Wembley Primary School
Newsletter No. 21 – 20 July 2016

From the Principals

**Parent Opinion Survey**
Each year this annual survey is sent out to a randomly selected group of parents. We will be posting the letters home on Monday. Parents who receive the survey are asked to complete it honestly and return it to school, sealed in the envelope provided by Friday 29 July. All survey responses are confidential and your prompt return will be appreciated. All feedback provided in the Parent Opinion Survey is considered and will inform future school improvement.

**2017 1:1 Macbook Program**
An information session for Year 3 parents will be held on Thursday 4 August beginning at 6.00pm in the Jim Kinniburgh Building. Information about this session has been sent to parents of all students in Year 3. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this very important session!

**Mr K at Wembley**
Jim Kinniburgh, our Literacy Consultant, will be at Wembley next week to work with teachers and students on extending literacy knowledge and skills. Jim will be warmly welcomed by students, teachers and his book publishing team of parents.

**School Nurse**
All Prep students received School Nursing Program Questionnaires last week to be competed, signed and returned to school by the end of this week. Parents are asked to send these forms back to school as soon as possible so that a date can be booked for the visit of our School Nurse this year.

Upcoming dates:

**Wed 27 July – Sat 30 July**
Prep-Year 2 Art Show

**Tuesday 2nd August**
ICAS English

**Tuesday 16th August**
ICAS Maths

**Monday 22 August-Friday 26 August**
Book Week

**Wednesday 24 August**
Book Week Parade

**Friday 28 August**
Premiers Reading Challenge

**Thursday 4 August**
1:1 MacBook Parent Info Session
6:00pm on the BER

**Wed 31 August – Sat 3 September**
Year 3 – 6 Art Show

**Clubs Program**
Many lunchtime clubs have been operating this year and children are invited to participate in a wide range of activities from art and craft, choir, coding, sporting activities, dance and homework clubs. Please remind your child to check the daily clubs schedule for some activities that they may be interested in.
Attendance
As you may have seen this year, we have been making a concerted effort to meet our attendance target, as outlined in our Annual Implementation Plan. Our goal for 2016 is to have a whole school attendance of 95% or above. Our attendance in Term One was 96.4% and in Term Two was 95.45%. This means we are currently meeting our target. In order to achieve our attendance target for Semester Two, we will continue this pathway with our students and families to ensure improved student learning outcomes and student engagement.

We are encouraging attendance and following up absences in many ways, For example: If your child has been absent for more than two days over the course of the term we have sought explanations if they haven’t been provided. Or, if your child had a partial absence (i.e. late arrival or early departure), we shared this information with you to ensure our records were correct. We thank you for your ongoing communication and support so far.

Did you know?

- Research has shown a direct link between regular school attendance and achievement later in life.
- Regular school attendance is vital to enable students to make the most of the education opportunities afforded to them.
- Regular school attendance promotes positive relationships amongst students and their peers.
- Regular patterns of school attendance in the early years lead to regular patterns of attendance throughout the school years thus ensuring students remain engaged and connected in their life-long learning.

SKOOLD Basketball
Yesterday several classes participated in basketball clinics as a part of their weekly PE lesson. The SKOOLD Basketball program was sponsored by Melbourne United Basketball Team. Every child received a ‘show bag’ of goodies including either a tee shirt or cap. After lunch several Melbourne United players came to school to participate in a game of basketball with some of our up and coming talented basketball players from Years 4 to 6. Wembley were not disgraced in the final outcome of the game as many baskets were secured on our behalf. Thank you to Warwick Giddey for organizing this entertaining and enjoyable activity for the students at Wembley Primary School.

Francis Street—Wonderful news!
As a result of the excellent work of the ‘Clean Air on Francis Street’ Sub Committee and School Council in lobbying VicRoads and the State Government about safety, noise level and air quality, we now have truck curfews on Francis Street between 8.00am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm during school terms. This is a great outcome for the students and parents of Wembley Primary School!

We look forward to reduced truck flow during these critical times when students are travelling to and from school. The safety of our students and families is always paramount for us.
Sentral
Are you logging onto the Sentral Parent Portal every week? These tabs are active:

**Resources:** Student Learning and Achievement Award list is loaded the Thursday BEFORE assembly, Scales and Vocabulary to understand Essential Learnings and more...

