

NEWSLETTER



Wembley Downs Primary School

From the Principal

27 FEBRUARY, 2018

All Parents;

I trust everyone has had a successful start to the school year. Thank you to all the parents who attended last week's class information sessions, I hope you found them interesting and informative and enjoyed the opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and class.

In my experience the first few weeks of the school year can be challenging, particularly in the junior years.

You may have noticed a change to the timetables and learning structures within our classrooms. A program of comprehensive, but positive change is being implemented across the school. Change tends to create challenges for all involved. It often takes time to establish forward momentum. However, the results will be well worth the adjustment. I read somewhere, many years ago, that the only person that really embraces change is an infant who requires a nappy change 😊

Change that is well considered also represents progression and here at WDPS we have a wonderful opportunity to introduce some positive and effective changes aimed at benefitting our whole school community.

The following information provides a brief background as to why these changes have been introduced.

School Self-Assessment

From May 2017 to October 2017 the school staff engaged in a very thorough "school self-review" process utilising a nationally recognised school self-assessment tool (ACER National School Improvement Tool). School self-assessment is a process required for all independent public schools.

The results of that self-assessment combined with analysis of student performance data provided the staff with some very clear insights into areas of improvement.

Vision and Values

The first initiative was to establish a staff and community driven *School Vision* and accompanying statement of *Values and Beliefs*. The vision and values and beliefs represent how we have agreed to move the school forward. The vision is not imposed by the principal. It is a product of many hours of work by the staff and some community members.

Curriculum Planning / Delivery

"Characteristics of High Performing Primary Schools

a) *Stable long-term school leadership, with principals averaging 12 years in their school;*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 06 March
P&C AGM

Wednesday 07 March
Faction Swimming Trials
Years 4-6

Thursday 15 March
Kings Park Excursion
Year 4 (Rooms 14 & 15)

17 March—23 March
Dampier Camp
Year 6—Camp 1

Friday 23 March
Harmony Week
Music Assembly

07 April—13 April
Dampier Camp
Year 6—Camp 2



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- b) *Well-developed school improvement plans; and*
 c) *Reading programs based on explicit teaching of synthetic phonics in the early years."*

The 2017 student performance data as indicated in the school's NAPLAN results necessitated a change in how teaching and learning programs are implemented. These changes are now included in the school's *2017 – 2019 Curriculum Improvement Plan* (item b). This new plan also includes a comprehensive 'whole of school' phonics program (item c). The review programs and planning have also produced a tightly structured 'whole of school' numeracy program. Item 'a' is obviously out of our control.

Student performance achievement targets have been established in the new *Curriculum Improvement Plan*. These targets are underpinned by contemporary teaching and learning strategies.

Junior and Senior School Sport

The junior and senior sports program remains in place. Currently, the time allocated is timetabled into the daily fitness time (8.50am – 9.10am). However, we have initiated a solution that involves combining 3 of the daily fitness sessions (Tues, Thurs and Fri) to create a one hour time slot for junior and senior sport on Friday afternoons. We need to ensure that we do not lose precious learning time across the week.

School Communication

After a review of our school's communication strategy, WDPS will now be using Connect, regular newsletters and scheduled assemblies to effectively inform and engage with our school community.

All school communication will be accessible via the *Connect* application. Connect will be used by teachers and wider school to convey important messages. Parents need to ensure they have downloaded the application or login to receive news from the school.

We will do our best to minimise the amount of Connect notifications sent out by consolidating information.

If you are experiencing difficulties with Connect please contact the school administration on (08) 9245 3199 or email.

School newsletters will be issued twice per term, in weeks 5 and 10. Newsletters are an excellent way to communicate school and student updates, recognise achievements and promote P&C fundraisers and events. Please take the time to read these newsletters.

Whole of school assemblies will occur two to three times per term. Dates will be published in advance. We hope to make our assemblies more engaging and focus on student achievements / excursions etc. A 40 minute assembly every week requires ~400 minutes of learning time out of every term. A school day is 310 minutes of instruction time.

