From the School Leaders

Yarraville District Swimming Carnival - Tuesday 12 March
Twenty Wembley students headed off to Oak Park Swimming Pool on Tuesday morning with Kelleigh Evans to represent Wembley in the Yarraville District Swimming Carnival. All children were wonderful ambassadors for Wembley and performed well in all of their events. Thanks to Kelleigh, the parents who were able to attend and support the team and the children who represented Wembley so admirably.
A group will be going onto the Regional Carnival next Tuesday and this will be held at Werribee. Further information regarding this carnival is available from Kelleigh Evans, Sports Co-ordinator.

Parent-Teacher ‘Meet and Greet’ Sessions
Parents of students in Years 3-6 attended school today for initial Meet and Greet the teacher sessions. Prep-Year 2 Meet and Greet sessions will be held today between 1.00pm and 6.00pm. Teachers appreciate the time parents give to these sessions which provide an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and discuss their child’s progress as well as strengthening the home school ties.

Literacy Information Session (Term One)
Jim Kinniburgh (Literacy Consultant) and Taxia Katsouranis (Literacy Coach) presented two Literacy Information Sessions for Parents today. The sessions focused on supporting children with their Reading and Parent Helpers in the classroom. Both sessions were well attended by parents who participated in the activities and asked insightful questions. Thank you to all parents who attended these informative sessions. Thanks also go to the presenters Jim Kinniburgh and Taxia Katsouranis.

Jim Kinniburgh (Literacy Consultant)
Professional Learning
Jim conducted a session on Literacy for teachers from Wembley and Footscray City Primary Schools last Friday for our Curriculum Day. Staff were involved in workshops and sessions that focused on language conventions spelling and vocabulary. All came away enthused and eager to trial some of the strategies in their classrooms. A perfect ending was the Reader’s Theatre activity that had all participants happily stepping into the characters in the text.

Wembley Family Fun Day - Saturday, 23 March - 10.00am - 3.00pm
Only one and a half weeks to go before the big day!
The Wembley Family Fun Day is planned for Saturday 23 March and preparations are well under-way. Families are encouraged to support our school community, purchase raffle tickets (which have been sent home) and put the date in their diaries. Detailed information about the Family Fun Day can found on the school website. Parents are asked to check this regularly, as it is constantly updated. All raffle tickets for the major raffle are due back today and the draw for the iPod shuffle will take place on Friday at assembly. The major prize draw will be held on the day of the Wembley Family Fun Day.

End of Term 1 - Thursday 28 March, 1.30pm
School will dismiss for the term holidays on Thursday 28 March at 1.30pm. An assembly will be held at 1.15pm on the basketball court to present Student of the Week awards. Out of School Hours Care will be operating for those students who usually attend on Fridays.
Tuesday 30th April
Curriculum Day

**Upcoming Events For Term 1, 2013**

**School Captains for 2013**
School Captains - Mitchell Vine and Isabella Murphy.  
School Vice Captains - Matea Carelse and Hudson Hagarty.

**Junior School Council-2013**
Class representatives for the Junior School Council are currently being finalised. Badges will be presented to the students at assembly on Friday along with our Student of the Week awards. Parents are warmly invited to attend assembly on Friday afternoon.

**School Council Election**
Congratulations to the following parents who have been nominated as parent members of school council:
- Jeanette Shine mother of Jessica and Declan
- Scott Walker father of Alexandra
- Kirsten Roberts mother of Toby and Indi
- Julia Day mother of Archie

Congratulations to the following teachers who have been nominated as DEECD members of school council:
- Annmaree Jones
- Vassie D’Arcangelo

The next meeting of school council is on Monday 18 March commencing at 6.30pm. This will be a combination of the last meeting of the old school council and the first meeting of the new school council - it will also include the election of office bearers, including president and treasurer as well as the formation of all committees.

**Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.**
Envelopes were sent home to families a couple of weeks ago asking for donations for the annual Good Friday Appeal. Junior School Council will be holding a Free Dress Day on Thursday 28 March (last day of Term 1) as their first official activity for the year. All proceeds raised from the gold coin donation for the Free Dress Day will be sent to the Good Friday Appeal along with the envelope collections and money raised last year, by an enterprising group of students (currently in Year 3). Students are able to come to school in casual clothes on this day.

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**
Final payment for tickets that have been ordered is due today. In order to purchase the tickets and have them before the end of term all monies need to be paid immediately. Payment can be made at the office via cash, cheque or EFTPOS.

**Legally Blonde The Musical**
Wembley has a group booking for the new production of Legally Blonde the Musical, which will be held at the Princess Theatre on Thursday 23 May, 7.30pm. Tickets will be a special school price of $49.90 for both children and adults. Seats are strictly limited to the first forty who book. Bookings can be made via the school office and payment in full is due 25th March. Payment may be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS via the office. If you require any additional information please contact Annmaree Jones.

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**Netball**
We are currently looking for grade 2 girls or boys to join the Under 9 netball team. Interested parents can contact Trudi Bellis 0417145980
Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Friday March 15 we will be holding our Cross Country event at McIvor Reserve at 9.15am. The results of this event will be used to select the Wembley Cross Country team to compete against other Yarraville schools in our district.

It is expected all children in years 3-6 will participate in the school Cross Country. Children turning 9 and 10 this year will run two kilometres, whilst children turning 11 and 12 this year will run three kilometres. Children will need to ensure they have returned their walking permission note to their class teacher. Students need to be suitably attired, bring a water bottle and any medication required on the day.

Children who have made it into the team will be expected to complete several training components. Most of these training sessions will be on Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtime. We will try to run one session at Yarraville Gardens where the children will compete at the District Cross Country. This session will be after school. Further information will be given to the students who are selected for the team.

The district Cross Country event will be held on Friday May 10 at Yarraville Gardens.

Parents are more than welcome to come along and support the children.

Kelleigh Evans & Debbie Arnheim
Physical Education Teachers
**Hamilton Island Raffle**

A really BIG Thank you to all who have returned their sold raffle tickets!!

Just a reminder that all tickets, sold and unsold, must be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

The iPod Shuffle draw (for all families that sell one whole raffle book by 13/3/13) will be drawn this Friday at our School Assembly.

**By selling all raffle tickets the profit will go a long way towards paying for our hugely enjoyable, up and coming WFFD!**

**Entertainment**

Opportunity exists for community acts to join the incredible, all day, completely free, stage show at WFFD. There will be many tried and tested professional acts together with some up and coming entertainers in between. For more information please email rusty@rustyrich.com.au

**Side Show Alley**

“Donations Needed! The Grade 5 Side Show Alley stall needs donations of ‘Family size’ blocks of chocolate and packets of Jaffas to run their games. A bucket will be placed at the office reception area for donations. Thank you in advance for your generous support. If you have any queries, please call Amanda on 0412 598 946.” Amanda Caldwell

**Rides**

Ride details are on the WFFD web page!!

Pre-ordering your wristbands is definitely the way to go. You will save $5 per wristband.

Order forms have gone home this week and need to be into the office by Tuesday March 19th. People who choose not to pre-purchase can get their wristbands on the day. A pre-purchased school aged/adult wristband is $30 and preschool is $15. High volume rides have been carefully selected, lessening queues. Even if you can only be at the WFFD for a couple of hours, due to other commitments, your children will still be able to get great value for money while having so much fun. What a way to help raise funds for your School!!

**Many Hands Make Light Work**

There are many ways in which to contribute to the successful delivery of WFFD 2013.

1. Volunteer forms went out again this week together with the Hamilton Island Raffle reminder. Please fill in and return to school. Even an hour of your time will help to make light work for others!
2. In the lead up to the WFFD there will be several working bees to fulfil various needs. Email me soon if you wish to go on a working bee email list to be notified of when and where things are happening. We have begun these working bees which has helped enormously! Many Hands.....
3. There will be opportunities to donate goods, bake etc. See Lolly Stall Donations below & the Cake Stall flyer!
4. Electrical needs: it would be fantastic to have one person across the electrical needs for the day & is not a big job.
5. Jeanette Shine is our BBQ Coordinator and is in need of an extra BBQ to avoid those big queues! Please contact the School Office if you could lend us your BBQ for the day.

