Progress is continuing on the upgrade to our Quad area. Yesterday the contractors raised the bitumen level near the big tree to eliminate the “puddle issue”. (Sorry kids.) Today the painting contractors have arrived to begin painting the green acrylic surface to the court areas. This process requires that the courts be dry which is a little problematic given we are in the middle of winter. Painting will take most of this week so Friday’s inter-school fixture is now an away game at Floreat Park Primary.

Pirate Day last Friday was a great success. The students’ costumes were wonderful and we managed to raise approximately $400 for childhood cancer research. I’d like to thank the Student Council for their organisation and the whole school community for their support.

Thanks must also go to those parents who gave up Saturday morning to be part of the School Garden Busy Bee. The garden beds have fresh soil and mulch, the compost bins are set up, the passionfruit vines are planted and the whole looks much neater. The year one students have already begun planting seeds for a spring harvest.

All classes are currently working very hard towards completing plastic sculptures. I have seen ships, tree houses, towers, jungle gyms and a myriad of other creations. Our plan is to display the sculptures in and around the School Garden area next Monday.

Utilizing a National Science Week grant, the school has just purchased a set of 12 Bee Bots. The Bees are small programmable robots that will be used to introduce simple coding to junior primary students. They will also be very useful towards developing learning activities focussing on coordinates and directions for all year groups.

I would like to close by acknowledging and thanking the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay who paid us a visit at last Friday’s assembly and presented the school with a Buddy Bench. The Bench will become a focus point for students who are looking for someone new to play with. It will be placed near the Canteen and we will also provide some “passive” games for students to play. (The Bench is currently outside the Office as we address a “structural issue”).

Mr Doug Cook—Principal
Deputy’s News

Positive Behaviour Focus

This fortnight’s Positive Behaviour Focus is ‘Wearing School Uniform’. Students are talking in their classrooms about the importance of wearing school uniform and learning that this is one way they can show they belong to Wembley Downs Primary School, are proud of our school and are part of our team. We also have a number of classes who have planned excursions and by wearing uniforms it is easy for teachers to identify who is part of the class when they are out and about.

If you need to purchase uniforms for your child the Uniform Shop is open every Monday morning from 8.30am-9.00am. Orders can be placed anytime via the school office or on-line via the school24 website.

What Makes Frequent Readers—The Most Powerful Predictors

With Literacy being a prime focus within our school I thought it might be of interest to the school community to share some of the main findings from The Kids and Family Reading Report Australia, a nationally representative survey of 1748 parents and children.

Please note: Frequent readers are defined as children who read books for fun 5-7 days a week, compared with infrequent readers who read books for less than one day a week.

**Kids aged 6 to 11 years old who are frequent readers are more likely than infrequent readers to:**

- Have parents who read them books aloud 5-7 days a week
- Be told their reading level
- Say they love reading books for fun
- Read mostly out of school
- Have parents who encourage reading books for fun in specific ways
- Have been read aloud to before age one
- Frequently use their reading level to pick out books
- Want books that “have characters that look like me”

**Kids aged 12 to 17 years old who are frequent readers are more likely than infrequent readers to:**

- Have parents who are frequent readers
- Strongly believe reading books for fun is important
- Have teachers who give opportunities to talk with classmates about books read for fun
- Use a school book fair or book club catalogue to find books
- Have the opportunity to read independently during the school day
- Want books that “teach me something new”

Ms Nicole Armstrong—A/Deputy Principal
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.

**TIQBIZ**

We currently have 156 people from Wembley Downs Primary School who have downloaded the TIQBIZ App, we would like to encourage 100% of parents to utilise.

*Why Wembley Downs Primary School would like parents to download the TIQBIZ App on their mobile phone*

- Let you know when the newsletter is uploaded to Website, instead of via e-mail.
- Absences – if you child is absent – you can do through TIQBIZ!
- You can be advised through TIQBIZ of a whole class/whole school of an IMPORTANT/URGENT update!
- Make contact with the school, it comes directly to the School’s e-mail address.
- It is linked to the School’s Google Calendar, check it out and see what is on the calendar throughout the year!

**To be utilised effectively we need the support of parents to download TIQBIZ!** It costs you nothing, just 5 minutes of your time to download. Thank-You.
Musical Notes

2017 SIM Scholarships

SIM scholarship testing will commence with the years 2, 3 and 4 students in the third week of term 3. This is one of the tools used in the selection process to measure innate musical talent, and therefore students cannot study for it. Once I have the results, I will liaise with the classroom teachers to start the process of selecting students to award instrumental scholarships by the end of term 4.

