



Wembley Primary School

Newsletter No. 14 – 24 May 2017

From the Principals

Education Week Open Morning

Yesterday morning we welcomed many parents, grandparents and friends to school to participate in our morning learning activities. The visitors were greeted by our School Captains, who took parents to classrooms and then escorted them on a guided tour of the school.

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and community members who visited the school today and we invite you to call back and visit again sometime in the future.

Reporting to Parents – Pupil Free Day – Wednesday 28 June

Wednesday 28 June has been set aside as our final Pupil Free Day for 2017 and this will be for reporting student progress to parents. Students will be presenting their learning goals and progress for Semester 1 in the Student Lead Conferences. More details regarding booking appointment times for these conferences will be available in the coming weeks.

Attitudes To School Survey

This week our Year Four, Five and Six students participated in the Attitudes to School Survey (ATS Survey). 2017 was the first year the ATS Survey was open to Year Four students. This was also the first year the ATS Survey was conducted online, making it quick and easy! Thankyou to all the students for their participation, we are looking forward to using the results to make improvements in our classroom practice.

Upcoming dates:

Wednesday 7-Friday 9 June
Year 2 Camp

Monday 19-Friday 23 June
Year 5 Camp

Wednesday 28 June
Pupil Free Day and Student Led Conferences

Friday 30 June
French Day at school

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Last Day Term 2
2:00pm Assembly
2:15pm Dismissal

Student Clothing

Please ensure that your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name and class. This will ensure that, if they accidentally leave a jacket or hat in the playground, it will get returned to them and not end up in the lost property cupboard.

RAFFLE INCENTIVE PRIZE DRAW

Don't forget to be eligible for the iPod Incentive Booksellers Draw you must have your FULLY sold raffle book & monies returned to school no later than Wednesday 31st May 2017.

GOOD LUCK!!!!

Anyone not wanting to participate in selling raffle tickets, can you please send back the raffle book ASAP as we have plenty of families who would like extra books.

PARENTS & CARERS CYBER SAFETY EVENING

29th May 2017 @ 7.30pm at Yarraville Footscray Bowls Club

We will need to set up seating as well as be catering light refreshments at this event, so we need to know attendance numbers by this Friday. If you are thinking off going to this FREE event, we would appreciate if you could log on to Trybooking www.trybooking.com/277470 and reserve your spot by Friday. Look forward to seeing you there. 😊

End Of Semester Reports and Student Led Conferences - Save the Dates!

On **Monday 26 June** our Semester One Reports will be available on your Sentral Parent Portal. They will be based on the new Victorian Curriculum.

On **Wednesday 28 June** all parents from years Prep to Six are invited to attend a Student Led Conference for each of their children, as they reflect on their growth and celebrate their achievements. The Student Led Conference is a Pupil Free Day and more information will be sent home later to book in a time.

Attendance

Using the table below, we can compare our school-wide weekly attendance from 2016 and 2017. The green shows the weeks where we have improved upon our attendance from the same time last year. Our aim is to be above 95%, using our philosophy, "Every Day Counts!" See the tips in this week's newsletter to help raise our student attendance and learning opportunities.

Year	T2W01	T2W02	T2W03	T2W04	T2W05
2017	92.43 %	95.00 %	95.20 %	95.38 %	93.59 %
2016	95.19 %	93.44 %	94.67 %	95.71 %	95.28 %

In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school **per year**. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school 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.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

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, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school 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.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

Introducing Year 6 School Captain - Cameron Truong

Hello parents and students. My name is Cameron Truong and I am a School Captain. In my spare time, I play piano, clarinet and do basketball. I have played piano for seven years and clarinet for three years. An idea that I have to help improve the school is to continue improving the facilities such as the toilets.

Introducing - Junior School Councillors - Kobe Sulja and Emily Walsh

Hi, my name is Kobe and I am the Junior School Council representative for Year 1. I wanted to be JSC rep because I wanted my ideas to be built in the school to make it a better place.

I have two brothers: Sebastian is in Year 5 and Oliver is in Year 2.

Outside of school, I like going to birthday parties, playing Under 8s Wembley basketball and playing with my brothers.

I am very happy to be a JSC rep this year.

It's the first year that I was allowed to try.

