Book Week Celebrations

Last week students all around Australia celebrated Book Week. It is an event organised by the Children’s Book Council of Australia and is an opportunity to share fantastic Australian books as well as celebrating the joys of reading.

This year the theme for Book Week was Australia: Story Country. The theme allowed teachers and students to connect our reading, learning and celebrations to the Australian Curriculum by focusing on stories from Australia's history. Students have been enjoying Dreaming stories told by the First Australians, as well as stories from our colonial past which include stories of the First Fleet, explorers, bushrangers and the Gold Rush. Some classes have been learning about the stories of the many migrants and refugees who have made Australia their home.

Book Week has also been a great opportunity to learn about classic Australian literature written by authors such as Banjo Paterson, Henry Lawson and May Gibbs. At our Book Week assembly, teacher Mark Feetham recited a selection of Banjo Paterson's works and gave us some insight into his life as well as entertaining us with a performance of Waltzing Matilda. We were also lucky enough to have a special guest appearance by Mulga Bill on his fabulous Penny Farthing bicycle. Students paraded in their wonderful costumes depicting many Australian characters from our past and our present. A great deal of thought, effort, creativity and imagination was evident.

There was a school beside the Adelaide shore,
Where Book Week always produced fun galore.
Ably led by Banjo Patterson and Captain Cook
with hordes of parents along as well to look,
the students all dressed in their costumes great
paraded around each with their younger class mate.
There were swaggies and sheep, bush rangers and birds
Some of these costumes can't be described with words!
Edmund Barton at the head and kindy kids hand in hand,
An intellectual class became the cast of Alice in Wonderland.
The front office became a wild bush Rangers den
With Ned Kelly in place, as well as his bearded men.
We have nearly finished the week now, but have no fear,
Mrs Cook says Book Week will be back again next year!
GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Governing Council met last Monday 22nd. The business included looking at the overall picture from this year’s NAPLAN results and the Mid-Year report A-E levels. The council endorsed a slightly modified enrolment procedure which makes clear the process for accepting enrolments from outside our gazetted zone. They also passed the Procedures for Volunteering at West Lakes Shore School. Both these documents are available on our website. Council members were invited to join staff this Wednesday 31st August at a workshop on the new DECD “Strengthening Family and Community Engagement” strategy. This will contribute to the work of our parent communication working party.

The council was also informed about the progress of the STEM project (see separate article). The next meeting of Council will be on 19th September.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS WORKS

As described in last newsletter, we are one of 139 sites to receive the STEM works facilities funding. We are in round 1 and so our architect has been appointed and visited the school last Tuesday 23rd to begin their initial work. Louise Bird, the Chairperson of the Council has been involved at all stages as well as a staff committee. We are expecting to have plans complete for the refurbishment of as many areas as the $1,000,000 will provide within 5 weeks.

NON-DECD SERVICE PROVIDERS AT SCHOOLS

DECD recognises that at times, non DECD service providers may request to provide services in schools to assist children and young people who have a disability, learning difficulty or other additional needs. This may include services provided under the National Disability Insurance Scheme. There is a new procedure in place to help manage requests for such services. The school Principal can approve or decline direct services to children in the school. There is no obligation to either accept or decline a request. The decision will be made on a case-by-case basis for each child or young person at the school and in negotiation with parents. The full procedure is available at https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/children-special-needs

There are some students at West Lakes who have successfully been receiving such support for some time. We would ask parents of these students to please collect a fact sheet, a request for service and exchange of information form from the front office so we can bring existing programs into alignment with the new requirements. All new requests will be managed according to the new procedures.

ACCEPTING POSITIONS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

We are aware that the Catholic Education system has sent letters to parents of children indicating that they are required to confirm enrolments for 2019 as year 7’s. If you are intending to enrol your child as a year 7 we would be most appreciative if you could let us know as soon as this occurs. The sooner we have accurate numbers for future year 7 classes the better we can plan our staffing and facilities requirements. If you let the front office know that you intend to take up a position in a Catholic school for your child in year 7 this will in no way affect your child being able to remain in year 7 at WLSS should you change your mind.