**Reporting:** End of Semester Reports are available from Semester One 2015 and Semester Two 2015. REPORTS will be published live onto the Parent Portal on Monday 20th June. Make sure you have signed up for your personalised login to access reports.

**Assessments:** View Ongoing Essential Learning Progress, updated weekly or biweekly, according to each year level’s pacing.

**Attendance:** View the attendance ‘heat map’.

Please email our specialised Sentral Helpdesk for any assistance: sentral@wembleyps.vic.edu.au

2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
Congratulations to all students who have taken on the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Students in Prep to Year 2 need to read or experience 30 books. Students in Years 3 to 6 must read 15 books. So far, we have read a total of 3540 books and 51 students have completed the challenge! The Challenge finishes on August 26 for Wembley and we look forward to verifying all books and seeing many names on the online Honour roll.
Debbie Arnheim - Premiers’ Reading Challenge Coordinator

Wembley Primary School tiqbiz App
Exciting News! Last Term we launched a school app called tiqbiz. Each student received a pack containing individual registration information. This app is **NOT** part of Sentral. For ongoing reporting and individual student absence information, you will still need to access Sentral.

The school will be using tiqbiz to send out the school newsletter, general updates, reminders, events and much, much more!

**tiqbiz** is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and Windows phone devices. We kindly ask that you download **tiqbiz** on your device, register a free account then find and tick the school.
Art Shows - Term 3 2016

Dear Parents,
The first of our Art Shows is fast approaching and the students are working hard to finish some fantastic works of art.

The Junior Show (Prep-2) opening night is Wednesday 27th July 5:30-7pm.
Entrance is a gold coin per person or $5 for a family of five or more. Your admission fee will put you in the running for some fantastic door prizes, which will be drawn on the night. We have beautiful Artbrella’s, Wine, Art Packs, Books, Tote Bags and Vouchers as prizes.

All of the students’ work will be ‘for sale’ (gold coin) and our young artists are excited by the prospect of selling their first piece. All sold works will display a gold/sold sticker, so we hope to see lots of gold dots on the night. If you can’t be there for opening night, you can still purchase your child’s artwork through the office.

We hope all families will be able to come along and mingle, enjoy some nibbles, take some great ‘selfies’ in the photo-booth and view some fantastic artwork.

Tickets for our Major Art Raffle will be on sale this week and drawn at the conclusion of both Art Shows.

And...just when we have recovered from the excitement of our Junior Show, we get to do it all over again with our Senior Show (Yr3-6). Opening night - Wednesday 31st August 5:30pm-7pm.

More information can be found on our website www.wembleyps.vic.edu.au and in the poster attached to this newsletter.

Book Week visiting Authors

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2016 Junior & Senior School Art Shows

Junior School Exhibition
Opening Night: Wed 27th July 5.30-7pm
Thursday 28th & Friday 29th July 3.30-4.30pm
Sat 30 July 10am-Noon

Senior School Exhibition
Opening Night: Wed 31st Aug 5.30pm-7pm
Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd Sept 3.30-4.30pm
Sat 3rd Sept 10am-Noon

Gold Coin Donation Entry
Door Prizes • Major Art Raffle • Nibbles • Photobooth
Full details at www.wembleyps.vic.edu.au
20th August 2016
WAG Fundraiser
Parent & Friends Social Evening

This year we are trying a different type of event & format. We are focusing on an evening of live music with a theme of the Countdown era.

The plan is to celebrate through dance, live music, dress-up, lip-syncing competition. It will not be a formal sit down affair but a more relaxed, social butterfly, mingling evening. There will be chairs and tables etc. within the hall and finger food is welcome to be brought along, but there are NO assigned tables. There will be chances to win some great prizes and of course most importantly the coming together of the Wembley community.

Tickets will be $40pp, which will include entry into the event as well as 95% of the raffles. Very reasonably priced drinks (beer, wine & soft drinks) will be available to be purchase throughout the evening. We are also working on a few big-ticket items for a raffle that will be a separate cost for all to participate in on the evening. Get in early to ensure you get tickets.

Invitations are currently being sent home and we look forward to seeing you there for an enjoyable night.