Key Dates 2018

Term 1

P&C AGM	6 March 2018
Faction Swimming Trials	7 March (Years 4 – 6)
Kings Park Excursion	15 March 2018 – Year 4 (Rooms 14 and 15)
Faction Swimming Carnival	16 March 2018 (including Years 1 -3)
Year 6 Camp 1—Dampier	17 March – 23 March (Group 1)
Board Meeting	19 March 2018
Harmony Week Assembly	23 March 2018 (Mrs Griffiths - Music)
School Development Day 1	29 March 2018

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Easter Dates	30 March + 2 April + 3 April 2018 (please note students return 4 April (Wednesday))
Year 6 Camp 2—Dampier	7 April – 13 April (Group 2)
Year 2 Penguin Island Excursion	10 April 2018
Whole School Assembly	13 April 2018 (Pre Primary)

Term 2

School Development Day 2	30 April 2018
ANZAC Day Ceremony	4 May 2018 @ 2.00pm
Board Meeting	14 May 2018
Whole School Assembly	1 June 2018
Board Meeting	18 June 2018
Kindy Open Day 2018	27 June 2018
Whole School Assembly	29 June 2018

Term 3

School Development Day 3	16 July 2018
Board Meeting	30 July 2018
Whole School Assembly	17 August 2018
Board Meeting	3 September 2018
School Open Night	12 September 2018 (PP – Year 6)
Whole School Assembly	21 September 2018

Term 4

School Development Day 4	8 October 2018
Board Meeting	22 October 2018
Whole School Assembly	9 November 2018
Kindy Info session	20 November 2018
Board Meeting	26 November 2018
Parent 'thank you' morning tea	5 December 2018
Whole School Assembly	7 December 2018
Year 6 Graduation	12 December 2018
Year 1 Rottneest Excursion	(date to be confirmed)

Please note that additional dates will be provided as the year progresses. Some dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

School staff and many parents work hard to ensure that the education experience for students is productive and positive. I am feeling very positive about the changes we have made and the plans we have in place for 2018. I hope that together we can help our students to experience a first class educational in a fun and supportive learning environment.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Lincoln Day—Principal

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P&C Highlights;

- **EASTER RAFFLE**—Please bring in one Easter item per child and put in basket in each class room. (Doesn't have to be chocolate, any Easter items would be great!) Raffle will be drawn before the Easter break.
- **READ-A-THON**—Thank you to the 20 children who participated. They raised \$1,800 for the school. We will be holding an awards presentation for them at the next assembly.
- **MOVIE NIGHT**—March 23rd, 6.00pm. Gates open at 5:30pm. Movie is Hop. Pre-order only your pizzas via schools 24 website. *Pre-ticket sales on this week!! Please help support out school!!! Tickets \$10 each or \$30 for a family. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
Click on below link to order your tickets.

<https://www.trybooking.com/ULOO> or <https://www.trybooking.com/359334>

- **SCHOOL SLEEP OUT**—Friday 6th April.
- **COLES VOUCHERS**—Please collect your Coles vouchers and deliver them to the box in the school office.
- **P&C AGM**—Don't forget our P&C AGM wine and cheese night is on 6th March starting 7.30pm. We hope to see as many people there as possible and look forward to meeting new parents.



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
WEMBLEY DOWNS PRIMARY
SHOWING: HOP

MARCH 23RD • 6:00 PM

PREORDERED PIZZA ONLY
BY MON 19 MARCH

POPCORN AND ICECREAM CONES
PLEASE BRING BEANBAGS AND PICNIC BLANKETS
LOW CHAIRS OK AT BACK

TICKETS ON SALE NOW WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/ULOO
\$10 PER TICKET OR \$30 FAMILY PASS

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

POPCORN

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Netball Season 2018

Players from Years 1 to 6 are invited to join in the fun of playing netball this season with WDPS Netball Club.

Year 1-2: We are delighted to be able to offer the Net Set Go program to students in years 1 and 2 again. NetSetGo is a play based movement skills program where the emphasis is on the acquisition of basic movement skills in a fun environment of games and activities. The sessions will be on Mondays 3.30-4.15pm, WDPS quad starting 7th May (Week 2 Term 2). Each player receives a participant pack including T- shirt and ball. Registration is online via link below. Year 1s and other first time players will need to follow prompts to create a "Login ID". Registration doesn't close but it can take up to 4 weeks for T-shirts to arrive so better to register sooner rather than later. Any queries please contact Deanne 0430324298 or deanneq@hotmail.com

Years 3-6: These players are in teams which compete in the PNA competition at Matthew's Netball Centre, Selby st and attend training sessions at school once a week (time and day decided by the team coaches). The season commences Friday 11th/ Saturday 12th May until mid August with general byes for long weekends and school holidays. Registration is online via the link below. **Closing date for registrations is Friday 16th March.** If you haven't already, make sure you also register your intention to play with each year co-ordinator to assist in team allocation/ grading. Year 3s- Katie (trendkatie@hotmail.com), Year 4s -Fiona (fifischock@gmail.com), Year 5- Charmaine (charmcrabb@netspace.net.au), Year 6 - Deanne (deanneq@hotmail.com) or the club wdnetball@gmail.com

The Registration Link For Wembley Downs Primary School Netball Club **NetSetGO YEARS 1-4** Participants is:

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?fl=1&type=6&id=40301&entityid=47386>

The Registration Link For Wembley Downs Primary School Netball Club **JUNIOR YEAR 5 & 6** Participants is:

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?fl=1&type=1&id=24121&entityid=47386>

Years 3-6 wear our club dress for competition. We will advise a date to try on and order sizes soon.