Hi, my name is Emily Walsh and I am delighted to be the Year 5 Junior School Council representative for 2017. Every year I have tried for the JSC and I guess this year was my lucky year!

I really enjoy reading, playing the violin and dancing.

I live with my mum, dad, brother, Tom and my dog (named Buddy), three chickens named Julie, Frizzle and Olive and we have heaps of fish.

I hope that you enjoy me on JSC this year.

French Day at school: 30 June 2017

The national day of France is celebrated on 14 July. It is known in English speaking countries as Bastille Day, le jour de la Bastille in French. This is an ideal opportunity for us to celebrate our first semester of French at Wembley Primary School.

The French Day will be held on the last day of term, on Friday 30 June. Students will partake in cultural learning activities for the whole day. We ask that students dress up in a French theme as there will be a parade before assembly to showcase our costumes. The theme is 'France', and here are some pointers to help you in your search: Tour de France, soccer (the unofficial national sport), Cannes Festival, Nice Festival, Madeline and Mime Marceau, to name a few.

In the meantime, bookmark the [French blog](#) (can be found on the homepage of the Wembley PS Website) to keep in touch with your child's learning and to practice with them through songs and play.

Happy costume planning!

Parking and Traffic around the School

Limited parking within the vicinity of the school and heavy traffic continue to be an ongoing problem for our school community. This has recently been exacerbated by the building activity in St Leonards Avenue and playground work at school. Parents are asked to exhibit patience when trying to park at drop off and pick up times, and to plan to arrive a little earlier in the mornings to avoid the traffic congestion. The Maribyrnong Council maintains surveillance around the school and will continue to issue infringements for illegal and dangerous parking situations.

Violin Lessons



Wembley Primary School offers an Instrumental Music Program that is run inside of school hours. We currently have a number of positions available for the violin. If your child is interested in learning the violin, please pick up and fill in a form at the front office.
Thank you! - Regina Tan

Our Art Rooms Need Your Help

The Art Rooms are nearly out of newspapers. If you have any that would normally go into your recycling bin, please drop them into one of the Artrooms instead.



We are also collecting shoebox lids (fully detached lids only) and bottle tops (washed) from milk bottles, juice bottles etc.

Thanking you in advance for your contributions.

Mr Symmons & Ms Ruth



2017 Camping Program at Wembley

The camping program at Wembley enables students to further their learning and social development in a non-school setting. It is designed to assist with the gradual development of independence and responsibility by providing engaging, challenging and educational experiences beyond the classroom, for all students. The program has been sequentially planned to enable all students from Prep through to Year 6 to participate in.

To assist parents with future planning the following dates of camps for 2017 have been confirmed.

Year 5-Kangarooie, Great Ocean Road, Princeton Monday 19 to Friday 23 June (5 days, 4 nights)

Year 4-Sovereign Hill, Ballarat-Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 November (3 days, 2 nights)

Year 3-The Island, Phillip Island-Wednesday 29 November to Friday 1 December (3 days, 2 nights)

Year 2-Cottage by The Sea, Queenscliff- Group 1-Wednesday 7 June to Thursday 8 June, Group 2-Thursday 8 June to Friday 9 June (2 days, 1 night)

Year 1-Games, dinner and movie at school-5.00-November-December, date to be decided

Prep-Stay and Play-afternoon tea and games at school, adjacent to school day, November-December, date to be decided.

Further information will be sent home to each year level regarding their camping activities, closer to the date.

If you have any questions regarding the Camping Program at Wembley, please direct them to Annmaree Jones.



WPCG Event
Parents and Carers Internet Safety & Security Evening



When: ~ **Monday 29th May 2017**

Time: ~ **7.30pm**

Where: ~ **Yarraville Bowls Club**

Internet Safety & Security: ~ Parental Control Session.

WPCG invite parents & guardians to this FREE Wembley Primary School sponsored information session to learn about the internet & parental controls.

You have a door to your house & you decide who comes in & out; where is the door to the internet? The avenues by which people (especially young people) can communicate when using the Internet enabled devices are almost endless. Come along and learn how to manage internet access and computers in your home.

