From the School Leaders

**Wembley Family Fun Day**
Two days to go and counting down until the fabulous Wembley Family Fun Day. Preparations are well underway and the school has been a buzz all week with helpers making the final plans for a successful day. The WFFD will begin at 10am on Saturday morning and the action will be centred around the basketball court, the oval, soccer ground and canteen area. Rides, games, activities and stalls will cater for all ages and interests. The entire school community is invited along to join in the fun and friendship to ensure that this will be a memorable and successful day. The major raffle will be drawn in the afternoon and tickets will still be available for purchase on the day. Congratulations to Jazmine Ashcroft in Year 1B, who was the lucky winner of the iPod draw for selling a whole book of tickets. Can sold and unsold tickets please be returned to the office as soon as possible.

**End of Term**
A reminder to all parents that Term 1 will end on Thursday 28 March at 1.30pm. An assembly will be held at 1.15pm on the basketball court to present our weekly Student of the Week certificates and the children will be dismissed at 1.30pm for the two week holiday break. Term 2 resumes on Monday 15 April.

**Planning Weeks**
Over the course of this week and next, teaching teams will be involved in planning meetings to plan curriculum and learning experiences for Term 2. The teams have been fortunate in having the assistance of Vassie D’Arcangelo, Assistant Principal, Curriculum, Taxia Katsouranis, Literacy Coach, Kevin Chigwidden, Numeracy Coach, Bruce Williams, Numeracy Consultant and Kay Willmott, Numeracy Coach to support them with their work during these sessions. Specialist teachers have provided programs in Art, Music and Physical Education on the designated planning day for each year level. All teaching teams have been working and planning together to develop a consistent approach to teaching the intended approaches and Parent Helper training for classroom helpers. Thank you for your attendance and we look forward to seeing parents volunteer in the classrooms during our literacy programs. If anyone requires any further information about the Parent Helpers Program at Wembley Primary our policy is available for viewing on the website.

**Parent and Teacher Meet and Greet Sessions**
These were held last Wednesday and Thursday and were well attended by parents. Feedback received from both and parents and teachers was of a positive nature. Parents are thanked for their participation in these sessions which strengthen our home-school partnership.

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**Upcoming Events For Term 1, 2013**

- **Tuesday 19th March**
  WMR Swimming

- **Friday 22nd March**
  Summer Sport Gala Day

- **Saturday 23rd March**
  Family Fun Day

- **Thursday 28th March**
  Free Dress Day
  Last day Term 1
  1:30pm dismissal

- **Monday 15th April**
  Term 2 begins
  YDSSV AFL, Soccer, Netball & Basketball Trials

- **Thursday 25th April**
  ANZAC Day

- **Tuesday 30th April**
  Curriculum Day

- **Friday 10th May**
  YDSSV Cross Country

- **Tuesday 14th May**
  NAPLAN

- **Wednesday 15th May**
  NAPLAN

- **Thursday 16th May**
  NAPLAN

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**Uniform Shop**
Orders can be placed at the office with payment.

**Out of School Hours Care Program**
Phone Number 9314 9358

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**Literacy Information Sessions**
Once again these sessions were well attended by parents of Prep, Years 1 & 2 students. Jim Kinniburgh and Taxia Katsouranis took the group through Reading and Writing
Upcoming Events For Term 1, 2013

Curriculum for Term 2.

**Years 5 & 6 Gala Sports Day**
The Gala Sports Day for all years 5 & 6 students will be held on Friday 22 March. Children will be travelling to various sports venues to participate in Interschool Sports, representing themselves and Wembley PS. We wish the children all the very best and appreciate the efforts of the students and staff in ensuring this day is enjoyable and successful.

**Casual Clothes Day**
Junior School Council are holding their first activity for the year and it will be Casual Clothes Day. This will be held on the last day of term, Thursday 28 March, to support the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Children are able to come to school in casual clothes and donate a gold coin to the appeal.