Tickets are only available via https://www.trybooking.com/MESY . If you have any queries please contact us via wembleyactiongroup@gmail.com or message us via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/WAG4788/

We are also asking for your help. To make the evening as successful as we can we are wanting to source further donations. If you can ask yourself, can my employer or my business help with a sponsorship or donation? These can be in the form of goods, services or vouchers. If you have a lead please contact WAG on wembleyactiongroup@gmail.com
The Wembley Parents
Count Down
Social Night

Do yourself a favour • Keep it free

Saturday 20 August
The Wembley School Hall

Live Music • Disco • Prizes
Dancing • Lip-sync Battle
Roosters still kicking goals in a tough land

IT'S hard country out where the desert hits the Great Australian Bight on the edge of the Nullarbor. Not much grows there and what does is tough, especially the people. There aren’t many of them but they have made their mark in sport. Streaky Bay, for instance, is not only known for its surf (and great white sharks as big as Volkswagens) but is where racing’s McEvoy clan come from.

Tony McEvoy kept the Hayes family’s Lindsay Park empire booming after the tragic death of David Hayes’ brother Peter in 2008. McEvoy’s nephew Kerrin, who learned his trade around the Eyre Peninsula, went on to win a Melbourne Cup at 20, his passport to becoming a successful international jockey and the district’s most famous son.

Then there are the footballers. Some of the game’s most famous indigenous names trace their pedigrees back to the country between Streaky Bay and Ceduna, a family and footy heritage that touches three centuries — and takes in three tribal groups.

They were no doubt playing the game well before 1906, when they founded what they reckon is Australia’s oldest indigenous football club, the Koombibba Roosters.

The original jumper — white with black sash — has changed a few times since then but the Roosters’ reputation for skill and dash has stuck through generations. The club’s success on the field is a bright spot in the troubled story of indigenous Australia — something that struck an outsider who started visiting the area in the late 1980s with a surfboard, a camera and a curious mind.

His name is Grant Hobson and, for him, what was once a hobby has become something more. Hobson is still no Kelly Slater on a surfboard but he’s an artist with a camera. A school maintenance man by profession, an environmental activist by inclination, the Melbourne father of three is also a footy fan when he’s not surfing or taking pictures.

When Hobson first started visiting “Streaky”, he met and befriended some of football’s better fringe dwellers in their own right.

For a start, there were the footballers. Many players and club officials Hobson has photographed recently are descended from the 1930s players Tindale photographed as part of a joint project with Harvard University.

Hobson reckons the exhibition will help build a sense of pride and identity in a group that has taken a battering over the past 80 years. Football, he says, is still the glue that helps keep fragile indigenous communities together because “it provided the only level playing field in town.”

The game was something they excelled at and hung on to, even when hard lives — and hard living — meant too many players died far too young. That’s a story repeated all over Australia. In Victoria, the old Aboriginal “missions” at Framlingham and Lake Tyrers produced great (if not greatly famous) players.

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Although Edwards bothered to play only one game in the VFL, he was a hero in our corner of the world, one of a handful of local footballers almost forgotten. Beside him on the forward line was Joe Wandin, the bantamweight tent boxer who won a professional fight at Festival Hall on a week’s notice, who three big boxers who set him up in a pub, and won his last fight as a 50-year-old with a dodgy heart and bare fists. Joe made a very tough route in 1955 from “Choppy” Hayes, who beat the fastest sprinters in Australia in the 75-yard dash at a Stawell Gift meeting. He was centreman and skipper.

Hobson saw how the area produced some of football’s better known players. He saw that famous names in the modern AFL such as Davey, Betts, Burgoyne and Wangaenee could trace family and footy pedigrees back to the district.

Most had played for the Roosters, a dominant force in South Australia’s Far West Football League. Later this month, a dozen past and present Roosters and a couple of elders will get on a bus in Ceduna for the six-hour drive to Adelaide to catch a flight to Melbourne.

Hobson will pack them up at Tullulimine and take them to the Ian Potter Museum of Art at Melbourne University. There they will see images — of themselves and their relatives — that Hobson has taken in recent years. It’s all part of his entry in the Basil Sellers Art Prize in Sport. After viewing the photographs, guests will hear the visitors talk about football and survival in the wild west of South Australia.

