeracy and Writing but below in Reading and Grammar, and slightly below in Spelling. Progress from Year Three to Five was unable to be measured due to the cancellation of NAPLAN in 2020 because of COVID-19. The staff spent some time reflecting on the data to plan and prepare our 2023 Literacy and Numeracy Operational Plans. Additionally, as we enter a new three-year Strategic Plan, the trends in data assist to inform decision making about priority areas. Results in all areas indicate that agreed practices and strategies are achieving success and we will continue to refine and develop these in the new planning cycle.

School Attendance



Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning. In this newsletter we have attached a fact sheet for your information on the impact of missing days of school or being late and what it adds up to across the year, as well as the span of your child's school life. Additionally, it is important to be on time so that your child feel organised and receptive to access the curriculum. School starts at 8.45am, with classroom doors opening at 8.30am.

MISSING 1 or 2 DAYS A WEEK WON'T MATTER (or will it)?			
If students miss	Equals	Which is	Over 13 years of school that will equal
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
4 days per week	160 days per year	32 weeks per year	Nearly 10 years
ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL WON'T AFFECT MY ATTENDANCE (or will it)?			
If I only miss	Equals	Which is	Over 13 years of school that will equal
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per month	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 ½ years

Kindy Parent Information Session



We welcomed our incoming Kindy parents and students at the information session held on Wednesday 19 October. It was lovely to meet our new families, share our programs and allow families to make new connections. Additionally, Midvale Parenting Hub will be offering a *Transition to Kindy* workshop Monday 31 October 9.30-11.00am to assist parents to support this important milestone in their child's life. Please register your attendance at the front office.



WASO Incursion (Recounts by LA4)

Today the WASO Quintet group came to our school to perform with their instruments. The instruments were : Flute, piccolo, bassoon, clarinet, oboe and the french horn. My favourite was the flute because I love the sound it makes and I am learning the flute. The WASO Quintet played multiple amazing songs. They all had a different genre but still sounded nice. The only songs I remember were the Harry Potter theme and Let it go, which was the last song that was played. At the end, after hearing all the songs we got to ask questions. I asked a question. It was "What inspired you to play the instruments you played?" Other questions were asked and soon after, they had to go to their next school. It was fun having the WASO come to our school, I really enjoyed it!

By William

On Friday, a quintet from WASO visited our school. There was Ben with his french horn, Annabelle playing the oboe, Alex playing the clarinet, Alan playing the bassoon and Marianne playing the flute and piccolo. They played amazing songs like "The Flight of the Bumblebee", The Harry Potter Theme song, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and my personal favourite, Star Wars! It was an amazing experience to watch the WASO perform and I would highly recommend putting it on your bucket list!

By Ayla

Today we had the astonishing WASO come to our awesome school. They had some instruments such as the flute, french horn, clarinet, bassoon, piccolo and oboe. They're called a quintet because they have 5 members. The quintet played the Harry Potter Theme song which might have been my favourite part, because everyone knew that it was Harry Potter within a few notes! They didn't even get to play all of it but we all recognised it instantly! My second favourite part was probably Star Wars because it's one of my favourite movies. Also, its one of the most well known movies. They also played another song called The Flight of the Bumblebee. The concept made me feel quite happy on the inside because the songs reminded me of my early years when I was about 3. Ben, one of the musicians was asked the most questions because he played the french horn, an unusual instrument with an unusual sound! In the end, I felt very happy and excited.

By Dante

Today at Weld Square Primary School, the WASO band came to our school to share their music with us. The instruments were the French horn, oboe, clarinet, flute and the bassoon. Only a quintet came. Then the musicians introduced themselves. First, they played the Flight of the Bumble Bee tune. After, the musicians played the Flight of the Bumble Bee they played some songs that we know and we tried to guess the song. The songs I knew were: The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Harry Potter theme. The song that I liked the most was the Harry Potter theme.

By Lency

Digital Technology Games



This week was Digital Games Week. For Digital Games Week the year fives and sixes in LA10 made games on Scratch. Scratch is an app where you can use codes to make cool games! We all have different types of games like racing, shooting, jumping, flying games and much more! There was also the opportunity to win lots of cool prizes from playing our games and those prizes included, small toys, cool figurines, lollies and more and you just had to bring in a gold coin! While letting the kids play our games we felt more confident every day and learned better social skills. Many kids told us they were overwhelmed with the many choices of games and were happy and excited! We think this fundraising event was very successful, running for the second year in a row. We hope there will be more cool games next year!

By Beau and Scarlet



The Pre-primary students received a visit from the Teddy Bear Hospital on Monday 17 October. The program is run by medical students from Curtin University. It is designed to reduce childhood anxiety surrounding hospitals and doctors, as well as promoting healthy lifestyle habits. The students had lots of fun treating their 'sick' teddies at the hospital to help them become better. They even had to perform an X-ray! Thanks to Ms Rechichi for organising this important opportunity for our students.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 26 October: Music Assembly

Thursday 27 October: Playgroup 9.00 - 10.30am, River Rangers 3.00-4.30pm,
P&C Meeting 4.45pm

Monday 31 October: Midvale Hub Kindy Transition Session 9.30-11.00am,
School Council Meeting 3.15pm

Thursday 3 November: Playgroup 9.00 - 10.30am, River Rangers 3.00-4.30pm

Wednesday 9 November: P&C Lunch Order Day

Thursday 10 November: Playgroup 9.00 - 10.30am, River Rangers 3.00-4.30pm

P&C News

Hi there,

Welcome to our final term for 2022. Hope you all enjoyed the holidays.

Our next lunch order is on Wednesday, 9 November. Yummy burgers for this one 😊
Order forms are on the way.



We will now be holding our annual Lapathon on Monday 14 November at 2.00pm.

Please note this change in date from the planner.

The theme this year is Summer. Dress up in your summer gear whether it be summer sports, rashies and bathers or get creative and come as a summer fruit! The sponsorship forms will come out soon. It's a fun afternoon with an icy pole reward at the end. Families welcome to come along to support the students.

Our next P&C meeting is next Thursday in the staffroom at 4.30pm. Come and get an insight to the fundraising plans for this term and next year. Any input is always welcome from our school community.

Take care,

Dana Harle

P&C President

Not Returning Next Year?

NOT RETURNING TO WELD SQUARE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

My child/children will not be returning next year:

Name: _____

Year /Learning Area: _____

School attending in 2022:

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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