**Legally Blonde-The Musical**
Wembley has a group booking for Legally Blonde on Thursday 23 May at 7.30pm and all tickets are at a special school price of $49.90. Bookings can be made at the office and the final date of payment is Wednesday 27 March.

**Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**
The date of the school booking to Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang has been changed to Thursday 11 April (second week of the school holidays) due to the show finishing that week. Parents who had booked tickets have been advised of the change and final payment was due last week. Hopefully the tickets will be at school early next week for collection.

**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

**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.

Congratulations to Jazmyn Ashcroft from 1B who was the lucky winner of the iPod Shuffle.

Especially BIG “thank you” to the families of Mia Graff, Matasam El Haouli and Jazmin Clough for selling several raffle books each!
Hamilton Island Raffle
It is almost draw day for the big Hamilton Island Raffle!!
Congratulations to Jazmyn Ashcroft from 1B who was the lucky winner of the iPod Shuffle
Thank you to all who have returned their raffle tickets
Especially BIG “thank you” to the families of Mia Graff, Matasam El Haouli and Jazmin Clough for selling several raffle books each!
Hoping to sell many more tickets before, and on Saturday. If you have the will to sell a book or two before Saturday please collect from the school office (WPS Ph 9314 7500)

50/50 Raffle
On the day we will be running a 50/50 raffle. It is $5 to enter and the prize at the end of the day is 50% of the takings. Depending on how popular this raffle is, there is opportunity to win an impressive amount of cash!
Be sure to check it out at the Raffle/Info Marquee on Saturday. Gotta be in it to win it!!

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!

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

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.
Pre-orders were due 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. There are working bees, volunteering on a stall, set up, and clean up. There is also telling your family and friends about WFFD and they can have a great day out too! Volunteer forms went out once a week for three weeks. Please fill one in and return to school. Even an hour of your time will help to make light work for others!

Cake Stall
Now is an excellent time to walk the streets of Yarraville and smell all the gorgeous vapours of people home baking for the WFFD Cake Stall. Many thanks to all those who are busy baking!

Electrical needs
An enormous thank you to Steve Purtel who has kindly offered to ensure all the electrical is in order for the day.

Belinda Faehrmann
WFFD Coordinator
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**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! **Chilled refreshments will be supplied at 4pm for those who participate!**

**Lolly Stall Donations**
It’s not too late to donate some lollies for the stall on Saturday! The lolly box is near the school office window.
Trudi Baker

**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

**Art @ WFFD - Make your mark**
Please make sure that your children know about the communal wall mural that will be created in the Art room at the WFFD. This art work will be put up for all to admire somewhere in the school for a long time to come. It will feel great to see your artistic talents on show.

**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.

Our Many Thanks go to;

**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 (Sparkles the Clown)

**Le Chien, Gamon St, Seddon** will be providing the amazing coffee at the WFFD. Andy and Orla Smith are Wembley parents and are regular contributors.

**Bendigo Bank, Seddon** have an incredible community sponsorship program and are providing a Marquee and Sponsoring, the BBQ for the WFFD.

**Fusion Martial Arts** are generous sponsors WFFD and will be there doing demos throughout the day

**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!

**Fernwood Yarraville** have organised for Mickey Mouse to make an appearance at WFFD!

**Antipasti Deli Cafe, Yarraville** are donating a hamper

**Bunnings, Altona & Maribyrnong** a whipper snipper and compost barrel

**Office Works** have donated a printer

**Paul Sadler Swimland, Braybrook** school holiday swim voucher

**Midas, Yarraville** a free car service. Darren and Lisa are Wembley parents and regular fundraising supporters.

**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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Sports Snippets 2013
Wembley Cross Country

No-one expected it to be easy. A 2 kilometre run for 9 and 10 year olds and a three kilometre run for 11 and 12 year olds is a challenge that requires fitness and perseverance. Well done to all our students who completed the event. Twelve girls and twelve boys from each age group will begin training next term in preparation for the Yarraville District Cross Country.

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, handball cricket, teeball or battennis.