This session is conducted by UMESECURITY.
www.umesecurity.com

Reserve your spot now, via trybooking, as seating is limited

Tickets Available via www.trybooking.com/277470

(Ticket reservations close Friday 26th May, 2017)

This is a child FREE event

Student Learning & Achievement Awards

Prep A	Kobi C	For her amazing effort and persistence working hard on her learning goals. What a super star!
Prep B	Enes B	For always displaying his 5L's of listening and his fabulous persistence in learning his letter names and sounds. The hard work is paying off! Keep up the fantastic effort, Enes!
Prep C		
Prep D	Jacob M	For your efforts and persistence with learning letters and the sounds that they make. Jake your hard work has really paid off, well done!
Prep E	Oscar C	For working hard towards his writing goals. Keep up the excellent work Oscar! Persistence is a great personal strength!
1A	Jonah A	For great focus and effort when sitting on the floor during whole class instruction. Amazing job Jonah!
1B	Amelia W	For always showing the Wembley Values. Amelia is an incredibly responsible, respectful and honest student who is always trying her best. Amazing work, Amelia!
1C	Bowie M	For making great contributions to class discussions throughout the week. Well done Bowie!
1D	Christian C	For always showing the Wembley Values. Christian is a great role model for the class and consistently tries his best. Well done Christian!
2A	Holly H	For her continued effort and enthusiasm while learning about addition and for being a fantastic role model by always showing the Wembley Values. Great work Holly!
2B	Lily S	For consistently demonstrating the Wembley Values and being a fabulous role model for the class. Keep it up, Lily!
2C	Will S	For his incredible enthusiasm and persistence while drafting his narrative. Awesome effort!
2D	Marly W	For her continued effort and enthusiasm while learning about addition, and for being a fantastic role model by always showing the Wembley Values. Fantastic work, Marly!
2E	Harvey V	For your excellent work drafting your narrative in writing. Keep up the good work Harvey!
3A	Gryphon S	For your excellent improvement in handwriting and brilliant efforts towards your persuasive writing. Well done, Gryphon!

3B	Sabrina D	For consistently showing the Wembley Values in all of your learning. Thank you for being such a wonderful role model for 3B. Well done, Sabrina!
3C	Kate Z	For the consistent and excellent use of range of reading strategies when reading independently and with others. Keep up the fantastic work!
3D	Hunter S	For your amazing effort throughout the writing process to complete your persuasive text and for always contributing to class discussion. Keep up the great work Hunter!
4A	Reuben F	For his wonderful efforts in working towards understanding his multiplication facts. Well done for setting yourself a personal goal and working towards achieving this. Keep up the fantastic work!
4B	Angeline V	For her attentive listening and working hard to apply new learning to her work. Keep up the wonderful effort Angeline!
4C	Amelia L	For setting personal goals for herself and working hard to achieve these. Well done Amelia, keep up the fantastic work!
4D	Ged G	For your outstanding efforts in class. Your positive and open minded approach to learning has had a great impact on your achievements this term. Keep up the awesome work, Ged!
5A	Allegra T	For your effort and persistence in Mathematics when learning multiplication and division. Great work, Allegra!
5B	Audrey A	For her increased contributions to class discussions - keep sharing your ideas, Audrey!
5C	Coen D	For his outstanding application to work, his concentration and the significant contributions that he has made to 5C all term. Brilliant work, Coen!
5D	Campbell R	For showing persistence and being successful when solving his maths problems using short division. Great work, Campbell!
5/6A	Kodar E	For working hard to improve in all areas of the curriculum. Well done on mastering your Essential Learning on angles in maths - keep up the excellent effort.
6A	Abbey W	For approaching her work with a positive, can-do attitude and consistently improving in all areas. Keep up the great work, Abbey!
6B	Nicholas H	For his outstanding effort and focus when working through and solving challenging problems involving the order of operations. Well done Nicholas!
6C	Christian M	For his persistent effort and great attitude towards his schoolwork, which has really shown in our PIE writing sessions. You're a pleasure to have in the classroom, Christian!