Hobson’s entry is more than modern colour portraits of living people. He has also recurred copies of archival photographs taken by a farsighted academic, Norman Tindale, in the late 1930s when documenting tribal groups around Australia.

Many players and club officials Hobson has photographed will be present and will address the exhibition. They will talk about the game and its place in their lives.

Among those who will address the exhibition is the 50-year-old with a dodgy heart and a professional record of 10 professional fights — Ronnie Edwards.

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The backline was all Harrisons. Stan at full-back and his relatives Alf and Rupert, in the pockets. Harold Hayes was a wily centre half-back who cut big centre forwards half-downs to size. And there were more. Hoods, Mulletts, Mobournes, Carters, Greens, Peppers and Thorpes, all well-known. Gippsland Koori names, all gifted sportsmen who put fun ahead of money. Not that they had anything against playing for money. But there was something brilliantly amateur about the way the Lake Tyers players enjoyed the game they were good at. What Ronnie Edwards enjoyed at was kicking a ball through the big sticks. He had flair, intuition and freakish goal sense. He just loved kicking goals. One day he kicked 43. That is not a misprint. On Saturday, August 26, 1950, playing full-forward for Lake Tyers at home against the nearby timber town of Nowa Nowa, R. Edwards kicked 43.12, a total score of 43.12 to 27.25 to Nowa Nowa’s 11.10.76.

It seems his teammates got the idea that Ronnie should beat the league’s leading goal-kicker — an ex-VFL bonzhoul on the payroll at Orbost — and so they fed him the ball all day.

He succeeded them off the ground with either foot. He kicked them from 50m out and 25m out as a rout. But the moment that stuck in people’s minds — according to my father, a slow 18-year-old ruckman that day — was when Ronnie started to tear into his back, threw the ball on to his boot as his shoulders hit the ground and kicked a goal from 82 out.

When Ronnie died at 70, only two of his teammates were left. The rest had died too young, many violently. It’s a pity there was no one like Grant Hobson around in the 1950s to catch them on film.

Andrew Rule

IN THE REAL WORLD

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Roosters still kicking goals in a tough land

WESTGATE PINK BALL PROGRAM FOR GIRLS

Team sports foster friendship and camaraderie, teamwork, respect, a sense of belonging, persistence, patience, resilience and self-esteem. Sessions are run by representative level youth basketball players and give girls a terrific grounding in the fundamental skills for the game that can be applied to any other sport.

Sessions are run on behalf of Basketball Victoria.

Register now and shoot for the stars!

Victorian Interschool Snowsports Championships
Mt Buller 22nd - 24th August 2016

We are looking to enter another team in the Interschool Snowsports at Mt Buller in August. Grade 1 to 6 students who can already ski or board are encouraged to enter.

Any ability level is okay, the emphasis is on fun and participation.

Events for skiers are on Monday 22nd and/or Tuesday 23rd August. Events for snow boarders are all on Wednesday 24th August. All students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

For those who are interested please contact:
Damien Waddington, Parent Representative: dwaddington5@gmail.com

You can also check out the Victorian Interschool’s website: www.vicinterschools.com.au

Please visit http://chilp.it/47c228f for some more information on the team.

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SCHOOL BANKING
Every Tuesday is school banking day at Wembley Primary School
Teaching generations of young Australians the importance of saving and lifelong money skills since 1931.

What’s School Banking?
School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can redeem for exciting rewards.

When children join the program they receive a Dollarmites deposit wallet and a Platybank moneybox, along with a range of fun, engaging materials to help them learn and encourage them to save.

Get your child started with School Banking
Wembley Primary School is already involved with Commonwealth Bank Dollarmites, so all you’ll need to do is open a Youthsaver account for your child (or they can use their existing one). Here are three ways to open a Youthsaver account.
1. Apply online ~ Apply online if you’re an existing customer and have NetBank
2. Apply in a branch ~ Visit your closest branch. You’ll need to bring your child’s birth certificate when you visit your closest branch.
3. Apply at school ~ Complete and return this form to your child’s school.
Youthsaver account.

Bespoke interior design studio specialising in kitchen, bathroom and laundry design & construction.
Visit us in our newly opened studio at 95 Charles Street, Seddon - in collaboration with Simple Form homewares.
Transform your house into a home with By Bruno.
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