Welcome back to Wembley Downs Primary for Term 2. I trust all families had a relaxing break and that the students are rested and reinvigorated for the coming, action-filled, term. I wish Mr Cook a relaxing 5 week holiday, he will be back on 30 May.

We begin our Interschool Sports program on Friday 6 May. All students from Year 6 are expected to participate while some Year 5 students will be asked to play to make up teams. Mr Leeson, Mrs Burchard and Mr Cowan (until Mr Etheridge is back) are the supervising teachers. Please check out the school website for all the fixtures.

Next week the students from Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The assessment week can be a source of anxiety for many children. It is important that parents reinforce the message that NAPLAN is only a “snap shot” of how children have performed on that one day. NAPLAN results have no bearing on their Semester 1 Report and are only used to affirm decisions for end of year reporting. So the message is “Don’t Panic”.

I’d like to close this short note by thanking all those families who sent in flowers for last week’s ANZAC Assembly. The floral arrangements were spectacular and provided a real focus at the base of our flagpoles throughout the day.

Interschool Swimming Carnival

The results for the 2016 Interschool Swimming Carnival have been received. The interschool swimming carnival was in the last week of Term 1 on Wednesday 6 April.

A big congratulations to all Wembley Downs PS swimmers who participated. Everyone great showed endeavour and persistence.

School Points

- Woodlands - 240 pts
- Mount Hawthorn - 163 pts
- Kapinara - 124 pts
- Churchlands - 104 pts
- Wembley Downs - 88 pts
- Doubleview - 75 pts
- City Beach - 60 pts

The Bonus Points Shield was awarded to Churchlands Primary School.

Mr George Tolev—A/Principal
Deputy’s News

Welcome back everyone. What a positive start to what looks like being a very eventful term. It has been terrific to see our students already working busily in classes and setting goals they wish to work towards in the next ten weeks. Students definitely deserve to be congratulated for the positive way they have settled back in after the holidays.

Staff Development—Dr Paul Swan

I would like to extend an enormous thank you to the P&C for supporting the ongoing professional learning of our staff. With their assistance, we were provided with the valuable opportunity to spend a number of hours with one of Australia’s leading presenters in the area of Mathematics.

Dr Paul Swan is renowned for sharing quality mathematics teaching ideas which are evidence-based and deemed best practice. His aim is to work with educators who are interested in gaining the best possible outcomes for students. Staff left the interactive presentation inspired and with many new ideas to use in classrooms. We look forward to having Dr Paul Swan back later this term.

Pre Primary to Year 6 Incursion—Constable Care

Through puppet theatre and live interactive performances, the Constable Care team of professional actors address a range of personal safety, community safety and citizenship themes to excite, engage, challenge and educate children

Celebration—(PP-Year 3)

A fun blend of acting and puppetry, songs and music, this performance looks at the community issues of cultural identity and diversity and the need to celebrate both our differences and similarities.

School is finishing for the year and the students plan an inclusive end-of-year class party that will reflect their diverse backgrounds and cultures in the games, food and music that they incorporate.

Catch – (Yr4-6)

An intense two-actor drama about cultural assumptions and prejudices and how they can negatively influence our behaviour towards others.

Over the course of a sometimes heated and aggressive game, two students reach the realisation that they could be friends in spite of their pre-conceptions about each other and the influence of their parents.

Constable Care performances will be in our undercover area on Wednesday 18 May 2016. Please check with class teachers for times.

There is no cost involved for this incursion.

Miss Armstrong—A/Deputy Principal
From the School Office

Term accounts have been sent home to rooms K, PP, 8, 9, 11 and 12, (waiting on final costings from other rooms). Please ask your child or check their bags if they have not passed on to you.

Contact the School Office on 9245 3199 or e-mail Kerry.Blechynden@education.wa.edu.au if you have any queries.

It would be appreciated if payment could be made as soon as possible either by Cash/Direct Deposit/Eftpos. Please direct your child to the School Office to place payments/permission forms in the white box in the reception area.

Bank details as follows:-

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- BSB 066-161
- Account No: 10035840
- Reference: Family Surname

Thank you.

Kindy—Pre Primary Applications 2017

Applications are now being taken for Kindergarten and Pre Primary 2017.

If your child was born between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013 they are eligible to attend Kindergarten in 2017.

Application forms are available from our school website wembleydowns.wa.edu.au or from the School Office.

Please forward your application, including Birth Certificate, Immunisation, Visa details (if applicable) and proof of residence by closing date 4.00pm 22 July, 2016.

Enrol Now
You’re invited to our Book Fair!

Find these and hundreds more books at the fair!

Monday 30 May to Wednesday 2 June, 2016
Before and After school in the Library

All purchases benefit our school!

