From the Principals

Wembley Back to School Family Picnic
Many families and teachers attended the Family Picnic on Wednesday night and it was a fun evening for many children who were able to catch up with friends and have a good run around the soccer pitch and oval. Thank you to all the parents, children and teachers who came along to make this evening a success.

School Council Nominations
School Council nominations closed on Monday 16 February. Four parents were nominated equalling the number of vacancies.
Congratulations to:
• Julia Day – mother of Archie
• Simone Outteridge – mother of Jake
• Tim Patterson – father of Lachlan and Annabelle
• Kellie Anthony – mother of James and Oliver
The next School Council meeting will be held on Monday 16 March commencing at 6.00pm. The main focus of this meeting will be the election of Office Bearers.

LOTE – Spanish Program
In 2014 School Council approved the introduction of Spanish as the Language Other Than English (LOTE) to be taught at Wembley Primary School. In the latter part of 2014 we advertised three times for a teacher and each time we were unsuccessful in finding a suitable candidate. We are now in the process of readvertising the vacancy as an ongoing position with the hope of

Year 6 Camp-Canberra
Our Year 6 students are heading off to Canberra for their four day camp on Tuesday morning. The students have been learning much about our parliamentary system in preparation for their time in Canberra. The group will visit Parliament House, the War Memorial, the Art Gallery and several other places of interest in our national capital city. Thank you to the parents and teachers who are giving their time to accompany the group and we wish them well for an educational and interesting week.

Out of School Hours Care
Program Number: 9314 9358

Upcoming dates:
Tue 3 Mar-Fri 6 Mar: Year 6 Canberra Camp
Mon 9 Mar: LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Fri 27 Mar: Last day of term:
  2:15pm Assembly
  2:30pm Dismissal
attracting a strong field of applicants. I’ll keep the community informed of the process via the Newsletter.

**Instrumental Music Program**
If your child has enrolled in the instrumental music program this year, lessons will start in Week 6 pending the completion of the new music rooms. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to email me at tan.regina.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Prep Attendance**
It has been a very smooth transition from kindergarten to school for all of the Prep students. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of the Prep Team for their thorough planning for the start of the school year, all other staff who have supported them in their efforts, parents for the support you have provide to your child/ren and to the children who have just been magnificent. As of Monday Prep students will be attending school five days each week.

**Hall Fan**
The Physical Education teachers, Out of School Hour care staff, basketball coaches and students are very excited about the super large fan that has been installed in the hall. The fan was installed on Monday and has been constant use since. The fan was purchased with money raised by the Wembley Action Group during 2014. It is wonderful to see that your generous contributions are being used to improve the environment for the students. Thank you to Belinda Faehrmann and all the members of the Wembley Action Group for making this possible. Parents will be informed about future fundraising and social activities as they are planned throughout the year.

**School Captains**
On Friday morning twenty-three students were interviewed for the six school captain positions at Wembley this year. All students presented themselves brilliantly and the successful candidates will be notified on Monday, when the entire process is completed. The successful applicants will be notified to the school community next week via the newsletter and the students will have their badges presented to them at the assembly on Friday week.

**Wembley Netball**
Perhaps you want to play netball for the Diamonds when you’re older or perhaps you would just enjoy running around with friends and learning something new on a Saturday. Either way I invite grade 2 and 6 students (boys and girls) to apply for a position with Wembley Netball Team but hurry we don’t have many places. First in first served. Please direct all enquiries to Rachael via e-mail: rachaelo@netspace.net.au
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<td>for persisting with her handwriting and never giving up!</td>
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<td>for using his initiative within the classroom and being a responsible member of Prep B.</td>
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<td>for always displaying the 5l’s and putting in her best effort towards all schoolwork.</td>
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<td>for making such a positive start to school.</td>
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<td>for being a great listener during class learning time.</td>
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<td>for showing an increased level of resilience throughout this week.</td>
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<td>Sabrina Dunne</td>
<td>for always being a great role model and putting in 100% in her work effort.</td>
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<td>Connor Nentis</td>
<td>for being an enthusiastic and responsible student in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Paige Simmonds</td>
<td>for a great use of similes in her Love Poem.</td>
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<td>Amelia Pipke</td>
<td>for fantastic creativity in her writers notebook.</td>
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<td>Carly Campanella</td>
<td>for her fantastic retell of ‘The Itchy Witch’. Keep up the fantastic effort!</td>
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<td>Minh-Anh Le</td>
<td>for always being prepared and focused –Ready to learn!</td>
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<td>Ellie McSkimming</td>
<td>for showing persistence and resilience in her work.</td>
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<td>Patricia Tsilfidis</td>
<td>for editing and revising her “I Love” poem to make it more interesting.</td>
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<td>Zoe Morris</td>
<td>for fabulous effort in all areas of her learning.</td>
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<td>for settling in well at her new school and putting effort into her homework.</td>
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<td>for showing respect while cooperating with her classmates.</td>
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<td>Oliver Ngo</td>
<td>for excellent efforts in recent testing. Great job!!</td>
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<td>for showing cooperation and respect in her first Readers Theatre at Wembley. Well done!</td>
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<td>Andrique Huang</td>
<td>for being respectful of others and for showing persistence at the beach program. Well done, Andrique!</td>
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<td>Oliver Rheede</td>
<td>for incredible work on drawing complex 3D objects.</td>
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<td>James Anthony</td>
<td>for great effort when applying mathematical thinking to a 3 dimensional problem.</td>
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<td>Sibella Paksoy</td>
<td>for an imaginative lead and excellent examples in her school captain letter.</td>
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Please call or email for more information.