CHICKENPOX ALERT

We have had numerous confirmed cases of Chickenpox across or school. Please be on the lookout in case your child develops spots, and if so please consult with your Doctor and advise the school. Children with Chickenpox are required to be excluded from school until all the spots have crusted over.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE ALERT

There are less than 2 weeks left for students to finish the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Reading records must be completed and handed in to the Resource Centre staff by Wednesday, 7th September to be eligible for an award for 2016. If you have misplaced your child’s Reading Record, please call in to the Resource Centre for a replacement form. We are also able to print out a history of the books borrowed this year.

SD6 LITTER REPORT

The amount of litter found in the school yard over the last two terms has been excessive. Our class SD6 has agreed that we need to take a stand against the excessive amount of litter that has simply been thrown on the ground and hidden in trees or the concrete tubes found in the Indigenous Garden. We have taken action and put up posters around the school, as well as taking on the responsibility of a weekly clean up. Unfortunately we are still finding a large amount of rubbish in the yard. We suspect this is because students are sometimes too lazy to put it in the many bins provided around the school. Please remember, it is not our job to clean up after you and it would be appreciated if you could be responsible for putting your own rubbish in the bin. Please look after your school and the environment, be a good citizen and remember to do the right thing.

Please view this pile of rubbish that we picked up in a 15 minute period.
SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEM RACK

On Friday the 2nd of September the give-away uniform item rack will be out opposite the Canteen. Please feel free to take what you require.

BE A SUPERHERO - SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL PROMOTION

MON 1st AUGUST – FRI 9th SEPTEMBER

Congratulations to our families! Our school has won the most points for Weeks 1 & 2 of the promotion.

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

Parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours are all invited to participate.

Every dollar spent at Westfield West Lakes goes towards helping our school win a share in $10,000 worth of educational prizes.

Please lodge your shopping receipts weekly for purchases from Westfield West Lakes in our collection box situated in the front office or via the West Lakes Shore School box at the concierge desk at Westfield, to help us win great prizes. Receipts must be lodged by the Monday for the week prior shopping.

For a chance to win $50 for your family, please place your name and phone contact on your receipts.

WEEKLY PRIZE DRAWS FOR FAMILIES OF THE SCHOOL EARNING THE MOST POINTS!

SCHOOL FOOTBALL RESULTS

SATURDAY 13TH AUGUST

2/3 WLSS 11-3 (69) vs Woodville 4-6 (30)
Best: All Players Are Stars

4/5 WLSS 3-1 (19) vs Fulham North 12-12 (84)
Goals: Michael O, Charlie S, Jack O (1)
Best: All Players Are Stars

6/7 WLSS 1-5 (11) vs Fulham North 10-6 (66)
Goals: Madison S (1)
Best: Izaak O, Ryan J, Hudson B

SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST

2/3 WLSS 9-3 (57) vs St Michaels 8-1 (49)
Best: All Played Well

4/5 WLSS 6-4 (40) vs Nazareth 8-7 (55)
Goals: Owen H (2), Jamie R, Connor R, Mitchell R, Callum F (1)
Best: All Played Well

6/7 WLSS 10-8 (68) vs Nazareth 8-2 (50)
Best: All Played Well

Reminder that Presentation day is this Saturday 3rd September starting at 10:00am

CONGRATULATIONS

Corey A won the 2016 Cyclocross National Championships and has also won the State Championships. Congratulations Corey!

1. What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment, yet never in a thousand years?
2. The eight of us go forth not back to protect our king from a foes attack. What am I?
3. What has a head and a tail, but no body?
4. What number is missing in this picture?
5. What can run but can’t walk?

ANSWERS TO STRETCH CORNER T3 WK4

Answer 1: 888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000.
Answer 2: Your name.
Answer 3: The letter E!
Answer 4:

Answer 5: A mushroom

KEEP YOUR KIDS SMILING

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17. The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Le Fevre School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8449 3364

REMINDER

PUPIL FREE DAY - Thurs 8th September
SCHOOL CLOSURE - Fri 9th September
OPEN NIGHT
Living our Stories

Wednesday 7th September 2016
6.30pm – 7.30pm Classrooms Open
Showcasing ‘Living Our Stories’ Learning

Art Display in the Gymnasium
Year 4 - 7 Art Classes

Choir Performing in the Gym
• Senior 6:00pm
• Middle 6:15pm
• Junior 6:25pm

Sausage Sizzle commencing at 5:30pm until sold out
Gold coin donation

ALL WELCOME
For further information
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