

Issue No 8

Term 2

5 June 2019

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

ATTENDANCE

Please remember that 'EVERY DAY COUNTS!'

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

We all want our children to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with them coming to school *on time*, each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do to ensure they don't fall behind:

• *Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up. (Teachers will discuss this with you. They are not expected to provide the work to be covered.)*

• *Develop an absence learning plan and ensure your child completes the plan.*

If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

I think you'll find the data presented in the Parent Table below quite eye-opening.

Figure 1 - Parent table

If your child misses...	that equals...	or...	From <u>Kindy</u> to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance rate
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11	90%
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10	80%
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	60%
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	40%

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

Our children at Willetton Primary School are individuals who learn at different rates and in different ways. A strong focus at our school is differentiated teaching where our teachers cater to the varying abilities, learning styles, interests and needs of the children in their class. This is done in a number of ways including:

Our School Times

8.40am-2.50pm

Important upcoming dates

Monday 10 June

P&C Meeting 7pm

Friday 14 June

Assembly Areas 13 and 20

Tuesday 18 June

Board Meeting
3.30-5.30pm

Monday 1 July

Reports distributed
via Connect

Friday 5 July

Assembly Areas 2 and 5

Message from the Principal continued

- the organisation of the classroom, including class routines;
 - using data to inform planning and using levelled resources;
 - providing opportunities for individual, collaborative and whole class group work;
 - developing Individual Education Plans, Group Education Plans and Behaviour Plans for students who require specific and targeted teaching and learning adjustments;
 - tiered and levelled activities; and
- problem-solving and challenge-based learning opportunities and project based work.

Best Wishes,

Heather McNeil

Message from the Office

Kindy Enrolments for 2020

The school is now taking applications for enrolments for **Kindergarten** in 2020.

Children born between **1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016** are eligible for Kindy in 2020.

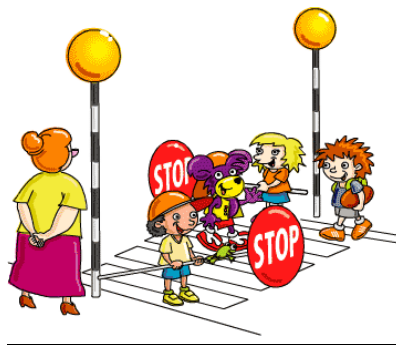
Please bring the following original documents to the school office and complete an application form:

- Child's birth certificate
- Passports of child and parents (if child or parents are not born in Australia)
- Visa documentation (if applicable) **OR** Citizenship Certificates (for child and parents)

Thank You

Road Safety

Just a reminder to all Parents and Students about road safety before and after school. Please be aware of the cars around the school, looking before crossing roads in both directions, please use footpaths at all times and using the cross walking assistants to cross the main roads. Also, please do not ride your bikes in the middle of the road. We want to keep you all safe, thank you.



Message from the Deputies

Semester One Student Reports: Online Distribution

We began in Semester Two 2018 only issuing student reports via *CONNECT*. This year both Semester One and Semester Two's Student Reports will only be available through *CONNECT*. There will not be any hard copies of reports sent home. You are able to print off your child / ren's report via the *CONNECT* Website not the app.

To ensure everyone receives the electronic distribution of reports, we ask that you complete the following steps over the coming weeks. You only need to do this if you cannot log in or you are not using your *CONNECT* account. Most people will not need to complete this.

1. Ensure you have your P-Number and Password to login to connect – If you require these to be re-issued, please email your name and child/ren's name to Willetton.PS@education.wa.edu.au.
2. Login to Connect and ensure you can see **ALL** your children under the 'My Learners' tab.
3. Access the Connect user guides located in the 'School Space' library.
4. Check the School Space regularly for important school updates.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support with the transition to *CONNECT* and electronic reporting. Should you have any questions or are in need of any support, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Desley Spencer-James
Deputy Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is an absolute pleasure to be resuming as Deputy Principal at WPS and I look forward to an exciting 12 months ahead! A lot has been happening already this term in the area of STEAM at WPS with some of the highlights including:

Code Orange/Code Blue

Code Orange and Blue have continued this term with 100 students participating! This term, Code Orange has focussed on Edison robots and the use of Minecraft Education to build a replica of the school. Code Blue has been busily learning to code Beebots and are looking to create their on maps to use. Thanks once again must go to Mr Wegner, Ms Walmsley, Miss Patching and Miss V helping to organise and run such a hugely successful program!

New STEAM Workshop Equipment

Thanks to the grant we received from the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, we have been able to purchase some fantastic new equipment for the STEAM workshop. This includes \$600 worth of tools for students to use (such as hammers, saws and hot glue guns), new steel benching and, two 3D printers for students to use.

Before School Science Club

A special thank you must also go to Mr Wegner for starting the schools first ever before school science club for year 3-6 students. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to practice their science skills with some fun hands-on experiments. An incredible 74 expressions of interest were received inside of a week! Lucky students whose applications have been successful will be notified shortly.

