

NEWSLETTER



Wembley Downs Primary School

22 MARCH 2022

Dear School Community Members,

I am so grateful that the term is progressing well, despite the COVID-19 landscape. Thank you for your support. Part of our success is our positive school community and we celebrate this in many ways.

One way of celebrating is during Harmony Week. [Harmony Week](#) is about celebrating cultural diversity. We will be having our Harmony Week activities this week in classes and tomorrow our students and staff are invited to dress in orange or national dress as per Mr Tolev's Connect Message last Friday. We also have our Room 8 and Room 12 virtual assembly on Wednesday. Did you know in our school we have students who are from around 11 different countries?

Last Friday, it was also the National Day against Bullying and Violence. *What is bullying?*

The national definition of bullying for Australian schools says:

Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

How Parents and Carers can respond

Children and young people need to know that they are being heard, that their feelings matter and that their issue will be investigated respectfully. Bullying should be taken seriously.

Listen calmly and get the full story

Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when.

Your first response when a child tells you of a concern can make a difference to the outcome.

Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

Reassure your child they are not to blame

Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 23 March

Harmony Day
Virtual Assembly Rm 12 & 8

Thursday 24 March

Ride Nation Yr 1 & 2
Senior Faction Swim Carnival

Friday 25 March

National Ride to School Day

Monday 28 March to

Friday 1st April

Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 30 March

Interschool Swim Carnival

Friday 8 April

Last Day of School



Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do

A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem.

While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

I have attached a handout with more information.

At school, many concepts are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning – which can often make it difficult to catch up later. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught.

Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of ‘showing up’ – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.

Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student’s learning. Students who attend more, generally do better at school and in life.

An OK reason is one that prevents your child from getting to school. This could include:

- when your child is sick or unwell;
- attending cultural or religious observances such as sorry time and funerals;
- an unavoidable natural event such as floodwaters or a cyclone; and
- an unavoidable medical appointment.

The Principal decides if the reason given for your child’s absence is acceptable. If you have any queries or your child/ren may be away for an extended period please contact me in advance so we can work out a plan, as the *School Education Act, 1999* requires students to be attending school.

For your interest, our Attendance Target goal as stated in our Business Plan 2021-2023 aims to be at or above like school, at 94.2%. At the moment, our attendance rate is, 92.6%. We need to maintain this rate (and aim higher) to achieve our goal.

I look forward to our Faction Swimming Carnival, on Thursday I would like to highlight we are putting COVID-19 Operating Guidelines into place. Also, a friendly reminder that only parents/carers may be spectators. Claremont Aquatic Centre also have COVID-19 Operating Guidelines in place and please be aware that after they are at capacity, spectators will be capped. To avoid disappointment get in early or perhaps have a roster with other parents/carers. I wish our students and staff all the best.

Thank you to Mr Chris Thompson, Mrs Tracey Chapman, and Miss Merrilee Edgar for our Year 1 and Year 2 Ride Nation (Bike Education) lessons. I have been most impressed with our students’ skills and enthusiasm. Don’t forget it is National Ride2School Day this Friday!

Thank you all and have a great couple of weeks.

Anne Christodoulou

Principal

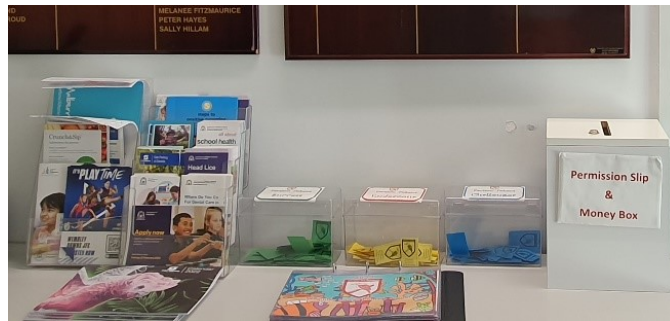
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From the Office

Information on COVID and what you need to do should you be a close contact can be found on the school website <https://www.wembleydownsp.s.wa.edu.au/latest-news>

Interm swimming lessons start next Monday, please return your forms with payment to the 'box' in the office as soon as possible.



National Ride to School Day

Friday 25th March

It is [National Ride2school Day](#) this Friday!

Let's join Australia's biggest celebration of active travel by riding, walking, scooting or skating to school.

Not only is it a great healthy way to start the day, there will be fewer cars on the road causing congestion and polluting our beautiful environment.

What a great way to boost our school Your Move points too!



Music News

There have been many changes to music activities this term. Thank you for your understanding with changes to choir and string ensemble rehearsals. I am looking forward to when restrictions ease and we can get back into our usual schedule for rehearsing. Hopefully, this will not be too far away.

In the meantime, choir students are encouraged to download the free MCF app on a device to listen and practice choir songs. Search MCF or 'massed choir festival' in the app store on your device. The password for students is together22.



