

# NEWSLETTER



## Wembley Downs Primary School

Dear Parents

27 AUGUST, 2019

### Nature-Scape Playground

I suspect that many parents may have had an opportunity to view the plans (located in the new notice board) for the Nature-Scape playground that will be installed, all things going well, in November. The designer and builder of the playground has recently informed us that he might well be in a position to commence construction earlier than planned. We are currently working through the option of an earlier than planned start.

Undoubtedly, this will be a terrific asset for the students when it has been completed. The P&C and the school have collaborated to ensure that the school will have a 'signature' playground available for the students. Importantly, many mums and dads across many years have all worked hard to bring this project together. It is a fact that many of the families who donated their time and energy are now not at the school. Irrespective, I think it is very important to acknowledge and be mindful that many families have contributed to the realisation of this wonderful resource.

I do know that the P&C are publishing further details (in this newsletter) and a hardcopy letter to all families. So please keep an eye on the letter from the P&C Committee.

### Chaplain – Mr Daniel Bonallack

After a reasonably exhaustive search and selection process, we are pleased to announce that our new school Chaplain, Mr Daniel Bonallack will commence working at WDPS on 28 August 2019.

Daniel is very keen to meet the students and families and start working at our School. Following discussion with Daniel I have the view that he will be a terrific Chaplain and will be an asset for our school.

Daniel will be at school on Wednesday and Thursday of every week. I encourage all parents and students to introduce themselves and make Daniel feel welcome.

### School Psychologist – Ms Kathleen Purser

As has been noted in previous newsletters the school conducted a thorough recruitment process for our school psychologist. I am very pleased to announce that Ms Kathleen Purser is our new school psychologist. Kathleen is very keen to bring her experience to WDPS and to commence working with our students and families.

In looking to better cater better for the needs of our students, the school has taken the opportunity to increase the allocation of resources assigned to this crucial role. We have increased the school psychologist time by 1/2 a day per week. Previously the school psychologist was at school for 1 day per week. Kathleen will be working at the school on every Monday as well as every alternate Friday.

I am very confident that the school community will make Kathleen feel welcome as she commences her

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Thursday 29th August

Year 3 AQWA  
Overnight Excursion

#### Friday 30 August

Assembly  
Fathers Day Stall  
Tracky Dack Day  
One Big Voice

#### Wednesday 4 September

Faction Jumps & Throws  
Distance Runs

#### Friday 6 September

Faction Athletics

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## Principal News cont...

new role at WDPS.

### Mrs Leeming

Some parents might know that Michelle has taken 3 weeks of long service leave and had planned a very exciting holiday with her husband. (New York and a 16 day cruise into Greenland).

After 4 hours of being in New York Mrs Leeming slipped off a kerb and badly injured her ankle. The injury required surgery and Michelle found herself on her way back to Australia. When Michelle texted me about her misfortune, I thought she might have been joking – well not so much!

Anyway, Michelle is back in Western Australia and waiting for the swelling to come down on her ankle so that the necessary surgery can be performed.

I am confident that the school community wishes Michelle well and we look forward to seeing her back at school as soon as is practical. At this stage Michelle has advised me that she doesn't expect to return to school this term.

### NAPLAN 2019

I have had the opportunity to have a brief look at the raw school wide results and achievements for the 2019 NAPLAN.

What is clear is that the school has and is maintaining our improvements as was demonstrated in the 2018 results. We have also made further improvement in some areas.

Again, the academic results will continue to improve if the school community maintains a focus on achieving *high standards* in teaching and learning, behaviour and engagement. We will continue to implement many of the systems and structures that are associated with *Louden's* high performing primary schools;

- School-based scope and sequence plans;
- Mandated textbook series and resources;
- Formally timetabled literacy and numeracy blocks;
- Fine-grained achievement targets for individual students and for each term and school year;
- Explicit teaching; and
- Direct instruction intervention programs.

Much work associated with the above points has already commenced and or is now in place. Improvements and refinements are still needed and we will work to make the necessary changes as a school team.

### Faction Carnival – 4 September (jumps/throws/distance running) & 6 September (carnival)

I know that Mr Rosier and the staff are working hard to build another successful faction carnival for 2019. If, you would like to help Mr Rosier, then please see him when you can and offer your services and or ideas.

### One Big Voice – 30 August 2019

The one Big Voice Concert is being held at RAC Arena on 30 August 2019. The pre-concert begins at 6.45pm and the main show at 7.15pm. I have my two tickets and I look forward to seeing students and families at this 'big' event. Thanks, must also go to our hard-working music teacher Laura Walker for all of her efforts with this production. Thank you, Laura.

