FOCUS: Collaborative Classrooms

THEME: Respecting other people’s ideas and opinions.

Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

Congratulations to the year 3 to 6 students for their positive and enthusiastic participation in the WEPS Athletics Sports yesterday. The team spirit was running high as everyone tried their very best for their team. In a very close result GOLD TEAM claimed victory from RED TEAM. A special thank you to Joe Millard for his impeccable organisation, to the Specialist Team for their support over past weeks, to the staff and parents for their assistance on the day, to the ‘weather controller’ for a beautiful day and to Jimmy for the fantastic grounds preparation.

YEAR 5 /6 SOUTHERN WING REFURBISHMENT- The clean-up is underway in the southern wing and we will endeavour to keep disruption to the students to a minimum. During the term holidays the refurbishment to the southern 5 /6 area will begin. The area will become an open, flexible learning space with fresh paint and new carpet. Year 5/6 students will be relocated to other spaces in the school for the last week of this term and the first few weeks of term 2, but with thorough planning and organisation we envisage no disruption to their learning. A special thank you to Allen Parrotee who is liaising with tradespeople to keep the timelines for completion on track.

MY SCHOOL WEBSITE- The My School website has been updated and information relating to all Victorian schools’ performance and their student outcomes can be found on this site. The School Council is to be commended for their effective financial management. We are also proud of our work over recent years to improve our levels in numeracy and literacy and this is evident on the site. The literacy team and teachers are working on explicit teaching in spelling and punctuation which are the two areas that are not at the level we would expect.

TECHNOLOGY FOR POWERFUL LEARNING- This professional learning program will continue on the next two Wednesdays. Teachers across the school are participating in a project with Deakin University to build teacher knowledge and skill in using technology to enrich our teaching and learning. Teachers will have an amazing opportunity to participate in ongoing professional learning with Juli Lynch- WEPS parent, School Councillor and Deakin University researcher. We all look forward to sharing the creations and the learning through both our blog and password protected sites such as Edmodo.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS- Thank you to the parents who nominated for the School Council. Congratulations to returning Councillors Juli Lynch and Geoff Ward and welcome to newly appointed councillor Bruce The AGM for the WEPS School Council is next Wednesday at 7pm.

Lindy.

IT’S A BABY BOY

Three days ago on March 10th my little brother was born. He came out on Sunday at 1.55 in the morning. He is about 60cm long. He has a little birth mark on his forehead shaped like a “b.” He is really cute and his brothers and sisters are very happy he is born. His name is Nate.

By Hayley Brewer and her friend Isabella Mansbridge 3/4M

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Fri Mar 15th JSC Science theme dress up day. $2.00
- 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 21 JSC Prep-2 disco 1:45-2:10, Year 3/4’s excursion to Merri Estuary, Geelong AFL players visit year 5/6’s
- Fri Mar 22nd JSC Grade 3-6 Disco 1:45-2:10
- Tues Mar 26th District Athletics Brauerander Park
- Thurs Mar 28th end of term 1. 2:30pm dismissal.
- Mon April 15th start of term 2.
House Athletics Sports – Gold Wins

What a day! Although there was plenty of heat predicted earlier in the week the weather was perfect for our sports yesterday. Gold House certainly made use of the good conditions to win this year’s sports. The children had a great time all day and never stopped trying. Several parents commented on just how good their behaviour was all day. After an exciting days competition Gold House (20.75 points average per student) emerged as our winner just pipping Red (20.13) . This was closely followed by Blue House (19.39) in third place and Green House (18.64) finishing in fourth position. All the students should be congratulated on giving their best in all activities. Many thanks to our parent community who put their hand up and assisted on various activities throughout the day. We didn’t have many parents respond to our Athletics Helpers notes sent home however many of you quickly jumped in and helped out on the day. Thank you very much as your support was greatly appreciated and it made everyone’s job a lot easier. As well many thanks to the teachers for their assistance and diligence throughout the day. Special thanks to Adrian Calderwood and Dean Kilpatrick for organizing the high jump and hurdles equipment that we required for the day. Another special thanks to the specialists teachers, Nadine and Louise for their support in preparing everything necessary for our sports to run smoothly. Also Mary Rose for assisting in initially marking out the oval earlier this term and doing a great job on the scoring with Lesley Keilar. As always reliable “Jimmy” jumped in and provided great assistance before and at the conclusion of the sports. Also a huge thankyou to Tania and Maureen for their tremendous help in preparing for the sports. Finally congratulations to all the children who have won the right to represent our school at the Inter School Athletic Sports to be held at Brauerander Park on Tuesday 26th March. Also well done to the following Age Group Champions.

Boys 8/9 Years  Bilal Khanyari  Girls 8/9 Years  Serenity Heremaia
Boys 10 Years  Liam King  Girls 10 Years  Sophie Morton
Boys 11 Years  Zac Dwyer  Girls 11 Years  Grace Farrer
Boys 12/13 Years  Jay Rantall  Girls 12/13 Years  Zhane Heremaia

Congratulations Jade Bell, Trey Rodgers, Hayden Kane, Maddison Carter, Shelby Eagleson, Luke Byrne, Nathan Collins and Alex McKenna.
Equestrian News
By Imogen Mounsey 3/4A

On Friday March 8th I went to Heywood to ride for our school, Warrnambool East. The first event I did was the Can Race. You have to ride up to the end pole, take off the sup, ride down and put it in a barrel and keep doing that.

My horses name is Paddy. I won 2 seconds, 3 thirds and one 6th ribbon. At the end I came third overall. I was very happy.
The Link

Happy birthday
Leah Anderson Hannah Rooke Jobie Frankel Joel Gustus

Student Banking
This week there was a total of $121.05 banked.
There were 20 deposits in total and rooms 9 and 22 both had 3 deposits each.

Art Room News

 The Art Room is in need of some items. If you can help please deliver them to the Art Room.
 Pine Cones
 Takeaway plastic food containers (square or round)
 Magazines

Friday March 22, 2013 marks the seventh National Ride2School Day, which is expected to see students from more than 1,500 Australian schools walk, ride, scoot or skate to school.

Ride2School Day
Ride2School Day is about encouraging the school community to make active travel a normal part of their everyday lives.

 Ride to school will reduce traffic congestion around the school
 Students will arrive at school alert and are more attentive in class
 It contributes to the students' daily exercise.

We will be running a 'Walking Bus”, leaving Guyett and sons Funeral Home (old McDonalds) on the

CHOIR

Our Choir has been working on lots of new songs because we are going to a concert at Bunnings.

A couple of weeks ago 5 people sang at a meeting. Choir members choose to work in their spare time. Lots of new people are coming to choir now because we have fun singing.