Please make sure to keep an eye out for STEAM updates and possibly a special Science surprise for the whole school...

Kind Regards,
Mr Jardine

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Thank You

On Thursday the 23rd of May school staff participated in the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in an effort to raise awareness and much needed funds to support the Cancer Council. Current statistics shows that one Australian is diagnosed with cancer every five minutes. The whole school community jumped on board for the day sporting their yellow and blue for a gold coin donation.

In addition, we ran a raffle with some amazing prizes very generously donated by businesses within our local community. Their generosity towards the cause was truly humbling.

We'd like to thank our sponsors and congratulate our lucky winners;

- Minic Property Group \$150 in cash and prizes (Ms McNeil, Ms Simmons)
- Stockland Riverton \$100 gift card (Hanna Area 12)
- Bunnings Willetton 2x \$50 gift cards (Gurhukam Area 15, Mrs Hustwick)
- Rustico Gourmet \$30 gift voucher (Mrs Pickford) as well as 2 large platters of yummy treats for staff to enjoy
- 4 x Hoyts Movie tickets (Mrs Turnbull)
- \$25 Twig and Sparrow voucher (Ms Walmsley)
- \$25 Angels Touch Beautique voucher (Isaac from Woodpecker)
- Hand painted pot from the Colour Farm (Mrs Heiner)
- 2 x Handmade quilted table runners crafted by Mrs Tonkin-Case (Charley from Kingfisher, Mrs Quadros)
- Macramé plant holder, pot and bottle of bubbles made by Ms Ainsworth (Wakefield Family)
- 10 x Free coffee vouchers from The Tribute Café (Mrs Spencer-James, Mr Jardine, Mr Holloway, Jody Area 9, Fay Area 13)
- Big W Riverton for generously donating balloons to decorate the staff room.

I'd also like to thank the staff and students who assisted me with running the event, especially Mrs Moira Long who helped with much of the behind the scenes organisation and raffle ticket sales.

I'm pleased to announce a total of \$ 1363.80 was raised and donated to the Cancer Council! What an outstanding effort.

Mrs Mattock



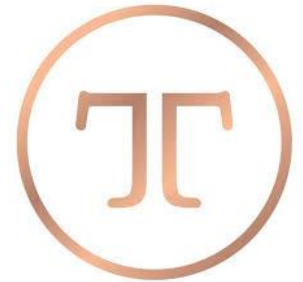


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Indonesian Incursion



Last Thursday, the Year 3s to 6s had the experience of watching a live Indonesian *wayang kulit* (shadow puppet) performance featuring a real-life *dalang* (puppet master) from Central Java. Pak Sumardi put on an amazing one-man show which involved traditional gamelan music, a bright light, a white screen, and a colourful array of *wayang kulit* puppets, some of which were over 50 years old!

Pak Sumardi's performance featured a small section of the Ramayana epic, which tells of the kidnapping of Dewi Sinta by the evil Rahwana, and her rescue by Prince Rama. Students were particularly entertained by the antics of Petruk and Bagong, Rama's fiercely loyal servants, who travelled with the monkey king, Hanoman, in their quest to save their beloved queen Sinta.



Pak Sumardi has travelled to Australia multiple times since 2006, performing at many schools across the country. This incursion fits into our Indonesian language studies as part of students' learning about the culture and history of Indonesia and the importance of storytelling and puppetry as a tradition.

Students were engaged throughout Pak Sumardi's performance and were keen to know more about everything afterwards, with questions ranging from how long it took to make *wayang* puppets to how long Pak Sumardi had studied to become a *dalang*. Most of all, students enjoyed experiencing a culture different from their own.



Merit & Values Certificate Winners

**Congratulations to the following winners of
Certificates at our last few assemblies:**

	MERIT CERTS	VALUES CERTS
Area	Students	Students
Kingfisher	Aylin Guner Cheryl Wong Helen Song	Mayble Lee
Woodpecker	Neriah Mattingley Bethania Kibebew James Leggett	Rylee Rumenos
1	Hayden Lee Jaydon Koh Kingston Wong Selena Dong	Mio Huang
2	Kenudi Thilakarathne Mitchell Nowrojee	Jasmine Chester
3	Bella Yeh Callie Kan Dallas Zhang	Dallas Zhang
4	Emmet Stark Ashleen Kaur Curtis Parentich Simmons	Emily De Oliveira
5	Aethen Arikkadan Zoe Blechynden	Aarna Asundi
6	Tyler Wong Vinuja Ranaweera Charlotte Paraka Chloe Lee	Laya Biju
7	Jessica Howman Lucas Ow Ava Gilmore Suri Ruwanpura	Jessica Howman
8	Joyce Chen Thanav Saravanan Thomas George Jenny Jin Luke Turner	Thomas George
9	Darwin Zhu Kingsley Wong Austin Chen Sophie Player	Lucas Potter
10	Kingston Higgs Siddhi Srikanth Allissa Seah Thomas Chester	Sienna Trew
11	Ayaan Mushtaq Jocelyn Wong Aisha Nazir	Nia Kaitharath
12	Kishaany Pradeepan Thomas Mendonca Evan Zell	Amritaa Ashok