### AQWA – 29 August 2019

At about 5.00pm on Thursday the Year 3 students will head off for a night at AQWA. The staff have worked hard to produce another exciting excursion for the students and special thanks to Mrs Dennis and Ms Anderson for applying their expert organisational skills. I will also be attending this excursion and I am very much looking forward to spending some time with our Year 3 students.

Regards

*Lincoln Day—Principal*

# Book Week



## School Office

### Student Numbers – Planning for 2020

If your child/ren **will not** be attending Wembley Downs Primary School in **2020**, please let the School Office know as soon as possible by phone on 9245 3199 or e-mail to [wembleydowns.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:wembleydowns.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

**Reminders of Unpaid Billing Items** will be sent out in Week 7. It would be appreciated if all items could be paid as soon as possible.

Non-payment of Billing items may affect your child's attendance at future incursions/excursions.

Edu-dance will be commencing in Week 1 - Term 4 at cost of \$33.00 per student (letter to be sent home this term).

If you are having difficulty in making payment in full please make contact with the School Office on 9245 3199 to arrange a payment plan or e-mail [wembleydowns.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:wembleydowns.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

## Library News

### Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair was held in the library from Wednesday 21 August to Friday 23 August. It was great to see so many of the students and parents in the library looking at the books that were available this year. Every purchaser received a raffle ticket for one of three \$20.00 Scholastic vouchers.

Congratulations to the lucky winners:

Felicia Z ; Room 3

Layla D ; Room 3

Sam L ; Room 16

A big thank you to Laura Laing and all the parent volunteers who helped staff the fair. It would not be possible without your assistance.

**Alicia Graham – Library Officer**



## Music News

Information regarding the Choir and String Ensemble’s performance at the Year 6 drama night in week 10 will be sent home via connect next week. The date for this performance is 26 September. Choir students are reminded that there will be a rehearsal for Choir as normal on Tuesday 3 September.

The String Ensemble are working well to prepare for the Junior Orchestra Festival with Mrs Daniels. This event is at Churchlands SHS on Sunday 15 September.

Our School Choir getting ready for One Big Voice.

*Laura Walker—Music*



**OUR SCHOOL CHOIR IS PERFORMING**  
 as part of  
**One Big Voice**  
**AT THE RAC ARENA**  
**FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 2019**  
**PRE-CONCERT ENTERTAINMENT 6.45 - 7.15 PM,**  
**CONCERT 7.15 - 8.45 PM**

**BOOK NOW! TICKETS THROUGH TICKETEK**

<b>Premium</b>	<b>\$55</b>
<b>Adult</b>	<b>\$38</b>
<b>Concession</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$115 (2 Adult, 2 Concession)</b>

**Babies under 2 no charge; sit on an adult's lap**





## Drama News

Dear Parents

Things are moving along nicely regarding our show and the students are all doing very well. They are learning a lot about being on stage and seem to be enjoying the process. And there are many laughs!

This year we are fortunate to have Gen Nichol and Rikki Ambrosius heading our team for Props/ Costumes. You should have all received emails from them about what is required. I have had a few queries regarding stage makeup and will send a brief about this in a couple of weeks by email. There are a few characters who require specialised character makeup (Mrs Meme, YOLO, FOMO, Instawitch, Lurker and Lag) and they have been advised of this. We hope to get makeup artists in for them but it is yet to be confirmed.

We would like costumes to be finalised asap. If anyone has any queries/issues please contact myself, Gen or Rikki.

By the time you receive this scripts will be down for all cast members. Please ensure that your child learns and practises their lines on a regular basis.

We're all looking forward to the show.

*Yvette, Scarlett and Georgia—Drama Team*



## Sport News

Many of you will have noticed that something exciting is happening on our oval. That has involved excavators and trucks digging up the grass, and laying concrete.

A brand new cricket wicket is being built in anticipation for the new season with the help of the WACA and Newman College. The new wicket will be used at the weekend for youth cricket.

With the concrete now poured it will take about month before the artificial turf can be put down.

It is hoped that in the future there will be the opportunity for students to take part in after school coaching. As well as being used during lessons and lunchtimes.