**Clean Up of WFFD**

This year the plan is to have a large number of willing bodies to begin work immediately after the Hamilton Island Draw and erase all signs of WFFD in one hour!! All equipment will be clearly labelled for prompt return and a concise list of duties available for quick and efficient clean up. We need many people to achieve this goal and one hour of your time is all we ask.

Many, many, hands will make very light work!!

Please email your details to timmurphysmaintenance@gmail.com to go on the Clean up list or return the volunteer form.

Chilled refreshments will be supplied at 4pm for those who participate!

**More Info on WFFD**

Make sure you go to the WFFD page on the School Web site for more info on the WFFD. (top right hand corner) Rides details are on the web page!!

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Belinda Faehrmann
WFFD Coordinator
p: 0418 341 634
e: boo@nucleuscorporation.com
Lolly Stall Donations
As part of the WFFD, we will be conducting a lolly stall! We are seeking donations of bags of lollies which will be used to make up various sized mixed lolly bags (also a great way to ensure your favourite lolly is included!) A box will be placed outside the office for students to leave their donations. Thanks for your help!
Trudi Baker – Lolly Stall Co-ordinator

Art @ WFFD – Make your mark
Cath Anicic from Kids Are Raw Talent will be running the K..Art Room. There will be many drawing activities for everyone to try. Great for beginners and budding artists alike, test your powers of observation!!! You can also participate in the communal painting, where you can draw something that excites you about the fun day and paint it on the canvas. On completion, this wonderful painting will be kept by the school and hung for all to see. Cath Anicic

Preschool Heaven!
Lots of effort has gone into making sure that younger siblings and families with smaller children can have a lot of fun at WFFD. There will be treasure hunts, little tikes cars, jumping castle, Sparkles the Clown, Mickey Mouse, face painting, bubble tent, chair o plane, lucky dip, and access to the big kids stuff (some height and courage restrictions apply) Get the mothers groups along for a great day out!

Sponsors
Sponsors are such a huge part of putting on an event like the WFFD. Rebecca Cleaver and myself have been on the hunt for businesses in the community who would like to contribute to our Fun Day. It has been a positive experience due to wonderful businesses that are willing and eager to help out. For example;

Ferguson Plarre are once again a generous sponsor of the WFFD. This year they are supporting the Cake stall, Fairy Floss and Snow cones.
Alpha Bake House, Yarraville Village are generous regular contributors. This year they are sponsoring the Temporary Tattoo Tent
Soul Pattinson Chemist, Yarraville are kindly sponsoring our roving entertainment (Clown)
Le Chien, Gamon St, Seddon will be providing the coffee at the WFFD. Andy and Orla Smith are Wembley parents and are regularly helping WPS.
Bendigo Bank, Seddon have an incredible community sponsorship program and are providing a Marquee for, and Sponsoring, the BBQ for the WFFD.
Chalmers, Yarraville are once again sponsoring the WFFD.
Freeman Painting, Yarraville Paul is a professional painter, a Wembley Dad, and our Sponsor of the Biscuit Decorating Stall.
Maria Stogiannis Pharmacy, Wembley Ave have donated a very generous hamper
Grill’d, Yarraville Village have supplied many vouchers for their delicious burgers. Much will be used on the Spinning Wheel on the day!
Antipasti Deli Cafe, Yarraville are donating a hamper
Bunnings, Altona a whipper snipper
Paul Sadler Swimland, Braybrook school holiday swim voucher

There have been many more contributions made which will go into spinning wheel at the WFFD. If you would like to sponsor a stall personally, or your business, or you have a contact for a possible sponsor please contact me asap. Every little bit helps,

More Info on WFFD
Make sure you go to the WFFD page on the School Web site for more info on the WFFD. (top right hand corner) Rides details are on the web page!!
Dear Wembley Families,

iPod draw is this Friday!
15th of March @ our School assembly

- All families that have sold one whole raffle book, and returned it, are automatically in the iPod draw.
- All raffle books have been allocated to families and all tickets (sold and unsold) need to be returned.
- The Hamilton Island Raffle is a major part of our WFFD fundraising effort

Thank you to everyone for your support and best of luck for the draw!!