If your child has never played Netball before or you are new to the school and your child is interested in playing this year and you would like more information, please let us know and I will put you in touch with the coach for your team. If you require any further information, please contact Rita Moar 0407 221 279 or the5moars@gmail.com

Rita Moar and Deanne Quartermaine—(Soon to be retired WDPS Netball Club Co-ordinators)

Community News

Wembley Downs Cats Junior Football Club

Are you the next AFL or AFLW star? The mighty Wembley Downs Cats Junior Football Club is keen for boys and girls aged Pre-Primary through to Year 6 to register for Auskick or one of our junior football teams. Auskick starts from PP through to Yr 2 and runs on a Saturday morning at Luketina Reserve – this is a great way for the younger kids to have fun with their friends while learning new skills.

Junior football teams commence in Yr 3 with modified rules and games are played on a Sunday morning. We are the local club for Wembley Downs Primary school and we are fully committed to developing junior football for boys and girls in our local community.

Please register on-line at www.wembleydownsjfc.tidyhq.com

For further enquiries, contact registrar.wembleydownsjfc@mail.tidyhq.com or Lauren on 0401 135 985

Safe Parking At Schools

School Parking

Areas in and around schools present potential parking problems as there may be speeding motorists, busy roads and limited parking bays.

Offences include:

- Parking over footpaths
- Blocking driveways
- Parking in a No Stopping or No Parking area
- Double parking
- Parking on a verge without the owner's consent
- Parking facing the wrong way.

Remember

It is also an offence to stop or park a vehicle:

- Within three metres of a continuous dividing line or median strip
- Within ten metres of an intersection/corner (without traffic control signals)
- On a median strip or traffic island
- So that any portion is within a bus zone.

How can parents help?

- Walk or cycle to school when dropping off or collecting children
- Park nearby and walk a short distance to the school
- Plan your trip so you arrive on the school side of the road
- Avoid leaving your vehicle for long periods
- Adhere to signage at all times
- Form a School Road Safety committee (contact your principal and P&C)
- Use public transport
- Slow down around schools and be aware.

How can schools help?

- Educate students about parking procedures around the school
- Encourage children to educate their parents and carers on safe school parking
- Establish a **supervised** Kiss-n-Ride facility or traffic policy, which can be published for the reference of all parents and carers
- Notify parents of any problems via school newsletters and at assemblies.

We can help!

The City of Stirling officers conduct regular school parking patrols during school times and are happy to help with any parking concerns your school may have. We can attend your school to remind parents about safe parking and follow up by issuing infringements if needed.

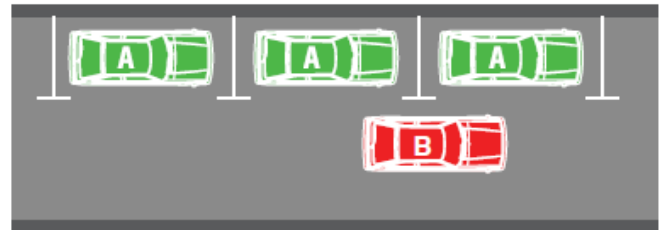


No stopping areas

No Stopping areas can be defined by signage or a continuous yellow line painted along the edge of a road. A driver is not permitted to stop on a length of road or in an area to where no stopping restrictions apply. Vehicles may only stop in these zones to comply with other regulations (for example at traffic lights or to avoid an accident). Drivers are not permitted to drop off passengers or goods in "No Stopping" areas.

Double parking

A driver must not stop a vehicle so that any portion of the vehicle is between any other stopped vehicle and the centre of the road.



Parking DOs and DON'Ts

DOs

- Be aware
- Be courteous
- Be responsible
- Use the Kiss and Drive facility (if provided)
- Observe and adhere to all regulatory signage
- Drive Safely.

DON'Ts

- Block driveways
- Park on footpaths
- Park in Bus Zones
- Obstruct children's crossings
- Park on a verge without consent
- Double park.

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