From the Principal

At some point in the dim, distant past, when teachers used to work a three term year, Easter was the big break during Term 1. Easter was a 5 day break for teachers and students to re-charge their batteries before the push to the May Holidays. The implementation of a four term year saw Easter generally become part of the school holidays however, as the date of Easter is determined by the first full moon after the ides of March, there is the occasional year when Easter is much earlier. 2016 is one of those years and, as such, school will be closed for a 5 day period including Easter Tuesday.

It is always great to be able to celebrate and acknowledge the successes of our students. During the past two terms a group of Wembley Downs Pre-Primary students have been involved in Tee-Ball training on our oval. The teams played within the Wembley Tee-Ball Association consisting of Clubs from Innaloo, Woodlands, Balcatta and City Beach.

One of the teams training here was the Medifoot Spurs. The Spurs are part of the Woodlands Tee-Ball Club and consists entirely of children who attend Wembley Downs Primary School. All of the team members are now in Year 1. The last game of the season was Saturday 27 February. Following this the team were informed by the Club President that the Spurs were the Champions for PP Division 1.

None of the Spurs had ever played Tee-Ball before and their skill development throughout the season was amazing. The kids learnt how to work as a team, how to support each other and how to develop resilience and good-sportsmanship.

So who are these amazing Spurs? The team includes; Alissa C, Tristan H, Max H, Dustin C, Jaxon L, Roy G, Nate G, Seth T, Lila Tu, Marley Mc. (We must also acknowledge Jaxon Crabb (Coach) and Andrew Hodkinson (Umpire), plus all the other parents who helped with Base Coaching and Scoring throughout the season.) Well done Spurs!

On the week beginning 14 March, the ICT gurus from the Department of Education will be in our school updating our computer system to the Standard Operating Environment (SOE4.5). For Monday and Tuesday of next week at least, the school will be without any computers; no email, no internet, no interactive whiteboards, no iPads. Whilst some of us are quietly pleased about the "no email" bit, the lack of ICT will seriously interrupt our processes and practices. We ask that parents have patience while the upgrade is ongoing and, if you have permission slips or monies to return, that you do so this week. Thank you.

Mr Doug Cook—Principal
**Notes from the School Office**

**Term Accounts**

With the introduction of Term accounts, we have had a fantastic response, which means that some families have paid up for incursions/excursions which some students have been unable to attend due to illness or other.

We would like to advise that we will reverse the billing item from your account and money paid will go towards future incursions/excursions throughout the year. This will show on future term accounts that we will endeavour to have out by the second week of each term. Thank you.

**Reminder:** Any monies owing are to be placed in the White Money Box in an envelope with Student’s Name: ________ Class: ________ Activity: ________ in the front reception area.

**ICAS Testing**

If you would like to enter your child in this competition please collect a nomination form from the front office and have it completed, returned and paid for by **Monday 14 March**. This is the final competition entry date and no late entries will be accepted by the University of NSW.

**Faction Swimming Carnival—Helpers Needed**

Assistance is required for swimming carnival which will be held on Thursday 17 March, 2016.

If you can help please contact the office.

**Found**

We have a well loved teddy bear which was found. If this is yours please come and collect it from the school office.

**TiqBiz—Communication App**

Have you downloaded Tiqbiz yet? This is the new form of communication that Wembley Downs Primary School is implementing to be able to communicate effectively and efficiently to all parents and staff. Download as per instructions (included in this newsletter) and be up-to-date with communication from the school. At present we only have 51 families that have downloaded the Tiqbiz app, let’s make it 100% of families to receive information in this format.
**P&C News**

**WDPS Reusable Shopping Bags**

The large reusable jute shopping bags which have been spotted on the arms of Wembley Downs most sustainable people in the quad, at the beach and on picnics are now for sale via the online uniform shop. $10 each of 2 for $15.

**P&C School Sleep Out**

The P&C is organising a sleep/camp out on the school oval on Friday 18th March, 2016.

