

NEWSLETTER



Wembley Downs Primary School

Good Afternoon All Parents

19 NOVEMBER 2019

2020 Class Structures

The staff are currently examining how we can best set up our class structures for 2020. Establishing class structures for any school Year is a complex process and it is dependent on a mixture of the following factors;

- Attempting to accurately predict student cohort numbers.

Current predicted enrolments for 2020 are;

Kindy (40) (we fixed that enrolment at 40)
 Pre-primary (52)
 Year 1 (52)
 Year 2 (62)
 Year 3 (57)
 Year 4 (58)
 Year 5 (47)
 Year 6 (53)

- Student academic and social needs.
- School budget / staffing constraints. Broadly, classes are staffed according to recommended numbers for each class.
 Kindergarten – maximum of 20 per group
 Pre-primary – maximum of 27
 Years 1 to 3 – maximum of 24
 Years 4 to 6 – maximum of 32

Clearly, not all cohorts will fit the recommended class numbers profile.

- Availability of staff :-
 Days available to work and the work fraction. E.g. a staff member, for whatever reason, may only be able to work 2 or days per week on Thursday and Fridays.
 Area of professional expertise and qualification. Since 2017 the school has been focused on ensuring that the early childhood classes are taught by early childhood qualified teachers.
- Industrial relations agreement and employment awards.
- Parent requests

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 21 November

Edu Dance

Friday 22 November

Year 1 Rottnest Excursion

Monday 25 November

Starlight Concert

Tuesday 26 November

Edu Dance

Wednesday 27 November

Year 5 Rottnest Camp

Thursday 28 November

Edu Dance

Friday 29 November

Year 6 Orientation
 at Churchlands SHS

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Principal News cont.

Year 5 Assembly

Thank you to all of the parents who supported the Year 5 assembly last Friday. It was terrific to see the students recounting some of the facts from their visit to the Gravity Discovery Centre. The behaviour and conduct throughout the excursion from all students was very good. Again, we are looking forward to working with the Year 5 students during the upcoming 3-day camp to Rottnest Island.

School Board Nominations

Nominations for parent representatives for the WDPS Board close on 20 November 2019. The Board encourages nominations from all interested parents. Please see the Connect notice re School Board nominations sent earlier this week. Thank you to the parents who have already nominated.

Year 1 Rottnest Excursion

This coming Friday the Year 1 students will be heading off to Rottnest for a day excursion. This excursion is rapidly becoming a highly anticipated WDPS event for our Year 1 students. It is one of my favourite days of the Year. It is a thoroughly enjoyable experience exploring the island with inquisitive, talkative and enthusiastic Year 1 students. At this age - they love learning and I think an excellent school provides various opportunities via a differentiated curriculum for the students so that they can explore and learn about their environment.

This excursion provides the students with the opportunity to further develop their self-management, resilience and to begin to appreciate how their behaviour and choices might impact themselves and their peers.

Year 6 Graduation Activities - 18 December 2019

I must compliment all of the parents, students, staff and P&C who have all worked so hard to raise funds and negotiate with suppliers to develop a terrific schedule of events for the 2019 graduating students. Further information will be issued before the conclusion of this week regarding the activities and the outline for the day.

However, I can say that the combined efforts of some dedicated and talented parents have ensured that the cost per student for the day is ~\$25.00. This cost includes all transport, activities, a graduation book and dinner at the Rendezvous Hotel, Scarborough. Simply – it is outstanding value.

P&C Meeting

I must also thank all of the participants who attended the most recent P&C meeting. The meeting was conducted efficiently and within a very positive climate of cooperation and teamwork. Whilst the outcome of any meeting is, ultimately, a product of the participation of its attendees - it is also a reflection of the leadership.

Again, the WDPS school community is very fortunate to have such a positive and progressive P&C executive and leadership team. It is a team that is committed to enhancing the overall amenity of the school for the students.

It doesn't take much to get involved and I would encourage all parents to try and attend at least one or two meetings per Year.

Principal News cont.

Nature Scape

As many parents may already know - the construction of the nature scape playground is well underway. We are hopeful that it will be completed before the Christmas Concert evening.

In recognition of the efforts and contributions to many fund-raising events by the families of the Year 6 student cohort (and others) over the Years (since Kindy I am advised) it is our intention to afford the Year 6 students first use of the new playground for a day.

So ... let's all cross our fingers and hope the work is completed before the end of the school Year. I think it would be the perfect 'backdrop' for the Christmas Concert stage. An example of cooperation, effort, teamwork and selfless contributions from many individuals and organisations.

