Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

Thank you everyone for your contribution to our school during the first term of 2013. Next week is the final week of term one and students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Thursday March 28th for the Easter School holidays.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY INSPECTION - Unfortunately last week we did have an incident where a student was injured on a piece of play equipment – fortunately our student is on the mend. The WEPS school community prides itself in providing and maintaining beautiful, safe grounds and equipment. An annual audit of our grounds is conducted and the Facilities Subcommittee regularly monitor the condition and maintenance of our equipment. On a positive note the O H and S inspector visited WEPS yesterday and gave us the quote of the Week – “On my rounds there is nowhere that compares with WEPS grounds.”

NO SMOKING ZONES - It has been drawn to the School Council’s attention that people are smoking in the Ward Street car park. The car park is school property and therefore the ban on smoking includes the car park. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in WEPS being a smoke free environment.

YEAR 5/6 SOUTHERN WING REFURBISHMENT - The Year 5/6 students whose classrooms are in the southern wing will be relocated to other spaces on Friday and remain in these spaces until the refurbishment is completed – hopefully two weeks into term two. Much thought has been put into the move and temporary learning spaces to minimise any disruption to learning and to the rest of the school.

2014 YEAR 7 ENROLMENT PROCESS – Families of Year 6 students are required to complete Applications for Year 7 Place-ments by May 31st. Detailed information about this process will be sent out next term, but it is certainly time for families to be discussing options.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – Last night the Annual General Meeting of the WEPS School Council was conducted. Thank you to the parents and teachers who form the 2013 School Council – check out the names over the page.

ASTHMA and ANAPHYLAXIS PLANS – It is a requirement that all students with either of these conditions have a current Management Plan updated annually. Please contact the school if you require further information.

BULLY AUDIT – The Bully Audit conducted this term provided pleasing results and evidence that the Alternative Play activities along with the Restorative/Reflection processes are keeping WEPS a safe and happy place to be.

Lindy
WEPS 2013 School Council

Introducing our 2013 School Council Members

President - Bronwyn Patel

Ride2School Day

This 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 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 highway at 8:15am on Friday March 22nd. The walk will be led by Year 3/4 teacher Chelsea Arnott. Prizes at the gate for those who walk, ride or do ‘part way is ok’, (drive part way, walk part way).

Year 3/4 Science Excursion

All Year 3/4 classes are going on an excursion to the Merri River Estuary on Monday March 25th as part of their science investigations.

There is no cost for this excursion.

Acting Workshops at Lighthouse Theatre

Lighthouse Theatre will be offering professionally led acting workshops this April school holidays with Theatre, Film and Television performers Debra Lawrence and Dennis Coard. Best known for playing Pippa and Michael on Home and Away.

The workshops focus on exploring character, movement, physical and vocal skills - all essential areas for improving acting skills as well as building confidence.

Dates | Junior (ages 9-13) | Senior (ages 14-18) | Price
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11th & 12th April | Thursday & Friday 11am - 1pm | Thursday & Friday 2pm - 4pm | $20 per session or $35 for both
Thursday 11 & Friday 12 April | Lighthouse Theatre |
Bookings | 555 94 999

Overdue Library Books

Please bring all overdue Library books back to the Library by tomorrow Friday March 22nd.

Congratulations Duncan Ward, Conner Baldwin, Kate Huebner, Seb Cameron Quarrell, Jordan Stephenson,
A time when I was being healthy
One day I went for a bike ride to Lake Pertobe. We went over the bridge. When we got there we played on the orange and yellow slide. By Harry Annett

My Favourite Body Part
I like my eyes because they help me see helicopters and aeroplanes. They help me see where I am going and I can see what I’m doing. If something is on the whiteboard and I need to write it, I can see it and then write it. I can see what I’m holding, I can see what I’m getting. I can see what I’m writing and drawing. I can see who I am talking to. By Bridget Arden

My Favourite Body Part
My favourite body part is my heart because it keeps me alive. It is in the middle of my body. It can beep. As it beeps my blood beeps around my body. The heart is red. Red is my third favourite colour. By Archer Spelling

Our Spine
We are learning about our bodies. We made a spine with a spinal cord. The spine helps you to stand up and the spinal cord goes inside. We went home with our spines on our backs. We felt a bit embarrassed because we had them on our back. We made a chest vest with a heart and lungs. The ribcage protects the heart and lungs. We colored in the heart red because it pumps blood. They were a bit tricky to make but it was fun. By Stella and Jake 1/2D

Active After School Communities (AASC)
Thanks to everyone involved in this term’s AASC. It will finish next week, the last week of term. AASC program will commence the first week of term 2. Activities for term 2 are Futsal (Indoor Soccer) on Tuesday nights for Years 4-6, Hot Shots Tennis on Wednesday nights for Years 1-3 and aerobics on Thursday nights for Years 3-6. The program runs for 7 weeks. Please note the change for finishing times. Tuesday and Wednesday nights will finish at 4.35pm and Thursday night will finish at 4.30pm. Please read the enclosed flyer for more information. Remember the program is free and everyone is welcome.

Congratulations Duncan Ward, Conner Baldwin, Kate Huebner, Seb Cameron Quarrell, Jordan Stephenson, Tarra Brown, Natalka Keegan and Charlee Brown on being chosen as Aussies of the month.
Happy birthday

Stephanie Tate     Josh Freeman     Kane Hunter
Tahlia Kane        Jayden Brown    Joseph Sycopoulis

Student Banking

This was a great week for student banking. We had a total of $223.80 banked and room 16 had the most deposits with 4.

GREAT JOB BANKERS!

Zone Swimming

Congratulations Lucas Shears and Ethan Jenkins on a fine effort competing in the Zones swimming competition last week.

They both swam great races with Ethan swimming a PB.

Great effort boys!

WANTED

Lizard City is being renovated, restored and upgraded to Dragon City, all contributions to the dragons hoard most gratefully accepted.

Old costume jewellery, chain, broaches, glass beads, crystals, glitter, river pebbles, shiny rocks, things that look gold or silver or sparkle or shine.

Please drop off in the collection box-main office at WEPS.