*Paul Rosier—Phys Ed*



# Sport Cont

## WACA and Scorchers Visit



## P&C News

Our recent meeting saw a terrific turn out with a jam-packed agenda. Thank you to everyone who came along and contributed so enthusiastically. It was a landmark meeting in some respects as the plans for the Community Nature playground were unanimously endorsed and we are pleased to say that construction will commence in November. This is going to be such a fantastic addition to our school for all to enjoy. A few key highlights from the meeting:

- The Community Playground Plan was unanimously endorsed. The Naturescape committee has established the Go Fund Me page and the plans are displayed on the school noticeboard as well as on all classroom doors. A huge thank you to Belinda, Mel, Annette and Michelle (as well as all of the past Naturescape Committee members) for their persistence and hard work in getting this done. This part of the project is a \$90,000 commitment.
- Lincoln Day confirmed that the school will contribute \$20,000 to this project - half from this year's budget and half from next years - brilliant!
- Michelle Leeming is going to put in an application for a grant from the Federal Government to contribute towards the playground funding - you are able to apply for up to \$20,000 - which is what we will be doing.
- Bev from Tidy HQ gave a great demonstration on this platform that will be time saving and an excellent solution to storing and sharing all of our documents.

The school now has authority over the school car park (previously they did not) and has been implementing a traffic management plan from Friday August 16th. We had quite a detailed discussion about the safety concerns around people accessing this carpark for pick up and drop off. We also discussed that the local council had recently issued fines on the no stopping zones and agreed to the P&C producing a local map of all the streets around the school that people can park on.



Mel Smith has commenced the school gardening club and we approved some funding towards tools and materials. The gardening club occurs each Tuesday at lunchtime and Mel already had ten students joining in. Great work Mel.

We will be introducing all of our committee members over the next few months via our FB page. If you too would like to join our committee – please let us know – we always love new faces!

Our next P & C meeting is on Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm to 9.00pm and all are welcome. If you are unable to make it and would like anything raised or have a question to ask please email Lori at [wembleydownspc@gmail.com](mailto:wembleydownspc@gmail.com) and we will ensure that your comments or ideas are included.

Our P&C is stronger with your feedback and input, so please don't be shy in coming forward with any issues, projects or just general opinion - we love feedback! Please note that the full minutes from our May, June and August meetings are included on our page on the school website <https://www.wembleydownsps.wa.edu.au/parents-citizens> and we will include meeting highlights such as those above in the fortnightly school newsletter following each P&C meeting.

## P&C News Cont

### Community Nature Playground – Go Fund Me Page Launched

We are building a Community Nature Playground on the bank of our school oval that has been several years in the making. After extensive consultation and with the backing of our school and community we are excited that this project is scheduled to commence in November of this year. Our P & C has worked extremely hard and has already raised \$50,000 towards this project. We are now looking to raise an additional \$40,000 to create an exceptional place for the whole community to come together. To raise these funds we have set up our Go Fund Me Page and would love you to support this fundraising effort by:

Making a donation via our Go Fund Me Page <https://www.gofundme.com/f/n2ydb8-a-nature-playground-for-wembley-downs> Sharing our Go Fund Me Page with your friends and networks

Liking and sharing our Facebook page to keep updated <https://www.facebook.com/Wembley-Downs-Primary-School-PC-290821727734550/>

Telling everyone you know about this exciting project!

### A Big Thank You to our Early Donors

We have nearly reached the 10% mark of our fundraising goal in just one week and would like to give a massive shout out and a very genuine thank you to the following people and families for their very generous donations:

Peter John    Belinda Jacklyn Nicole Munro  
 Mel Smith    Dan Schwann    Astra Carman  
 Bec Webster    Laura Mackintosh    Jen O'Shea  
 Kylie Barry    Ruth Murray    Sini Lu  
 Melissa Cundy    Des & Ros Smith

We would also like to extend a warm thanks to all of our anonymous donors – you know who you are!

### A Special Thank you to General Public Food Co



Evan and Sarah Hewitt from General Public Food Co have made a very generous donation to our Community Playground Campaign and we can't thank them enough. Evan and Sarah are incredible supporters, contributors and donors to our school and community, in so many ways (and for so many years) and for this we are truly grateful. And we should mention that their pizzas are absolutely delicious (pea and mint is our personal fav)! Thank you Evan and Sarah. <https://generalpublicfoodco.com.au/>

### P & C Faction Carnival Cake Stall

Calling all bakers...

We need your help to stock our much loved cake stall with home baked goodies for the upcoming faction carnival. Funds raised will go to classroom upgrades.

Donations can be dropped direct to the cake stall on the day of the carnival - Friday 6 September.