Kids who read SUCCEED!
Canteen Renovations

The renovation to the canteen is now complete, with all that is remaining being dishwasher purchase and installation.

Thanks to Lunar Electrical (Daniel Jackson) who assisted with electrical work. A massive thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers Mike Lloyd who removed all existing benchtops, and Troy Brown who installed the new stainless steel benchtops, rectified tiling etc, as well as Peter Daffen who assisted with coordination of plumbing work and Jacqui Williams for coordinating floor replacement. A big thanks also to Sarah and Evan Hewitt (Grill’d Mt Lawley, Shafto Lane and Ocean Keys) for the donation of new shelving and pot wash.

We really appreciated your patience throughout the upgrade

Canteen Committee

Stuck for Mothers Day gift ideas?

Why not pick up a few WDPS Reusable Shopping Bags.

The large reusable jute shopping bags are now for sale via the online uniform shop. $10 each or 2 for $15. Special pre Mothers Day delivery available.

Netball Season 2016

Good luck to the WDPS netball teams completing in the Perth Netball Association competition which commences this Saturday. This year our club has 1 team in both the year 5 and 6 competitions, 2 teams in both the year 3 and 4 competitions and 28 year 1s and 2s participating in the NetSetGo program at our school. A huge than you to Rita Moar who has done an enormous amount of work to get our players registered, club finances paid, equipment and kit bags re-stocked and umpires organised. Good luck to all players, coaches and managers.

Weet-Bix TRYathlon

This year our school did a group entry into the Weetbix Tryathlon. Congratulations to the 18 students from WDPS who completed the course on Sunday 10th April. A lot of fun and fitness for all. Look out for our school's group entry to this event next year.

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 couple of people to fill soon to be vacant teller positions. The successful applicants will assist with processing transactions and chatting to children! If you can offer your time (no experience in banking required although basic counting an advantage) contact Rachel at queenb@customisedoptics.com or meet next Tuesday morning at the canteen.

Walk Safely to School Day

Put the date in your diary- Friday 20th May is National Walk Safely to School Day. Be sure to ready, plan your route, organise to walk with friends or organise a walking school bus from your local area. More details coming soon.

Deanne Quartermaine
Mother’s Day Stall this Thursday 🌹

The Mother’s Day Stall is this Thursday 5 May. Please send $10 with your child to purchase one of the great gifts on offer.

Quiz Night & Silent Auction

Our major fundraiser for 2016 will be a fun filled Quiz Night & Silent Auction on Saturday 11 June. So lock in the babysitter and start putting together your table of 10! Tickets will be limited. More details to come.

We are still on the hunt for Silent Auction items. If you have a skill (hairdressing, gardening, painting) then we would love to hear from you, otherwise merchandise, gift vouchers and hampers are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the following school families and local businesses for their support: Lawleys Bakery, Medifoot Podiatry, Grill’d Shafto Lane, Flux Impressions, Rob’s Joy Flights, Ocean Village Pharmacy, Karma Waters, Symmetry Cabinets, Nestor Group, Sushi WaWa, Revolution Sports/Inflatable World, Coastal Tennis, Customised Optics, Scarborough Beach Cycles, Hale Swim, Wenham Constructions, DBS Fencing, Fremantle Football Club, West Coast Eagles Football Club, Western Force Rugby, Town of Cambridge Wembley Golf Course, Kidz’n Sport, Surfing WA, Anna Cathcart Photography, Shark Bay Prawns, Preston's Café, Surfing WA, Perth Wildcats, Spa Society, Hairstyling by Nicky Sibley/York and the Black Swan Theatre Company.

If you have a business but cannot offer merchandise or a service, or would like to personally donate an item, please remember that Bunnings, Event Cinema, Myer, Karrinyup, restaurant and hotel vouchers are all welcome along with offers of accommodation at holiday homes.

Please contact me at Rachel_wenham@hotmail.com or 0402 057 587.

Rachel Wenham—Fundraising Coordinator

Canteen News

Congratulations to Room 12, Winner of the Free Ice Cream for the whole Class! Room 12 was the first class with three volunteers for the School Canteen for this Term.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have already signed up to help in the Canteen for this Term. However more volunteers are needed, and especially on Fridays. Friday is the busiest day of the week for the Canteen.

Please consider volunteering to help our amazing School Canteen stay open.

Can you help? Please click here to sign up [http://vols.pt/6Q5bPM](http://vols.pt/6Q5bPM) on VolunteerSpot Community

If you have any questions or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks and Kind Regards,

Sarah—Co-canteen Convenor

Mobile: 0438 387 351
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 takes place every Tuesday morning from 08h30 outside the newly renovated canteen. Accounts for new student bankers can be opened on site and ready for banking in just a few minutes.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack 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 and be up-to-date with communication from the school.