Prep PMP
There will be no PMP during the last two weeks of term. We will complete the program during week 1 and 2 of term 2.
Divisional Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday the following children swam in the Divisional Swimming Championships at Oak Park:

Kira Bennett, Jacob Owens, Seth Crossman, Maddie Mitchell, Zoe Wilson, Ivy Cooper, Tommy Smith, Daniel Lavelle, Luke Greenwood, Olivia Caldwell, Ella Brinksma, Ella Garbett, Tess Wilmshurst, Tom Umseher, Cooper Brown, Cooper Cavallo, Damon Bennett, Samuel Owens, Kobe Cikala & Rina Jade Cooper.

These children have been training before school, and have displayed enthusiasm, team work and commitment both in and out of the pool.

Our team was led by our outstanding captains, Kira Bennett and Jacob Owens. They have been excellent role models for the team.

Congratulations and good luck to the following children who have made it through to Regional Championships, which will be held at Werribee this Tuesday March 19:

Kira Bennett, Zoe Wilson, Ivy Cooper, Maddie Mitchell, Rina Jade Cooper, Ella Brinksma, Olivia Caldwell, Jacob Owens, Seth Crossman, Tommy Smith, Samuel Owens, Cooper Cavallo, Damon Bennett, Cooper Brown and Tom Umseher.

Netball

There will be a district try out for the grade 5/6 children in netball on Wednesday March 20 at Yarraville West Primary School at 2pm.

Kelleigh Evans and Debbie Arnheim
PE Co-ordinators
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<td>Damien McErlich</td>
<td>for reorganising a cut up sentence in Literacy. Great job!</td>
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<td>PB</td>
<td>Kobie Nuthall</td>
<td>for asking clarifying questions during show &amp; tell. You are also a fabulous listener!</td>
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<td>PC</td>
<td>Maja Falcone</td>
<td>for showing the value of cooperation by sharing and helping while we smashed Humpty!</td>
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<td>Leontine O’Brien</td>
<td>for big improvements in her writing in a short time.</td>
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<td>Oliver Anthony</td>
<td>for being enthusiastic about Independent reading and finding lots of text to self connections in his book.</td>
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<td>Charlize Stefanovski</td>
<td>for great focus in class during learning time.</td>
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<td>Alana Gibbs</td>
<td>for understanding our school values-persistence and applying it to her learning. Well done!</td>
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<td>Angus Urquhart</td>
<td>for his excellent listening skills that enable him to complete all tasks to a high standard.</td>
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<td>Christian Merriman</td>
<td>for showing respect towards his peers.</td>
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<td>Charli Freeman</td>
<td>for bringing her positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning to our grade!</td>
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<td>Amelia Wojcik</td>
<td>for a fabulous performance of our school values.</td>
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<td>Abbey Wilmshurst</td>
<td>for persisting with her reading - you are making great improvements.</td>
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<td>Lily Seidel</td>
<td>for showing great resilience at cross country and being so supportive of your class mates.</td>
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<td>Darcy Skopelitis</td>
<td>for trying hard in maths and being enthusiastic about his learning! Happy Birthday!</td>
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<td>Heidi Buckle</td>
<td>for completing fabulous extra homework. Well done!</td>
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<td>Kristina Papadopoulos</td>
<td>for filling out her diary and homework book perfectly. Very organised!!</td>
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<td>Alyssa Macris</td>
<td>for using a clear voice to read her persuasive speech aloud to the class.</td>
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<td>Indy Rickard-Smith</td>
<td>for great contribution during discussions about Q.A.R’s.</td>
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<td>Jordi Di Pietro</td>
<td>for displaying an extremely positive and helpful attitude in and out of the classroom.</td>
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<td>Lachlan Green</td>
<td>for persisting through losing a shoe to place well in the cross country trials.</td>
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<td>Baden Platt</td>
<td>for excellent research and notes into a significant leader!</td>
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<td>Maddie Mitchell</td>
<td>for her independent work on the Prime Minister project. Keep it up!!</td>
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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!
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