For safety and catering purposes tickets will be limited to 200 (this is an increase on last year but buy early to avoid missing out on this popular event). Tickets are $10 per head which includes tent site, dinner (sausage sizzle) and breakfast (egg and bacon rolls or fruit, yoghurt and muesli). Tickets available for purchase from our online site [www.school24.net.au](http://www.school24.net.au)

**School Banking**

Do you have 30 min to help out at school banking on Tuesday mornings 8.25-8.55am. The school banking team are looking for a dedicated and reliable person to assist with the increase demand for transactions and prizes! If you can offer your time (no experience in banking required although basic counting an advantage) contact Rachel at [queenb@customisedoptics.com](mailto:queenb@customisedoptics.com) or meet next Tuesday at the canteen.

**Canteen Convenor**

Do you have a passion for food and want to have input into what food our children are served from the school canteen. The P&C is seeking a volunteer to take on the role of **Canteen Convenor**. This is a great way to get to know school families and the role includes

- administer the online ordering website including checking account top ups (15 min Mon-Fri)
- collate information and orders for pizza day- 1 per term (1-2 hours)
- populate volunteer roster with help from class reps (1 hour per term, review 10 mins per week to ensure the roster is full, otherwise forward email to class reps sourcing further volunteers)
- meet with canteen staff- Mel and committee 1 per term (1 hour) to discuss menu and special events.

There is an opportunity for 2 people to job share and full training and support is provided by previous convenor and experienced committee members. If you have any questions or you are interested in volunteering for the role please contact Bek Brown 0417 978 417 or [troybek@iinet.net.au](mailto:troybek@iinet.net.au).

*Deanne Quartermaine—Vice President P&C*

**Kung Fu Panda 3**

Don’t miss out!! **Tickets are limited** to see Kung Fu Panda 3 on Saturday 2 April at 3pm at Event Cinemas Innaloo.

Tickets are available online from the Uniform Shop ([www.school24.com.au](http://www.school24.com.au)) under the section ‘Fundraising’ for $15 each. Please note canteen credit cannot be used to purchase items from the uniform shop section of the website. Tickets are only available until Friday 18 March so get in fast! Any questions, please email me at [Rachel_wenham@hotmail.com](mailto:Rachel_wenham@hotmail.com)

Friends and family welcome. We hope to see you there!

*Rachel Wenham—Fundraising Coordinator*
WDPS P&C INVITES YOU TO

KUNG FU PANDA 3

Family & Friends Movie Afternoon

Saturday 2 April at 3pm | Event Cinemas Innaloo

Tickets $15 each

Available online from the Uniform Shop under ‘Fundraising’

Please note canteen credit cannot be used for ticket purchases.

***Tickets are limited & only available until Friday 18 March***
WDPS Family Sleep Out – Friday 18th March 2016
Oval open for campers from 4pm

Tickets *can only* be purchased via our online ordering website
www.school24.net.au. (School User ID: 25315963)

$10 per person - Ticket includes
Campsite (only tents are allowed on to oval)
Sausage in a bun (Fri night)
Breakfast (Sat morning - bacon + egg roll or yoghurt + fruit)

Tickets close 12.00pm TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2015
(unless sold out prior)
For safety and catering purposes
**TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO 200 ATTENDEES**
Get involved in the School Banking program

Wembley Downs primary School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is every Tuesday outside the canteen from 08h30.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

Rachel Clegg—School Banking Coordinator
Ride2 School Day

Community News

**TENNIS**
**JOHN FORREST**
Secondary College
Independent Public School

SPECIALIST PROGRAM
Endorsed by the Department of Education and Tennis West

**TRIAL DAY**
at John Forrest Secondary College
WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2016
Applications accepted from Year 5 and 6 students

**CRICKET**
Specialist Program
Endorsed by the Department of Education and The WACA

Applications accepted from Year 6 Students
**TRIAL DAY**
Monday 4 April 2016
at The WACA

**NETBALL**
**JOHN FORREST**
Secondary College
Independent Public School

SPECIALIST PROGRAM
(A Department of Education Endorsed Program)

**TRIAL DAYS**
at John Forrest Secondary College
WEDNESDAY 4 MAY and WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016
Applications accepted from Year 6 students

For details and a registration form please contact
Lynn McPherson T: 9473 4035
E: lynn.mcpherson@education.wa.edu.au

Please contact the school of your choice for an Application Form.
Become part of the Specialist Netball Program
(Endorsed by The Department of Education)
at John Forrest Secondary College

NETBALL TRIALS
at John Forrest Secondary College

YEAR 7 ENROLMENT - 2017
(Applications accepted from Year 6 Students)
Applications close Friday 29 April 2016