Phone: 0438 913040
Email: flutesoutwest@optusnet.com.au

YMCA School Holiday Program – Book now!
The YMCA will be running Autumn School Holiday Program in RecWest Footscray, offering heaps of awesome activities, including Werribee Zoo, Roller Blading, Build-a-Billy Cart and more!
Bookings open on 24 February, for full details and to book, visit: www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au.
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Junior Squads:
- Monday  5.30-6.30 & (6.30-7.30*)
- Tuesday  5-6, (6-7.30*)
- Wednesday  5.30-6.30 (5.30-7.00*)
- Thursday  5-6, (6-7.30*)

(*denotes competitive squads only)

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Simply introduce yourself and mention this sizzling sale to receive your summer discount.

We look forward to serving you
Fun, Fitness and Friendship for Girls at Maribyrnong Swifts Football Club

Maribyrnong Swifts Football Club (MSFC) – a women’s soccer club based in West Footscray – is seeking to expand with a junior girls’ soccer team in 2015.

This season MSFC is expanding it’s services to include a girls soccer team. We have developed a program for girls under the age of 10 that focuses on skills and game development in a supportive and friendly environment.

What We Offer Our Players
Skills-based training to help build individual confidence and ability
Qualified, dedicated and encouraging coaches
An inclusive, welcoming and community-minded culture
Renovated clubrooms, attractive grounds and ample parking

When:
Training is on Thursdays 6-7pm
and/or Saturdays 9-10am
Matches are on Sunday mornings
as part of the FFV’s MiniRoos Program

Where:
Thursdays at Johnson Reserve, West Footscray
Saturdays at JJ Holland Reserve, Kensington
Matches are played at the home ground - Johnson Reserve, West Footscray

More Information
For more information please get in touch:
Phone: Jennii Brown on 0481 468 268
Visit: http://maribyrnongswiftsfc.com
Email: maribyrnongswiftsfc@gmail.com
Visit our Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/MaribyrnongSwiftsFC

Who: 4-12 year olds NEW to the game of hockey
Where: Footscray Hockey Club Fogarty Avenue Yarraville
Times: U5 & U8: 5.15 - 6.00pm
U10 & U12: 6.00 - 6.45
Dates: Wednesdays 11th 18th 25th March
Cost: FREE
Equipment: Hockey sticks and shin guards are available to borrow if required. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early if you need to have a hockey stick fitted. Mouthguard is recommended.

Come And Try 2015
Dear parents of students in the Early Years-Year Prep and Year One,

You are invited to attend an Early Years English Information Session, which will be followed by Classroom Helper’s English Training, for parents who volunteer, or intend to volunteer in the classroom.

This session is scheduled on **Tuesday 10 March 2015**, from **9:05-10:05am** and will be repeated again that evening from **6:30-7:30pm**. It will be held in the staffroom and will be facilitated by our Literacy Consultant Jim Kinniburgh and myself.

The first part of the session will explore what reading is and the reading approaches that we implement. The second part of the session is designed to assist parents who are involved in their child’s English classroom program, providing a basic training of Early Years Reading and Writing approaches.

We are offering this information in two sessions to enable as many parents as possible to attend.

We look forward to seeing you and working towards achieving a better common understanding of English in the Early Years.

*Please note that we are unable to provide child minding during these sessions.*

To facilitate planning for these sessions, please complete and return the attendance slip below, to the office, by Friday 6 March, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact me at school on 9314-7054 or via email at: katsouranis.taxia.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kind Regards
Taxia Katsouranis – Leader of English and Prep/One

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**Early Years English Information & Classroom Helper’s Training Session**

Please return slip to the office by Friday 6 March, 2015.

Name of adult/s attending_________________________________________

Grade that your child/ren is/are in ________________________________

Please tick the session you wish to attend:

- **Tuesday 10 March 9:05-10:05am**
- **Tuesday 10 March 6:30-7:30pm**