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PER TICKET

Support Wembley Primary School's Raffle for your chance to WIN a fabulous Gold Coast Family Holiday

- 1st Prize** Virgin Australia Airfare Voucher, 5 nights at the Sea World Resort & Water Park with unlimited entry to Sea World, Movie World, Wet'n'Wild and Paradise Country + more for 2 adults and 2 children*
- 2nd Prize** 2 night getaway to Lorne in an ocean view beach house for up to 8 people*
- 3rd Prize** Family fun and adventure package

Prizes drawn Friday 23rd June.
Families selling & returning a complete book of tickets by 31st May 2017, will go into a draw to win an iPod Shuffle 2GB.

*Not valid with other offers. T&Cs apply. Please see website for full details.





Dear Parent's / Guardians,

From 15 May 2017, we are commencing our annual Term 2 major fundraising raffle and we hope all families support this event. All monies raised will assist in furthering the ongoing beautification work around the school grounds. We are sending home a raffle book (one per family) with only 20 tickets each. Each ticket sells for \$2.00.

Prizes are as follows:~

1st Prize is for five (5) nights at the world famous 4 ½ star Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast for two (2) adults and two (2) children including unlimited entry to Sea World, Warner Bros Movie World, Wet 'n' Wild Gold Coast and Paradise Country, also including a \$1,000 Virgin Australia Gift Voucher and \$200 credit for food and beverage at Sea World Resort and Water Park. The winner will have 12 months to use the prize and it can be used over the school holidays. (Valued @ \$3,300)

2nd Prize is a two (2) night's stay for up to 8 people at an Ocean-View beach house in Lorne. (Valued @ \$580)

*Not valid during Xmas holidays & other blackout dates may apply, this is for accommodation only.

3rd Prize is a Family Fun & Adventure Package

Comprising of an Enchanted Adventure Gardens Mornington Peninsula Family Pass (2 adults + 2 kids) & WYNCITY Bowl & Entertainment Package. (Valued @ \$200)

This year we are also offering a great incentive prize:

BOOK SELLERS PRIZE

Each family who sells or purchases a **complete** book of raffle tickets and have it **returned by 31 May 2017**, will go into the draw to win an iPod Shuffle 2GB. This will be drawn at Friday's 3pm assembly on 2 June 2017.

HOUSEKEEPING

- If you are unable to sell any/all tickets please ensure you return the book *ASAP* to the office in the envelope provided, as we will be able to reissue them to another family who require more than one book.

- For families who require more books or have general enquiries, please contact us via our email address only (wembleycommunitygroup@gmail.com). Please ***do not*** direct enquiries to the school office.

- Raffle tickets cannot be purchased via QKR.

- Please return any money in the envelope provided, along with the fully or partly sold ticket stubs.

ALL TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED BY 16 JUNE 2017 TO GO INTO THE MAJOR DRAW.

THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3.00pm ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 23 JUNE 2017

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SELLERS INCENTIVE PRIZE, HAVE YOUR FULLY SOLD BOOK RETURNED BY 31ST MAY 2017

MAJOR PROMOTION - \$5,000 CRUISEABOUT GIFT VOUCHER

One lucky family will win a \$5,000 Cruisabout Gift Voucher which can be used towards any cruise line, from any port, to any destination.

Simply sell or purchase a full book of raffle tickets, visit www.australianfundraising.com.au/win and in 25 words or less tell us why fundraising is important to our school/group. A lucky winner, based on the most creative response wins! *Full T&C's online.*

Thank you in advance for supporting one of our major fundraisers for the year, and Happy Fundraising!

WPCG

Wembley Parents Community Group

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COHEALTH- Dental Services

School Newsletter Information

Cohealth community centre can provide quality dental care to children from birth to age 17.

Cohealth, (formally Dousta Galla and Western Region Health Centre) has clinics in Niddrie, Kensington and Footscray and are staffed with registered dental therapists, oral health therapists and dentists, all assisted by qualified dental assistants.

Emergency and general care is provided

For 0-12 years olds

- The service is **free** for all children

For 13-17 year olds

- You are **eligible** to use this service if you
 - are a holder or a dependant of someone with a concession card

Or

- You are eligible for the *Child Dental Health Benefits Schedule*.
- For eligible children it is free

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule means your child is eligible to have free dental care at cohealth

- No out of pocket cost (no gap fee)
- No \$1000 limit
- Comprehensive general dental care is provided

Treatment is provided at;

Our brand new clinic located at 78 Paisley Street, Footscray

To make an appointment call 8398 4100