FOCUS: Getting Along

THEME: My Getting Along Thinking. Think first-be tolerant of others in the classroom and playground.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday all families were informed that all WEPS Home Group and Specialist teachers and a number of educational support staff at WEPS will be taking Industrial Action in relation to the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, tomorrow Thursday February 14th. As a consequence there will be no classes operating at WEPS tomorrow. As previously stated the WEPS staff are highly committed and professional teachers and it is their conviction for a robust and vibrant education system for all Victorian children that is driving their resolve.

LEARNING HOW TO LEARN CELEBRATION PICNIC – Please join us for a celebration picnic this Friday from 1.00pm in the school gardens. Bring your own picnic for your family and friends and enjoy seeing your child’s classroom and meeting friends, parents and teachers. The picnic will be followed by a special School Assembly in the Stadium at 2.30pm where the 2013 Student Leaders will be presented with their badges and certificates.

STUDENT ABSENCES – WEPS has a goal of students being absent for no more than 10 days per year. If children are absent from school, please contact the school by either a telephone call or when your child returns to school please immediately provide a note explaining the absence as this is a DEECD requirement.

PREP TRANSITION SURVEY – The WEPS staff value parent feedback to ensure that we are continually improving our practices. The online survey is on the WEPS Blog and is accessible on your smart phone, iPad or computer and if you haven’t online access please collect one from the prep rooms. The survey is open for the next two weeks.

ICT UPDATE – WEPS has purchased 30 new iPads and another iPad trolley, which collectively will provide 5 iPads per Home group. They will be distributed to classrooms shortly. The iPad is having a very positive impact on teaching and learning by providing students with applications to create and share their learning. We will look forward to sharing the applications and the resulting creations with you and for your children to transfer their skills to family/home activities. Edu creation and Explain Everything are two great applications currently in use across the school.

YEAR 5 NETBOOKS – Orders for year 5 Netbooks are due this FRIDAY and will be ordered Monday. At this point we have only a few orders, which unfortunately will leave many students sharing the current aging desktops. In 2012 the take up of Netbooks was very positive and enabled the year 5/6 students a one to one device supported by the school desk tops. The WEPS teachers are passionate about the integration of ICT into their teaching programs and with the increased access to the iPads, the netbook program enables efficient and innovative learning. Please make an appointment to see me if you would like to discuss ICT and the payment plans available to our families.

WEPS STUDENT BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT – Robyn and I have met with all students this week to remind them of the WEPS values and the behaviour we expect at WEPS. The Student Discipline Matrix was also explained to children so everyone clearly understands the expected behaviours and consequences if misbehaviour occurs. The Discipline Matrix has also been added to the Blog under the Parent Information section. Hopefully I will see you at the Picnic Friday.

Lindy
If you have old bike tyres at home and wish to donate to school for our PMP and Phys Ed programs it would be greatly appreciated. We require 16in, 20in or full size racing tyres (the thin ones). If you haven’t any at the moment keep an eye out for them as any time throughout the year will be fine.

Thanks John Millard

**Active After School Communities (AASC) - Places available all 3 nights**
This term we have 3 activities- Tuesday night is Tennis (Years 4–6), Multi Skills (Years 1–3) Wednesday night and Aerobics (Years 3–6) on Thursday night. There are spaces available for all nights. Forms for these programs can be picked up from the school office. Remember this program is free.
Please contact me if you have any queries or contact Sally Kilpatrick regarding Aerobics
Thanks John Millard
Getting Along

Preps have settled into the year well and have been learning about Getting Along. Here are a few snaps of the children demonstrating how good they are at it!!

Art room - items needed

If you have any METAL coat hangers, old magazines and glass jars with lids please pass them onto the art room.

Thankyou. Louise.
**Student Banking**

This week there was a total of $128.25 banked. There were 16 deposits in total and room 22 had the most with 3.

If you would like your child to start school banking please go to the Commonwealth bank. They will open up an account for you and give you the bank book which needs to be handed into the staffroom every Tuesday morning by classroom monitors.

**Name the sickbay Axolotyl**

If you can think of a really good name just write it on a piece of paper and drop it in the jar near the office.

He's black and cute so start thinking!

The winner will be announced next week.

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**TOPS an introduction to Table Tennis**

- Commences Monday 18th February 2013 from 4.15pm to 5.30pm (stadium opens at 4.00pm)
- cost $5.00 per session, new players welcome
- Suitable for beginners aged 8 to 14 years
- TOPS teaches table tennis skills and progressively introduces game play
- At the Warrnambool Table Tennis Stadium, Cramer Street W’bool, next to the City Memorial Bowls Club
- Conducted by Trevor McDowell (level 2 NCAS table tennis coach)
- For information contact Trevor McDowell 0428 651 808 or trevor@topandchop.com.au

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**Junior round robin Table Tennis**

- Commences Tuesday 19th February 2013 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm (stadium opens at 6.45pm)
- cost $5.00 per session, new players welcome
- Suitable for players aged 10 to 16 years
- Round robin is a pre-season singles competition where players are grouped and play games against others within the group.
- At the Warrnambool Table Tennis Stadium, Cramer Street W’bool, next to the City Memorial Bowls Club
- During round robin players will be invited to enter teams for the junior pennant commencing 16/4/2013
- For information contact Trevor McDowell 0428 651 808 or trevor@topandchop.com.au