Green Team News

The sustainability committee are working on implementing exciting changes to our waste management systems at the school. We are working to establish a group of students in Year 5 and 6 to be our first 'Green Team.' The Green Team will work with us to help lead the school in environmental education, including waste reduction. Keep an eye out for what our Green Team will be up to this year!

Sustainability Incursion. Students in Year 5 will be participating in a Waste Sorted incursion on Wednesday. This will give the students valuable knowledge into how waste management can help the environment and how every little effort with recycling helps!

Our current focus is for students and teachers to use the new red and yellow system for our bins. We are currently encouraging our students to recycle paper and clean plastics into the yellow signed bins and all the general waste into the red signed bins. This can also be encouraged at home. Keep a look out for our friendly monster posters around the school.



P&C News

Canteen News

We were so happy to have the school canteen back open last week! A huge thank you to Rebecca Mountain for her hard work in her new role as Canteen Manager to get everything up and running, and also to the volunteers who helped in Week 7. Our Kindy families were rostered on, but due to close contact rules many of them couldn't come on the day, so we really appreciate everyone who volunteered at short notice on Friday. The canteen is a service that makes the busy-ness of the week that bit easier, and we love providing it for our kids, but it wouldn't work without the continued support of our community.

If you want to know when your class is due on to volunteer please have a look at the roster below. Your class rep will be in contact closer to the time to confirm volunteers but pop these dates in your diary.

Term	Week	Dates	Class
1	8	23 rd & 25 th March	EC1 PPA
	9	30 th March & 1 st April	EC2 PPB
	10	6 th & 8 th April	Year 1 Room 6
2	1	27 th & 29 th April	Year 1 Room 7
	2	4 th & 6 th May	Year 2 Room 8
	3	11 th & 13 th May	Year 2 Room 12
	4	18 th & 20 th May	Year 2/3 Room 9
	5	25 th & 27 th May	Year 3 Room 13
	6	1 st & 3 rd June	Year 3/4 Room 14
	7	8 th & 10 th June	Year 4 Room 11
	8	15 th & 17 th June	Year 4 Room 15
	9	22 nd & 24 th June	Kindy Ladybugs & Butterflies
	10	29 th June & 1 st July	EC1 PPA

If you have a spare hour on a Wednesday or Friday morning you can always swing by the canteen and offer your help, or email canteen@pc.wembleydownsps.wa.edu.au to find out how you can help.

Volunteers can be parents, grandparents or friends of the school, as long as they are fully vaccinated against Covid-19. We will be having a special guest volunteer in Term 2, with MLA Christine Tonkin member for Churchlands offering to roll up her sleeves and help out.

Payment by card is now an option when ordering in person, or you can order ahead using www.school24.net.au.

WD40s

Welcome to all the first-time Dads of the school, as well as the seasoned campaigners, my name is Chris Froggatt and I am the WD-40s co-ordinator for 2022. For those who are new, the WD-40s is the school dads and carers group - we attempt to meet on a regular, casual and easy-going basis to do fun activities for combined Dads & Kids events, and dad only get-togethers.

The WD40s are also part of 'The Fathering Project' which makes available lots of resources, programs and events specific to the engagement style and needs of dads and father-figures. In 2021 we focussed on riding participation in the YourMove program, which encourages students to get active by increasing walking, scooting and riding to school. The school is currently within the top 5 schools across the state for participation in the YourMove program. We are looking to continue in this way and are always open to feedback on what is needed to improve.



P&C News Cont

The current situation with Covid has delayed arranging any catch ups and we hope to have news on a very casual low key Dads & Kids event before the end of the term, please keep an eye on the newsletter and relevant socials for updates on this.

New dads to the group are encouraged to register at The Fathering Project WDPS group at <https://thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/wembley-downs-primary-school/>

Please reach out to me direct if you have any general queries in regards to the WD-40s - chris.froggatt@pc.wembleydownsps.wa.edu.au

Cheers,

Chris 'Froggy' Froggatt



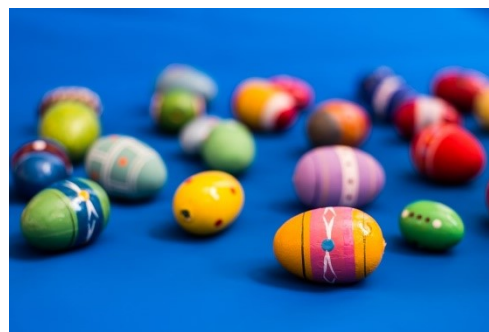
P&C Easter Raffle Fundraiser – Calling for Donations

The much loved Easter Hamper raffle is on again and we are calling for donation of all things Easter so we can make up heaps of prizes. Easter eggs, chocolates, activities, and decorations – anything Easter will be perfect. Please no pre-loved or opened items and no nuts.

There will be Easter Raffle donation boxes in each class room from Monday March 14th, so if you could send your donations with your kids to drop off that would be eggcellent.

