From the Principal

I trust that all staff, students and parents enjoyed the recent holiday break and everyone is well rested and ready for a productive and positive Term 4. It’s hard to believe that the 2016 school year is almost behind us. This is always a very special time of the school year and I’m very much looking forward to sharing it with you and being part of the Wembley Downs school community over the coming weeks. If you are in and around the school please take time to introduce yourself, as I do hope to get to know as many parents and community members as possible during my stay.

I would like to begin by acknowledging the efforts of all staff in ensuring that the classrooms and a variety of teaching & learning programs were in place and ready for the children’s return last Tuesday. Thank you also to parents for your support in ensuring that children returned to school prepared and ready to take full advantage of the planned learning opportunities. As I move around the school and visit classrooms it is evident that the children have quickly settled back into their classroom routines and are busily engaging with their learning. The school certainly has a very appealing and positive tone, which is a credit to all those involved.

I would like to welcome Mrs Bianca Sussovich (Year 4) in Room 12 and Mr Paul Rosier who will be delivering and coordinating Physical Education across Years 1-6. We are most fortunate to have Bianca and Paul join our school, as they bring considerable experience and expertise to our school.

For the past 16 months I have been working with the Principal Professional Support team, a role that had me working alongside principal colleagues. Whilst based in East Perth I spent most of my time supporting schools across the state, and having the privilege of visiting many great schools and meeting a lot of dedicated and professional people. What I have taken away from this experience is that schools do make a real difference to the lives of children, giving them the essential knowledge, skills and values to make a positive contribution.
From the Principal cont...

Parents and community members play an integral role, and where there are effective partnerships in place the students certainly reap the benefits.

Finally, I would like to finish by acknowledging the positive welcome and support I have received from staff, students and parents over the past week. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome and to Mr Doug Cook for his invaluable insight and comprehensive handover. I’m looking forward to working with you and your continued cooperation and support is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jenny Hirsch—Principal

After School Hours Supervision

Our school has for a long time welcomed many parents and students in continuing to stay on the school grounds long after the day has officially finished. In the main the school has seldom been called upon to deal with issues and incidents that have occurred on the grounds after the final siren has sounded. The school has a duty of care to students during school times but when the final siren sounds, this should be when students go home unless parents commit to provide direct supervision of their children or have become involved in school based program.

Lately the lack of supervision has led to some unnecessary issues. It would be appreciated if parents and students left the school grounds immediately at the completion of each school day; however when parents are staying after school to allow children to continue play they are required to provide direct supervision and guidance. Students who are at school without parents will be asked to leave.

From the Deputy

Parents With Children Entering Year 7 in 2018

I am writing to advise you about a unique opportunity for your child. Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs provide challenging and highly motivating learning opportunities for children with exceptional academic ability and creative talent. These Academic, Arts and Languages Programs are taught by teachers with expert skills and knowledge. Your child will learn with like-minded peers and will be continually challenged to achieve at the highest level. Programs are available at 18 select public secondary schools, including a fully selective academic school, an arts college and a country school. Once accepted, your child will be guaranteed a place at the school. All Parents/Guardians of students interested in 2018 entry (Years 7, 9, 10 and 11) are invited to attend an information session regarding the application, selection and placement processes for Gifted and Talented Programs in 2018.

This will be presented by the Gifted and Talented Selection Unit from the Department of Education at our school:

Balcatta Senior High School.

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Address:  31 Poincaire Street, Balcatta, WA 6021

Venue:  Balcatta Senior High School Library

Date:  Thursday 2 February 2017

Time:  6.00pm (duration approximately 1 hour)

Mr George Tolev—Deputy Principal
From the Office

Term 4 Accounts

Term 4 Accounts were issued to students last week via classroom teachers, if you have not received yours, please check your child's bag or make contact with the School Office to receive a copy. As indicated with costs for excursions/incursions on accounts it is going to be a very busy term.