Noongar School Project

We were lucky to have had Tori Oakley and Kobi Arthur Morrison visit the school as part of the Noongar Songs in Schools Project. The musicians taught us songs in Noongar, as well as some other Noongar words for Willy Wagtail, the heart, the spirit and the land. The school received a songbook with extra songs as part of the incursion and we be learning them over the course of the year. Well done everyone for bringing their singing voices.

Choir

Would all students in the choir please make sure they have brought back their permission form, so that we are all able to attend the Sing Festival on Wednesday 15th June, 9.30 to 10.45 am. There will be no rehearsal on Thursday 16th, nor for the rest of the term due to me going to the States. Rehearsals will resume in week 1 term 3. I have placed a timetable on the music door if people need to check it.

Jazz Band

Jazz band will rehearse on Thursday 16th, (not Wednesday 15th) due to the choir attending the Sing Festival at that time. This will be our last rehearsal for the term and they will resume in week 1 term 3. I have placed a timetable on the music door if people need to check it.

Year 4 Recorder

All of the year 4s have had their recorder test last week. If students do not pass their test or would like to try for a better mark, they can come back in their own time (recess, lunch, or after school) up until Friday 17th June. Extra copies of music are in the set of drawers next to the exterior door.

Leave

I will be flying overseas to take part in an intensive Masters of Music Education course in the United States. Mr Greg Player has kindly agreed to fill in for me for the last two weeks of school and will be doing some dance with the students. All ensemble rehearsals will cease during this time. I would also like to welcome Mr Clayton Adams will take the lessons and ensembles in the first two weeks of term 3.

Mrs Archer—Music Teacher
P&C News

P&C 2nd Hand Book Stall

We are still collecting books for our election day book stall.

Please bring any saleable books to the office or drop them under the front porch at 72 Dunrossil Place.

Thanks to those who have donated so far.

Entertainment Books

We have had a great response to our entertainment book fundraiser but there are a few books yet to be returned or paid for.

Please bring back books that you do not want to buy to the school office ASAP.

*Jane Boyle—Entertainment Book Coordinator*

Quiz Night

Well that was fun!

A special thank you to Narelle Nyeholt, Katie Turner, Tina Van Maanen, Rachel Clegg and Ange Wilson for all their help on the night.

Also a massive thank you to all the school families and businesses as well as our local business community for supporting this event.

Congratulations to team Scarborough Beach Cycles on taking out first place and proudly wearing their crowns.

We raised a huge amount of money and I hope everyone had a great night.

Thanks again for supporting this event.

*Rachel Wenham—Fundraising Coordinator*

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**DEANMORE DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE**

Temporary Clinic Closure

The Dental Therapy centre will be closed during the July School Holidays

4 July to the 15 July 2016

For emergencies during clinic hours please contact

*Swanbourne Dental Therapy Centre—9384 0855*

Should an emergency arise after clinic hours or during a public holiday please contact the emergency service on 9325 3452, your local practitioner, or the Oral Health Centre of Western Australia on 9346 4400.
COMMUNITY NEWS

WEMBLEY DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL
SAFETY HOUSE GROUP

CONTACT NUMBER CARDS FOR SCHOOL BAGS

In light of recent happenings it is imperative for all our children to feel safe and secure!

Safety House WA has a contact card that you can order FREE OF CHARGE. A simple card the size of a credit card that can be placed in your child’s school bag and that is available to a Safety House Member or trusted adult that will assist in making contact with the parents, guardians, grandparents or school should your child be in need of assistance.

This special offer from Safety House WA is available for the duration of TERM 2.

Please complete the order form below and return in an envelope to the office by Friday 17 June 2016 marked:

SAFETY HOUSE CONTACT CARD
Care of: Kirsten Cleeve-Edwards

You will receive notification when the cards are ready for collection.

Example of the card:

Michael
MY IMPORTANT NUMBERS
Mum (Susan) 0426 135 456
Grandpa (Bob) 9343 7611

Wembley Downs Primary School 9245 3199

Feeling unsafe? Knock on a safety House Door!

Many thanks
Kirsten Cleeve-Edwards
Kcleevedwards1978@gmail.com

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*First names only for the child’s safety
**The Schools details will be printed on the card
Community News

**2017 Japan Gil Tour Information Session**

**June 21@6.00pm at Mosman Park Primary (in the library)**

Students who will be yr 7, 8, 9 in 2017 can apply for this amazing tour going to Japan, Jan 14 -25 2017. Students will attend school in Japan and stay with a Japanese host family for 7 nights as well as a 2 day tour in Tokyo. Don't miss out! For more information contact Jason Hutchinson on 9444 7687 or email jason@goldil.com.au

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