The march towards the end of the Year is well and truly underway. It is a time of Year when all members of the community start to feel the pressure and the weight of the expectations that surround numerous 'end of Year' events. We can all feel, at times, that our own needs and agendas are more important than those of others. However, if we all keep in mind that everyone is doing their best, I think we can all get comfortably through this very busy time of the Year.

Regards

Lincoln Day
Principal

Kindy & Pre-Primary Exhibition

The Kindy and Pre-primary children have been learning about how to care for our special places. Together, we have created a jellyfish for the Fremantle Market's exhibition "Bloom" to bring attention to the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling.



Our jellyfish is currently on display at the Fremantle Markets. There are three cash prizes to be rewarded to the top schools with the highest number of votes by the public.

If you can make it down to the markets, please cast your vote for our school (and encourage your friends and family to do the same)!

Thank you,

Sophie Tan
Teacher

Harry PPB & Lachie



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 9222 9300 or e-mail to wembleydowns.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Term Accounts

Have you paid your Term account?

If not, reminders will be issued this week, it would be appreciated if payment could be made as soon as possible.

Non-payment may affect your child attending future excursions.

Thank you.

New Phone Number

The school has moved to a new phone system and is now on the NBN. As such we have a new phone number **9222 9300**.



Parking Options

To keep our students safe, the School Car Park is closed
Morning 8.15—9.00am

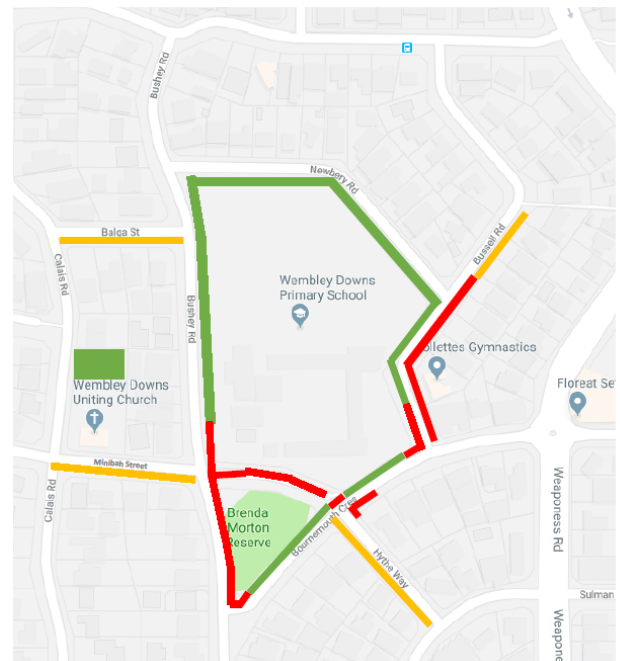
Afternoon 2.15pm— 3.15pm

Please take note of your parking options below.

Off street parking in the Uniting Church, designated bays and school verge

Avoid double parking, especially on these streets

Check for no parking and no standing street signs



Deputy's Desk

Recently the State Government announced a new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy to take effect from the start of Term 1, 2020.

The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on 'airplane mode' during this period.

All communication between parents and students, during school hours, should occur via the school's administration.

Pre Primary Excursion

Pre Primary Excursion to Rio Tinto Nature playground. Students were immersed in the story and natural environment through role-play, sensory activities and craft.



Music News

Wembley Downs Primary School

Starlight Concert 2019 **Monday November 25**

Join the Wembley Downs PS instrumental and vocal students as
they perform at the annual music evening

Students arrive: 4.30pm

Concert Start: 5pm

A Shared Supper will follow the concert

P & C News

Next P & C Committee Meeting Next Tuesday December 10th from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Our next P & C meeting is on Tuesday December 10th from 7.00pm 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 and we will ensure that your comments or ideas are included. This meeting will also include a short planning session for 2020 so we are all ready to go as soon as term 1 starts. 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 previous meetings are included on our page on the school website:-

<https://www.wembleydownsps.wa.edu.au/parents-citizens>

November P&C Meeting Highlights

Another very productive meeting for your P&C – we have so many enthusiastic people involved who just get things done – so a big thank you to everyone for their efforts, time, energy and awesome contributions. Some of the highlights from this meeting include:

- Progress update on the building of our Community Nature Playground – all is going extremely well and this will be completed by the end of this Year. A truly outstanding effort from all involved.
- Agreed to develop a P&C survey for all parents and carers to complete, so we can start planning for next Year. This will be coming out in the next week or so – please keep an eye out. We would love your input!
- The canteen and uniform shops have had a fantastic Year and we just wanted to say thank you to everyone involved for all that they do to keep these two essential services humming. Thank you!
- The committee endorsed contributing \$2000 towards the Year 6 graduation book – we are proud to be able to contribute this towards our leaving students as a small way of thanking them and their families.
- Agreed to hold a planning session at our next P&C Meeting to set the framework for 2020.
- The school agreed to fund interschool and faction swimming caps for next Year.
- Lincoln provided an update on the progress on the Community Christmas Concert – this will be a very special community event and we encourage all to attend. Keep an eye out for more info.