Thank you to those who have made prompt payment, this is greatly appreciated, if you have any queries please make contact with the School Office or e-mail Kerry.Blechynden@education.wa.edu.au

Excursion letters will be sent home with information approximately a fortnight before, the permission form attached is to be signed and returned to the School Office as soon as possible before excursion.

All monies/permission slips are to be returned to School Office and placed in white box in front reception.

Families not Returning 2017

If your child/ren are not going to be attending Wembley Downs Primary School in 2017 please let the school office know as soon as possible. We are currently in the process of planning classes for 2017.

Thank you.

Musical Notes

Starlight Concert

I have issued a note regarding the Starlight concert on Wednesday 19th October starting at 6.30-8pm. Students are to arrive at 6.10 at the music room (unless specified a different time for string orchestra). The music room will serve as a green room and students are welcome to bring games and activities (but not Ipads) to amuse themselves. I’m looking forward to a fabulous night of music!

SIM Scholarships 2017

I have issued the first round of ‘Expression of Interest’ forms, which are due back Friday 21st October. If you have received one of these forms, but are not interested in the program at this time, please return the form, and I can offer the position to another student. From this point, the students will meet the SIM teachers in the next few weeks and will be checked that they are physically suitable for the instrument eg checking lips for the trumpet, strength of fingers for guitar and strings. In some cases, such as the year 4’s and year 2’s, I will be presenting the teachers with more students than there are places, and so some students will not receive a position in the program, or they might have to go for their second choice instrument.

PSOC Choir and Orchestra Camp

The Perth Summer Orchestra Camp will be holding a day camp at Moerlina School in Mt Claremont for primary students. No audition is necessary for strings and choir and there are some well-respected conductors running the ensembles. Details and enrolment forms can be accessed via this link: www.psorchcamp.com

Mrs Gillian Archer—Music Teacher
Junior Science News

We are all looking forward to checking out the Dinosaurs at Scitech. Later on this term we will be making Dinosaur Protective Shields. If you have any containers, egg cartons, plates etc.. can you please sent them to school please.

Silk Worms

We have hundreds of silkworms to rehome. They come with instructions. You only need to access a Mulberry tree.

Fantastic opportunity for your child to see an insect life cycle first hand.

Come to the Science room Monday and Tuesday and see Mrs Evans, Junior Science Teacher.

*Mrs Ann Evans—Junior Science Teacher*

Japanese Notes

Konnichiwa

Please welcome our five Japanese exchange students from Gunma Kokusai Academy in Gunma prefecture in Japan.

We have two students, Nagahisa and Takuya in Mrs Burchards class, being hosted by Tyler and Austen, and we have three students Miki, Haruhi and Aidan being hosted by Sara, Alexis and Julian.

Special thanks to the hosting families for your efforts over the next two weeks.

*McGuffin Sensei—Japanese Teacher*

Swimming Squad

Wembley Downs Swim Squad

This term, our school has been invited to participate in a five week training squad at Churchlands Senior High School. Coordinated by Chris Van Maanen (Churchlands Head of Physical Education) the squad is training based and will be **open to students in Years 3-6 who are in Level 6 or higher**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our proficient swimmers to develop technique in a variety of strokes, increase their swimming fitness and develop team spirit. There is **no charge** and the program will run on **Tuesdays from 3.30-4.15pm** during weeks 3-8 this term (Oct 25th, Nov 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd). Students will need to travel to and from Churchlands SHS with a parent or designated adult. To register your child, please complete the form attached, and return to school by Friday 21st October. Any queries please see Mrs Van Maanen in Room 12.

*Mrs Tina Van Maanen—Room 12 Teacher*
**P&C News**

**Reminder—Cyberbullying Workshop for Parents**

WDPS P&C are hosting a workshop for parents **TONIGHT** Tuesday 18th October from 7-9pm in the Science Room.