Important dates to note:

- Donations collected until Wednesday April 6th
- Tickets on sale Wednesday March 30th to Friday April 8th at the front gate
- Tickets drawn in the morning on April 8th (last day of term)



P&C 2022 Fundraiser – Stella Bella Wine Offer

We have teamed up with Stella Bella Wines in Margaret River for a wine fundraiser. From now until the end of term you can take advantage of a 20% discount on selected wines. For more information and to order, head to www.stellabella.com.au/shop/wdps-fundraiser



Get in touch with us

The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 29th at 7pm and will be held via Zoom. If you would like to attend please check the Facebook page for the link on Tuesday.

Find us on our social media pages:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/wembleydownsprimaryschoolpc

Instagram: @wdps_p_and_c

Email any content for these pages to communications@pc.wembleydowns.wa.edu.au





WDPS P&C
2022 FUNDRAISER

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RUNNING FROM MONDAY 14TH
MARCH UNTIL FRIDAY 8TH APRIL



EASTER DONATIONS NEEDED!

Donation points are in each classroom, anything Easter will
be perfect. Please no nuts or pre-loved/opened items.

Last date for donations is Wednesday April 6th

Colouring Competition Winners



May J Rm 14, Mila D Rm14, Annouk L Rm16, Alicia M Rm8



Lila Rm13, Sabine PPB, Ella Rm14

Year 6 Last Sailing Day



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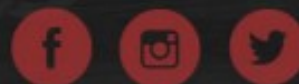
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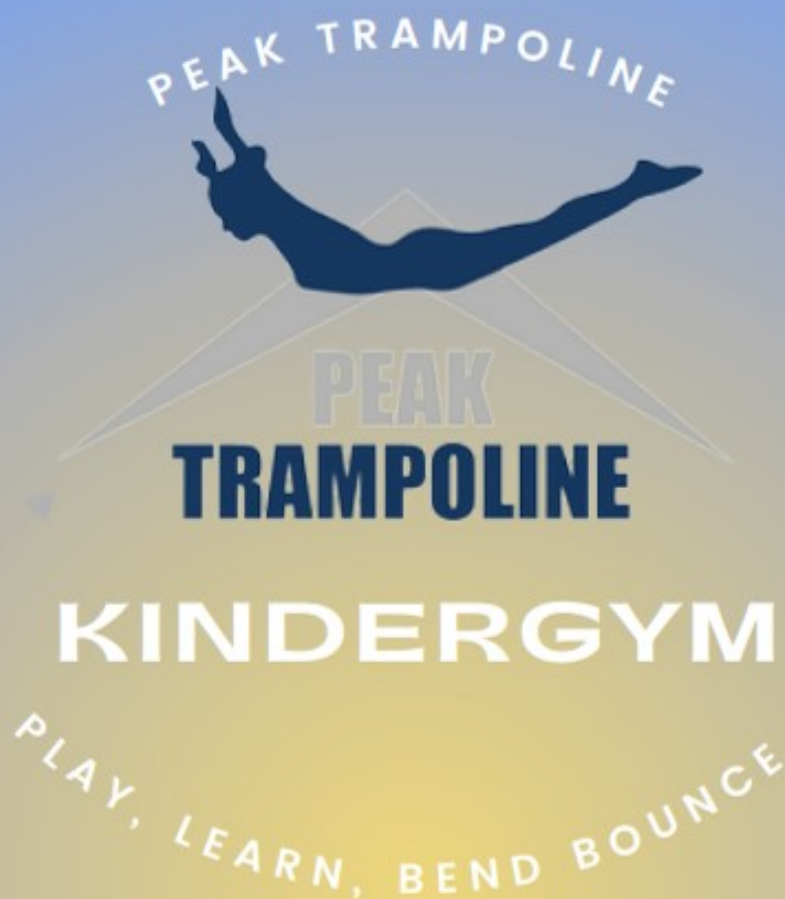


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11TH APRIL

Kids Macrame (10+)
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Get Creative! (4-7)
2-4pm

12TH APRIL

Inkspots: Print Making (6+)
9-3.30pm

Magical Mandalas (6+)
9-3.30pm

Loopy Line Drawing (7-12)
9.30-11.30am

13TH APRIL

Calico Design a Bag (6+)
9-3.30pm

My Warrior (6+)
9-3.30pm

Arty Pants (6-12)
10-3pm

14TH APRIL

Picasso Play & Create (6+)
9-3.30pm

Arty Pants (6-12)
10-3pm

19TH APRIL

Get Creative! (4-7)
9.30-11.30am

Clay Echidna's (6-10)
1-3pm

20TH APRIL

Clay Echidna's (6-10)
9.30-11.30pm

Dream a Little Dream (7+)
10-3pm

21ST APRIL

Dream a Little Dream (7+)
10-3pm

Shaded Cubism (8-12)
10-1pm

22ND APRIL

Kids Macrame (10+)
9-11.30am

Mrs Kettle's Mosaics (8-12)
10-3pm

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