**Congratulations to the following winners of
Certificates at our last assembly:
Continued**

	MERIT CERTS	VALUES CERTS
Area	Students	Students
13	Devya Chekuri Isla Granato Joshua Ling Shraddha Tiwari Leah Woods Michael Lukosius	Corrine McKenzie
14	Cohen Beveridge Max Dunkley Shannon Smith Ella Murray Milan Puchalski Ryder O'Brien	Matthew St Clair
15	Jathush Pradeepan Owen Cousins Riya Thomas Alice Lin Jincheng Seah Stewart Dunsire	Harry Gale
16	Britlee Lazar Nethuka Weerathunga Sherry Chen Alexis Kumkar Angus McArthur Mitchell Maddams Shanella Paraka	Kysor Dharma-Trumps
17	Delilah Hunter Kenul Senanayake Megha Menon Cassidy Ginbey David Zhu Jai Aluru	Xavier Endersby
18	Ekam Sandhu Koorosh Mohiedin Rudd Varshan Ray Chelsea Flint Grace Li Karthiga Vijayakumares	Justin Pan
19	Binithi Gunawardhana Saoirse Smart Bosco Yu Tannie Chung	Sora Kim
20	Hayden De Jager Nokutenda Mavhondo Senjui Liyanage Levi Seah Maheeka Ruwanpura Shufei Hu	Lukeson Luby

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Join our Quest to defeat brain cancer!

Also there is

Guess the Lollies
in a jar on
7th July
recess and
lunch cluster
2 weeks.

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guesses



Wear A Beanie on the 5th July for a gold coin donation.

markhughesfoundation.com.au

Community News

Rossmoyne Shelley Cygnet Girl Guides
are looking for new members

If you are aged between 5-9 and are looking to try
something new and exciting Guides might be for
you.

Meetings Tuesdays 4:30-6pm
Rossmoyne Community Hall
Cnr 4th Ave & Central Rd, Rossmoyne

Please let us know if you are interested
rossmoyne.shelleybrownies@gmail.com

For more information on Girl Guides check out our
website

www.girlguideswa.org.au/



GATE Programs and Scholarships – Year 7 2020

Music and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

STEM and Music GATE Programs are available for students in Year 7 2020.

These selective programs will provide GATE students with a unique learning environment designed to cater to their academic and developmental needs. These programs will be highly engaging and academically challenging, designed to develop 21st Century thinkers.

How to Apply

Applications are open now and will close on Monday 24 June at 5pm.
Application forms are available on our website (carey.wa.edu.au).

Information Evening

We are holding a GATE Information Evening on Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 7pm.
All are welcome to come along to learn more about the programs and application process.

Learn More

To learn more about the GATE Programs available, please visit our website. For more information, please contact our Curriculum Office on (08) 9394 9257 or at curriculum@carey.wa.edu.au

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Term 2 Planner 2019



Parents TERM 2 2019

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	29 April SDD	30 April	1 May	2 May Staff Meeting	3 May
WEEK 2	6 May Start of Ramadan	7 May Wildcats visit 12 – 1pm	8 May Camp Newsletter issued	9 May	10 May Mother's Day Fun Hour Ibis 8:45 – 9:45 BlueJay 12:10 – 1:10
WEEK 3	13 May SWIMMING LESSONS PP - 2 NAPLAN Online P & C Meeting 7pm	14 May	15 May Curtin Backcare Yr 6 8:40 – 10:40 Willetton's Got Talent Staff Meeting	16 May	17 May
WEEK 4	20 May SWIMMING LESSONS PP - 2 NAPLAN Online	21 May BOARD MEETING 3:30 - 5.30pm	22 May N.S.S. 2019 Newsletter issued	23 May Aust. Biggest Morning Tea	24 May Assembly Areas 15 & 19
WEEK 5	27 May	28 May	29 May WAFL 11 – 1pm Willetton's Got Talent	30 May Indonesian incursion – Pak Sumardi Shadow Puppeteer year 3-6	31 May Assembly Areas 4 & 6
WEEK 6	3 June Western Australia Day	4 June	5 June Eid ul Fitr (end of Ramadan) Newsletter issued	6 June	7 June
WEEK 7	10 June P & C Meeting 7pm	11 June	12 June Willetton's Got Talent	13 June	14 June Assembly Areas 13 & 20 CSSS B/Ball Tournament
WEEK 8	17 June	18 June BOARD MEETING 3:30 - 5.30pm	19 June Staff Meeting Newsletter issued	20 June	21 June
WEEK 9	24 June	25 June	26 June Willetton's Got Talent	27 June	28 June Winter Carnival
WEEK 10	1 July REPORTS DISTRIBUTED VIA CONNECT	2 July	3 July Newsletter issued	4 July	5 July Assembly Areas 2 & 5