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**Ready Steady Go Kids - Term 2 enrolments!**

Ready Steady Go Kids, Australia’s largest and most reputable multi-sport and exercise program for pre-schoolers (aged 2.5-6 years), is now starting Term 2. With indoor locations in Carine, City Beach, Cottesloe, Craigie, Currambine, Floreat, Karrinyup and West Leederville, our high quality, physio-designed program teaches children the fundamentals of 10 different sports in a fun team-based environment. To arrange a free trial or for more information about our great program, visit [www.readysteadygokids.com.au](http://www.readysteadygokids.com.au) or call 1300 766 892.
Enhancing Self Esteem in Adolescents

This is a course for teachers and others who work with adolescents

Course Aims:
Adolescence can be a difficult path for many young people as they attempt to find their own identity in an ever changing and challenging world. Based on recent research, this course updates participants’ understanding and provides practical and creative ways that teachers and mentors can seamlessly integrate assistance to adolescents within their day-to-day roles.

The course focuses on practical application – teachers will learn strategies aimed to help adolescents improve their mental wellbeing and build healthy self-esteem. Although this course aims to empower and up-skill the individual teacher, a number of simple and effective strategies and tools could be adopted by whole of school with a view to healthy self esteem culture.

The course covers:
- How to assess what’s going on for the adolescent while establishing an alliance with them.
- How we can roll with the student’s resistance to engaging with us.
- Ways of working with adolescents who are depressed, angry, disengaged or emotional.

Highlights will include:
- Understanding what happens in the adolescent and adult brain that makes changing some of our patterns difficult but not impossible.
- Ways that people enter change via the ‘Change Triangle’.
- How to identify 10 Unhelpful Thinking Styles that appear in the language of young people and how to respond supportively.
- Gaining a deeper understanding of anger and learn 4 strategies that young people use to mismanage their anger that can keep them stuck in feelings of low self worth.
- Learning fun psychological strategies that help us defuse from the unhelpful ‘stories’ that our minds create that cause us stress and unhappiness.
- Active listening skills and empathic responding. Experience through activities why these often neglected aspects of communication are vital to connecting with an adolescent.

WEST LEEDERVILLE
22 Southport Street, corner of Cambridge Street
Tuesday 3 May 2016

Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Fee: $165 - includes a light lunch

Places are limited so please book now on 6164 0200
Lisa Farrelly is the senior children’s family and domestic violence counsellor for Anglicare’s ‘Young Hearts’ program. She is experienced in facilitating training and development to professionals in the area of childhood trauma. Lisa works extensively and holistically with individuals, groups, schools and other agencies to understand family and domestic violence and its effects on children, offering practical and theoretical support.

Date: 19 May 2016
Time: 9:30am - 4:30pm
Cost: $220 per person (incl. GST)
Location: East Perth

Course Overview
Family and domestic violence is a traumatic event for the majority of those who have experienced it. This one day interactive workshop is for people working in a therapeutic, educational or care capacity with children who have experienced family and domestic violence. This workshop balances theory and practice in providing participants with a greater understanding of the impact of family and domestic violence on children and how to support children in the recovery process.

In particular, the session covers:
- The neurobiology of trauma
- The identification of trauma behaviours in children, the meanings behind them and how to respond in a trauma sensitive way
- Practical/experiential activities that will assist in working therapeutically with children who have experienced family and domestic violence

Who is this course suitable for?
This course is suitable for any professional or carer working with children.

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:
- Understand the effects of family and domestic violence on parental attachment
- Identify the effects of family domestic violence on brain development in children
- Identify family domestic violence as a traumatic event and how this impacts on the child in their everyday life and behaviour
- Work in a trauma sensitive way with children affected by family and domestic violence
- Provide practical therapeutic interventions in working with children traumatised by family and domestic violence

If you wish to attend, please complete a registration form.

Bookings essential
9263 2122
or email training@anglicarewa.org.au
anglicarewa.org.au/training-services
Community News cont.

INVITATION

COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITION
CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION

Fri 27th May, Sat 28th May, Sun 29th May 2016

You are invited to the Churchlands Senior High School P&C Association Community Art Exhibition showcasing artworks of excellence by professional, emerging and student artists. Artworks for sale include paintings, drawings, collage, photography, ceramics, glasswork, jewellery, sculpture and textiles.

When: 5.30pm-7.30pm Fri 27th May 2016
10.00am-4.00pm Sat 26th May and Sun 28th May 2016

Where: Visual Arts Building, Churchlands Senior High School,
Memory Place, Churchlands

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