The workshop will highlight the issues surrounding cyberbullying and offer strategies and resources for keeping our kids safe on the weird yet wonderful world wide web! It includes important information about parental control for devices and software, guidance for dealing with cyberbullying and inappropriate content and where to go to for help.

Tickets are $5 per person and are available on the school24 website: [http://www.school24.net.au/](http://www.school24.net.au/)

_Alice Mrazek-Scriven—WDPS P&C_

**Scholastic Bookclub**

Book club orders will close on October 19th. If you are ordering for Christmas and would like to collect your order from the office rather than have it delivered to the classroom, please just text me on 0400 884 095 to let me know. Thanks.

_Narelle Nyeholt—Scholastic Bookclub Organiser_

**Wembley Downs District Fair—Saturday 29 October**

It’s time to sort out your toy cupboard! The Lego Club needs funds to buy Lego Kits, figures, and coloured Lego for kids between Year 1-4 as well as interesting puzzles. Have a sort and see if you can bring some good unused toys and leave them outside the library on the mornings of Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th October ready to be priced and sold at Wembley Downs District Fair.

If you would like to help price, move toys to Luita Street on Friday or Saturday or work on the stall, please write your name on the roster in the office or email Emily Bauch at paperwares@bigpond.com.

Any help big or small is gratefully appreciated.

_Jayne Boyle_

**Canteen Volunteers Needed**

The Canteen would be grateful for 3 volunteers per class for this term. Parents, extended family and friends are all welcome to help out.

Sign up link for WDPS Canteen 2016 Roster - Term Four: [signup.com/go/RJauyf](http://signup.com/go/RJauyf)

The Canteen needs volunteers for the following spots for the next two weeks:

- Fri 21 Oct  - 1 spot
- Mon 24 Oct  - 1 spot
- Wed 26 Oct  - 1 spot
- Fri 28 Oct  - 1 spot

The first class to fill their three volunteers will receive a **free box of paddle pops for the whole class to enjoy.**

We are also again offering a prize of "**Free Lunch for One Term, for One Child once per week (to the value of $7.00)**" for the following term.

This prize will be drawn at the start of Term One next year. The winner will be notified.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Canteen this term!

_Sarah Gongsater_
Community News

WEMBLEY DOWNS SWIM SQUAD

Do you love to swim? Are you in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6?
Are you on swimming level 6 or higher?

If the answer is YES, then you are invited to join the Wembley Downs Swim Squad!

When: Tuesdays 3.30-4.15pm during Weeks 3-8 of Term 4, 2016 (five week program)

Where: Churchlands Senior High School Pool, entrance off Hale Rd

Coaches: Mr Chris Van Maanen (Head of Physical Education at Churchlands SHS) and elite Year 9 swimmers. NB - We will require one Wembley Downs parent with Surf Rescue qualifications, to be present at each session. Please advise on the form below if you can assist on one or more dates

Cost: Nil. This training is being offered at no cost to our students

Transport: Wembley Downs children will be required to travel to and from the pool with a parent or designated adult

Goals of the Wembley Downs Swim Squad

- For proficient swimmers to develop technique and fitness in a variety of strokes
- To develop team spirit amongst our Year 3-6 students
- To provide the opportunity for Wembley Downs students to participate in an after school program at our local government high school

To register your child, please complete the permission form below and return to the school office no later than Friday 21st October. Further information will be emailed to parents before the program commences. Any enquiries - please see Mrs Van Maanen in Room 12.

WEMBLEY DOWNS SWIM SQUAD – Term 4, 2016

Please complete and return this form to the school office by Friday 21st October.

Student Name: __________________________________________________________ Year Level: ________

Room/Teacher: ______________________________________________________ Swimmer Level: ________

Parent Name: ______________________________________________________ Mobile Number: _______________________

☐ I will transport my child to Churchlands SHS

☐ My child will be transported by a designated adult - Designated adult’s name: _______________________

☐ I have Surf Rescue Certification and can be present at the pool on these dates (please list below)

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