For more info please refer to recent newsletters and our WFFD web page on wembley.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

We want you!!

Many Hands Make Light work!

Please fill out this volunteer form and return to school (teacher or office) a.s.a.p. Thank you for making the WFFD possible!

A Stall Coordinator will be in touch with you shortly 😊

PARENT NAME/S________________________________________________________

MOBILE____________________EMAIL______________________________

YEAR LEVEL OF CHILD/REN__________________________________________

AVAILABILITY TIMES? Yes / No

AM______________________ PM____________________

Set up from 8.30am__________ Clean-up from 3pm___________
Sports Snippets 2013

Wembley Cross Country
All students from Year 3 to 6 will participate in the Wembley Cross Country at McIvor Reserve on Friday 15 March, 9am - 11.20am. Parents are welcome to attend and cheer on the students. Students - don’t forget your runners, water bottle and any medication on the day. Good luck.

Premier’s Active Families Challenge
Well done to the families who have taken on the Premier’s Active Families Challenge. They are participating in 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days between 4 March - 14 April. We hope they will enjoy the rewards and good luck in the draw to win prizes.

Prep PMP
Well done to all our Prep students who participated in PMP, with great energy and enthusiasm, on some very hot days.

Sports Gala Day Years 5 and 6
All students in Years 5 and 6 will be participating in the inter-school Sports Gala Day on Friday 22 March. Students have selected to train and compete in volleyball, volleystars, T20 blast cricket, hardball cricket, teeball or battennis.

PE classes
Students - Make sure you wear your runners and bring a water bottle on your PE day.
Kelleigh Evans and Debbie Arnheim
PE Co-ordinators
Canberra Camp

Earlier this term the grade 6 students enjoyed a four day camp to Canberra. We explored New and Old Parliament Houses, The Australian War Memorial, ‘Questacon’ - The National Science and Technology Centre, the Australian Institute of Sport, the High Court of Australia, the National Capital Exhibition Centre, the Electoral Education Centre, a bike ride around Lake Burley Griffin and many more activities.

While on our tour we focused on leadership and Australian history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $ 30- per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. We would also like to thank the volunteers: Claire Fitzharris, Josh Shuttleworth and Sarah Mason for their hard work on camp. In addition, the students represented Wembley in such a positive way that we were complimented everywhere we went.
### Wembley Basketball Club
For information please visit our website: www.wembleybasketball.com.au

### Wembley Netball Club
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**DO YOU HAVE ANY TOYS LIKE THIS GATHERING DUST AT YOUR HOUSE? WE WOULD LOVE TO BORROW THEM FOR THE WEMBLEY FAMILY DAY!!**

Family Fun Day is coming up and we are looking for some help! We (Deryn Rudd & Kellie Anthony – both with children in grade 1 and grade 4) are organising rides and activities for the smaller children.

If you have any ride on toys (like those above) that you could lend us for the day it would be greatly appreciated!!!

Please contact Deryn (0417 141 219/ derryn_m@hotmail.com) or Kellie (0423 657 572/ kjsnanthony@hotmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you soon!
Register and meet the coaches on Sunday March 17th from 10am until 1pm. Sausage sizzle available from 10am until 1pm.
**Apps for iPads**

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Mary Delahunty and Pat Minton will be presenting Apps for IPads

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We will compare dictionaries, talking word processors and other information sources both for primary and secondary students. We can also show some useful ways of using iPads with other technology, particularly useful for older primary and secondary students.

Please join the Dyslexia Support Group West on hearing about these great apps to help our children

Bring your Ipads

And please let us know if you are coming via the below email address or mobile number

Details:

Date - Saturday 16th March
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