We are also seeking volunteers to help with managing the stall on the day. Please email [mchods@iinet.net.au](mailto:mchods@iinet.net.au) or call Megan on 0407 788 175 if you can help for half an hour or so.



## VAC SWIM

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons for the October school holidays.

With swimming pools and beaches a part of our Western Australian lifestyle, it is vital that every child has the opportunity to learn essential swimming **and** water safety skills.

VacSwim programs are available for children from five to 17 years and cater to all skill levels – from beginners to those doing their Bronze Medallion. They are being offered at pool venues across the State.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming)

**VACSWIM OCTOBER 2019**

Enrol your children in swimming lessons during the October school holidays.

Choose from two programs:

<b>9 Days</b> 1 - 11 October 40 minute lessons Prices: \$30 per child / \$20 concession \$81 for a family of three or more / \$54 concession (plus pool entry) Enrolments close 25 August.	<b>5 Days</b> 7 - 11 October 35 minute lessons Prices: \$16 per child / \$10.50 concession \$43 for a family of three or more / \$27.50 concession (plus pool entry) Enrolments close 1 September.
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### What is involved?

- **Seminar Series** – 90-minute talks on:
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  - raising emotionally resilient children.
- **Discussion Group** – small, 2-hour groups:
  - misbehaving
  - fighting and aggression
  - hassle-free shopping with children.
- **Group Triple P** – 8-week parenting course.



### Program details:

Type:	Group Triple P (7 week program)	
Place:	Warwick Stadium	
Date/s:	Monday's - 28th October to 9th December 2019	
Time:	9.30am - 11.30am	Cost: FREE

### How do I book?

Visit [www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups).

If unable to book online, contact the Child Health Booking System on 1300 749 869.

**Childcare:** Please do not bring babies and children over the age of 6 months to the group. You will need to make your own childcare arrangements for them. Crèche may be available at some venues. (Please check and organise through the venue). You can bring babies into groups for feeding.

Visit [www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/parentgroups) for more information.

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.

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[www.karrinyuplac.com.au](http://www.karrinyuplac.com.au)

## 2019/20 LITTLE ATHLETICS SUMMER SEASON

Registrations open Saturday 7th September 2019

We will hold an information session on the day from 3.30pm to 5pm at Charles Riley Reserve Clubrooms, Wendling Rd North Beach for all those that have questions about the sport

OR

Contact our club registrar for details on how to register online—  
[klacregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:klacregistrar@gmail.com)

**RUN Throw JUMP**

**FAMILY FUN & FITNESS**

**Rotary Cambridge Programme for Parents, Teachers & Carers  
Wednesday 11 September 2019 @ 9.00 for 9.15 a.m.**

**BEYOND FUSSY – THE PROBLEM EATERS  
WHO TURN MEALS INTO A BATTLE GROUND**

**Rotary Cambridge Guest Speaker - Stephanie Rea**

The Rotary Club of Cambridge is delighted to welcome nutritionist Stephanie Rea to be the guest speaker at the Club's Schools' Programme meeting on Wednesday September the 11th.

Stephanie has had a 28 year career in nutrition and community health and wellbeing in both WA and the UK. After graduating in Nutrition and Biology from Oxford Brookes University, she spent a few years as a Clinical Researcher with pharma companies in Europe after which she returned to Perth.

Is yours a home where meal times are an unpleasant and ongoing battle about who eats what? Are you preparing separate meals every day to accommodate the food likes and dislikes of your family members? Its not easy coping with fussy eaters and problem eaters.

There is a difference between a fussy eater and a problem eater. Both fussy and problem feeders are stressful for parents to deal with. Parents obviously question whether their children are getting the nutrition they need for proper growth and development – both physically and mentally. While the management of fussy feeding is mostly behavioural, specific strategies and interventions may be required in cases of persistent problem feeding.

If you are struggling to cope with one of the 25% of children with eating problems reserve your place now to hear Stephanie talk about early childhood nutrition and common feeding difficulties in children and how to cope with and manage them.

Details of this informative Rotary Club of Cambridge Schools' Programme talk are:

**Date & Time:** Wednesday 11 September at 9.00 a.m. for 9.15 a.m. The meeting will close ±10.15 a.m.

**Venue:** Cambridge Bowling Club, Chandler Avenue, Floreat

**Please do not park in the Bowling Club's parking bays**

Contact Jeanette Wood to book your place: 0413 190 412 or [jp2wood@bigpond.com](mailto:jp2wood@bigpond.com)

Cost: \$5, except for teachers – includes coffee

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