School Sleep Out – A Fantastic Night!

The Fathering Project WD-40's Dads Group hosts a brilliant camp-out on the school oval and by all accounts it was a terrific night. With 35 families and over 100 kids in attendance lots of fun was had by all, with everyone enjoying the sausage sizzle dinner, the movie and each other's company. Well done to Matta and Chris from the WD-40's for organising this event.

Edu-Dance and Christmas Concert Activities

Our fab Events and Fundraising team have organised some great activities to support both of the Edu dance concerts and the Community Christmas concert.

Edu-Dance

- Preorder pizza via schools24 from General Public Food Co
Sarah and Evan Hewitt from General Public are generously donating \$3 from each pizza to our P&C.
Thanks Sarah and Evan!
- Drinks and snacks will be available from canteen prior to performances.

Christmas Community Concert:

- P&C cake stall, Xmas stall, food, drinks, raffles and more.
- Requesting donations for Xmas raffle gifts, Xmas cake stall delights, glass jars, old crayons to the school office please.
- Raffle tickets will be on sale at Edu-Dance and Xmas concert and drawn at the concert.



P&C News Cont.

Calling all Volunteers

The P&C is currently looking for the following volunteers. We would love your help and promise you will love it and have fun. Full support and training will be given for each role. Please get in touch via our Facebook page, by chatting with one of our committee members at school or send an email to our secretary Lori at wembleydownspc@gmail.com We would love help with the following:

- Fundraising & Events Sub Committee – needs more regular members. This definitely is the FUN committee!!
- Uniform Shop – looking for a Co-convenor and a treasurer for next Year. We'd love you to let us know now if you are interested so we can do a handover.
- P&C Secretary for next Year – this will come into effect at our AGM next April, however we would love to know if you are interested so we can do a handover.
- P&C Vice President for next Year – this will also come into effect at our AGM next April – however we'd love to know if you are interested now so we can start planning.

Community Nature Playground – Update

The construction for our Community Nature Playground is well underway and is tracking nicely. This has been a project many Years in the making – so to see it all going ahead so well is most exciting. A really heartfelt thank you to everyone who has donated, supported or contributed to this project in so many ways over so many Years – you are the reason this is happening! Once this stage is completed we are aiming to build an exciting playground in the PP area, so we would love you to continue to donate or to support this fundraising effort by:

- Making a donation via our Go Fund Me Page <https://www.gofundme.com/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!



P & C Committee

loving our school, loving our community

This special half-day event is an opportunity to explore the healthy raising of children in our chaotic world.

In 2×1.5 hour sessions, Maggie will explore key developmental aspects of childhood before offering practical solutions to common dramas that happen in many homes, centres and classrooms. The morning will end with a Q&A session.

Through this half-day program you will have the chance to:

Learn how to stay calm and connected with your kids.

Hear the very latest in terms of child development

See the world through your children's eyes so you can make sound decisions for every individual child in your home/centre/classroom.

Understand what children really need in their early lives and how you can make sure they get it, even in a busy life.

Learn some strategies for dealing with challenging behaviour and common parenting dilemmas.

Find out what's required to raise kids who are healthy, happy, strong, kind and resilient.

Get support to become a good enough, sometimes imperfect parent

To register:- <https://www.maggiedent.com/a-morning-with-maggie/>



CONTACT

**Earlybird pricing closes 10 December, 2019*

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SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

6 – 24 JAN 2020

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

DRAMA MINI-WAAPETTES
MUSIC THEATRE MINI-WAAPETTES
SCREEN ACTING WAAPETTES
DRAMA WAAPETTES
MUSIC THEATRE WAAPETTES

FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

ACTING UP 1
MUSIC THEATRE KICKSTARTER (JUNIOR)
DANCE SQUAD
THE SHAKESPEARE STUDIO
JAZZ MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL
ACTING UP 2
MUSIC THEATRE KICKSTARTER (SENIOR)

SUMMER FILM SCHOOL 2020

SCREEN PERFORMANCE (JUNIOR)
SCREEN PERFORMANCE (SENIOR)
MOVIE MAKING MAGIC!