BACKGROUND
Students from metropolitan and country areas enrol full time in a comprehensive Netball Program from Year 7-12.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
In Lower School the four hour per week course covers:
- Development of netball skills – footwork, catching and throwing, goal shooting, attacking and defending (skills, strategies and positional play).
- Fitness training and testing.
- Professional coaching by well qualified teachers and specialist coaches.
- Match play – interclass carnivals, specialist netball schools carnivals, High School Cup, Interschool competition and regional carnivals.
- History of Netball.
- Diet and nutrition.
- Sports medicine awareness course.
- Umpiring courses (player’s exam).
- Game Analysis – class teams, state league teams and national league teams.
- Player and team psychology (goal setting and team building).
- Guest speaker programs.
- Equipment and shoe technology.
- Tours – country and interstate

TRIALS
- TRIAL DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2016 (8.45am-11.00am).
- TRIAL DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2016 (8.45am-11.00am).

Students will need to wear appropriate sports clothing and footwear, bring a water bottle and be responsible for all personal items.

Don’t hesitate to contact the college if you have any further queries about the Trial Day. We look forward to meeting you all.

Diane Papas
Specialist Netball Teacher

Hayley McKee
Specialist Netball Teacher

For further information about the John Forrest Secondary College Specialist Netball Program please contact Lynn McPherson (T: 9473 4035, F: 9272 6504, E: lynn.mcpherson@education.wa.edu.au).
Junior Hockey at YMCC

If you are in Year 1 to 6 and keen to play hockey in 2016, YMCC is looking for junior players. Our home grounds are at the beautiful Perry Lakes Reserve in Floreat. We have a terrific family club with a BBQ sausage sizzle, coffee station and canteen open every Saturday.

In 2016 we are running a new J 1/2 competition which will be open to all kids in Year 1 and 2, no previous experience needed. The games are modified hockey with 7 players per team and take place on Saturday mornings with a training session during the week at either your school or at Perry Lakes. Teams are school based and you can register your interest with your school coordinator OR email Suze Bowyer at suzanne.bowyer@gmail.com

For those in Kindy and PrePrimary we will be continuing to conduct an introduction program on Saturday mornings called Minkey. In this program players learn skills, rules and the safety aspects of hockey in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

YMCC runs a competitive J3/4 competition for players in Year 3 and 4 which you can register for online as an individual player or join as a team. The competition involves hockey clubs from our area.

For players in Year 5 and 6, YMCC has availability for players of all levels and experience. Preseason training will begin in March 2016.

Registrations for all age groups are open NOW.

For further information please refer to the club website www.ymcchockey.com

To register your interest in any of these hockey programs please go to the website or email ymccjuniors@gmail.com
Belridge SC Approved Specialist Cricket Program

Cricket Skills Testing Day

Parents with children in Year 6 are invited to apply for our 2017 Approved Specialist Program in Cricket

CHOOSE CRICKET AS A FULL TIME SUBJECT

Closing date for applications
Friday 1 April 2016

Testing Venue WACA 9:30am
Monday 4 April 2016

For more information or to request an application form and trial pack email Scott Ogilvie (Cricket Coordinator) at

scott.ogilvie@education.wa.edu.au

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Program endorsed by the

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Real Kids in an Unreal World

Building Resilience and Self Esteem in Today’s Children (10 Resilience Building Blocks) with Maggie Dent

Children need to have certain basic experiences to build the competencies that will help them manage life — the good, the bad and the ugly. Popular Australian parenting author and educator Maggie Dent published her bestselling book, Real Kids in an Unreal World, to help guide parents in raising children who are happy, healthy, strong, kind and resilient. In this seminar, Maggie will explore her common-sense, practical model of 10 building blocks for children birth-12. She will present practical, common-sense ideas and strategies to make small changes in your home or classroom/centre, which will make a big difference to your children’s cognitive, physical, psychological, emotional and social health later in life.

Venue: Churchlands Concert Hall, 20 Lucca St, Churchlands
Date: Tuesday 15th March 2016
Time: 7pm-9pm (doors open 6:45pm)
Tickets: $30 each. Available through your Community Kindy.
Enquiries: Kate Pinnuck on 0438 906 895

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