FOCUS: Confidence
THEME: Confidence is saying to myself “I CAN DO IT!”.

Dear Parents,

Last Thursday the Governor of Victoria, His Excellency Mr Alex Chernov AO visited WEPS. Thank you to everyone involved with the visit, in particular our Student School Leaders Dailin Toone, Ollie King, Kayla Jewell and Bella Rantall, Robyn Ledin who managed the tour, Jimmy for making such a wonderful gift and for the presentation of our gardens and school and to teachers, Jodie Abbott, Kerry McCarthy and Katie Uzkuraitis who shared their teaching and learning with the Governor. A message from the Premier and Cabinet –

‘We too, are speaking of the visit and can’t speak highly enough of the students and teachers – what a lovely school!’

MONASH UNIVERSITY MATHS RESEARCH PROJECT – WEPS is delighted to have been accepted into a Monash University Research project during 2013. Ann Dwyer, Karen Holdsworth and Kate Buchanan attended a two day program at Monash last week as the introduction to the project and they were privileged to be working with prominent mathematical educators and researchers.

BEACH COMBING – Students across the school will be involved in local excursions exploring our rocky shores as part of the science program this term. Developing their knowledge base and appreciation of our local environments in proving a winner with our students – they are inspired, engaged and producing wonderful local knowledge to share with others. Thank you to Nadine and Kerry for their organisation and to the many parents who are assisting. Next week our Year 5/6 students will be begin exploring rock pools and will be wearing our newly acquired ‘Aqua Shoes’!

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – School Councillors are elected for a two year term and each year at this time, half the parents and half the teacher members either renominate or retire. Information regarding the School Council elections can be downloaded from the WEPS Blog – School Council page or collected from the office. There are four parent vacancies, and it is great to know that councillors are renominating and people have expressed interest. Nominations close 4pm March 7th. There are also three DEECD vacancies. Thank you to the councillors who are either retiring or seeking re-election - Emma Rodgers, Erica Ahu, Geoff Ward, Juli Lynch, Robyn Ledin and Jodie Abbott for their contributions over the past years.

UNIFORM & SCHOOL PHOTOS – Thank you to everyone for their effort to have children in full uniform and well presented. School photographs are next Tuesday, if you need assistance with uniform, please contact the office. Hair ties in school colours would be great too.

Lindy.

Tomorrow, Friday March 1st is the last chance to submit your EMA forms. Forms are available from the office. Unfortunately we are unable to accept late applications.

If you don’t hand your form in you will be charged $250.00 for school fees. You are required to fill in a new EMA form every year.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Tues Mar 5th School Photos
Mon Mar 11th Labour Day public Holiday
Wed Mar 13th Year 3-6 Athletic Sports.
Mon Mar 18th Grade 5/6 Rock Pools backup.
Tues Mar 19th Grade 5/6 Rock Pools backup.
Tues Mar 19th Camp Quality Anti-Bullying Puppet show Prep-Year 2 - 1:00pm, Year 3-6 2:30pm.
Thurs Mar 28th end of term 1. 3:30pm dismissal.
Mon April 15th start of term 2.
Hockey Clinic

On Thursday February 21st at 9.00 a.m. Sophie and Mel from Hockey Victoria came to show us how to play hockey. First we did some passing to a partner, then we did some dribbling. We had to control the ball in front of us without losing it. We did dribble races and it was hard to go fast and keep the ball near us. After that we went outside and played “Hocktopus.” Hocktopus is a game of octopus using hockey sticks and if you lose your ball you turn into seaweed. You have to steal other peoples balls to make them seaweed too. We also played one-on-one games of hockey with another person. We had so much fun. We enjoyed playing hockey and Mel and Sophie were very encouraging and lots of fun to play with. Liam and Alex 3/4M. 

Congratulations Tristan Ahu, Ege Meric, Jyah Chatfield, Isabel Remine and Catlin Fehsler on being Aussie Of The Month
Celebration Day

On Friday February 15th we had our Celebration day. Lots of parents came to have a look at the work we have been doing in our classrooms. Year 3/4M showed our parents our class rules, DJ Stick and Awesomo (our stick insects), our venn diagrams of our friends and our superhero Digital Learning wall (we are still working on this.) We also showed our CAFÉ strategies curtain and our keys. Georgina Finnigan (Damian’s mum) thought it was excellent. Gaylene Henderson (Isabel’s mum) told Isabel it was brilliant. Nicole Sheppard (Tarnia’s mum) thought it was great because we have done so much hard work. Oliver and his mum Robyn played a game and she won even though we purposely didn’t tell her the rules. Year 3/4M are working on being a fantastic classroom and we were really happy when our families came to share our learning. From Year 34/M.

School Photo

School photos will be taken next Tuesday March 5th.
Please make sure your child is in full school uniform.
Photo envelopes are to be handed to the photographer by your child on the day.
We do not have change so please make sure you have the correct money in your envelope.
Happy birthday

Deny Fawcett  Brooke Sanderson  Alexandra Stokie
Tyler Hewson  Kye Freeman-Morton  Owen Kirby
Sarah Williams  Hayley Richens  Tahlia Hill

Student Banking
This week there was a total of $146.25 banked.
There were 24 deposits in total and room 19 had the most with 4.
Its great to see new bankers joining us!

Clean Up Warrnambool 2013
It's almost time to roll up those sleeves and pull on some gloves for Warrnambool's annual Clean Up Weekend.
It is the 23rd year Warrnambool has participated in Clean Up Australia Day and the 10th annual Detox Your Home Day, where residents can dispose of unwanted household chemicals free of charge.
Individuals can register at the Viaduct Road registration site before the clean-up begins at 10am on Sunday March 3rd.
This year residents will need to pre-register to take advantage of Saturday’s Detox Your Home free chemical and toxic waste disposal service, online at www.sustainability.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 353 233. More than 20,000 kilograms of toxic waste was collected at last year’s Detox Your Home Day.
Businesses and other groups can register for Clean Up Australia Day at www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au or call Warrnambool City Council on 5559 4800.

Art News

The art room is after the following items:
* Plastic take away containers (square and round)
* Magazines
* Old towels
If you can help please leave at the art room door. Thankyou.