



Newsletter: 5 Thursday 2nd May 2024

Vision:

Our school empowers all students to embrace learning, achieve their personal best while developing their emotional, social and physical wellbeing, and through this make positive contributions to the community.

WELSHPOOL AND DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL No:53996

Staff coming and goings

Over the past few weeks you may have seen some new faces around the school and maybe even a familiar face from last year.



Natalie has commenced family leave in preparation for the birth of her second child. I know Tavia is excited to meet her new sibling. We wish Natalie and her partner Shaun good luck as they venture into the world of 2 children.

We welcome back Sandra who will replace Natalie while she is on family leave. This is Sandra's second stint with us and we are excited to have her back at Welshpool. Sandra's work days will be Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please pop in and say hello and welcome back to Sandra.

Preservice teachers

From the start of this term we have had 2 preservice teachers from Swinburne University working alongside our junior classes. Freeman Chee and Rachael Long are in their second year of study and are part of the Country Education Partnership Teach Rural program. Rachael has been working alongside Deidre and Georgia in the Grade 2/3 classroom and Freeman has been working alongside Chloe in the P/1 class. Rachael and Freeman are with us up until Tuesday 14th May.

From Monday May 6th until Friday May 10th we will have two additional preservice teachers working at school. Melissa and Brooke are in their first year of study at Federation University and will be observing Mr Moore and the Grade 4/5/6 class.

In week 5 (Monday May 13th through to Friday May 17th) we welcome back to our school, Maddie Platt. Maddie is a former student at WDPS and is currently in Year 10 on work ex-

perience. It is always an interesting experience to come back to your old school as a staff member. I am sure that Maddie will love the experience though.

Dates for the calendar

	<u>May</u>
Wed 1st-Fri 3rd	Urban Camp for Grade 5/6
Fri 3rd	Welshpool community BBQ re: Playground
Fri 10th	Mother's Day afternoon tea
Tues 14th	School Council meeting
Fri 17th	Mitch Tambo and Lele performance
Fri 31st	District Winter sports play off
	<u>June</u>
Fri 7th	Curriculum Day Report writing day no students at school TheirCare operational
Mon 10th	Kings Birthday Public holiday
Tues 11th	School Council meeting
Fri 28th	End of term 2 2:30pm dismissal

As always, if you require anything please do not hesitate to contact us, either via the office or directly to the classroom teacher.



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Student Awards



Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Awards:

Week 1

P/1 – **Grace** for settling back into class
2/3 – **Bray** for all of his hard work this

Week 2

P/1 – **Mylah** for trying really hard in writing this week
2/3 – **Michael** for being a kind and helpful member of 2/3
4/5/6 – **Charlie** for taking pride in his work



Congratulations to all the students who have earned reading awards.

Congratulations to Dylan and Beau who have received **REC Awards**
(School Values: Respect, Excellent & Community)



Congratulations to Dylan on his student leadership badge





P/1 Classroom



Welcome back to Term 2!

Prep / One students have got straight back into their learning. Students have returned with a fresh determination to learn and succeed. This term we are very lucky to have Freeman for the first 4 weeks. Freeman is a pre-service teacher who will be teaching lessons and spending time in the P/1 classroom. Ella and myself have been blown away with the growth students have made, especially in students reading. Nearly all of P/1 students have made it to 25 or 50 nights of home reading, which is great! Keep it up.

Prep students are working on unit 2 in sounds-write initial code (o, p, n), Grade 1 students are working on unit 1 extended code (ay, ai, a_e, ea). We have been exploring visualising in reading and narratives in writing. In Maths we have been learning all about mass and counting from 0 – 10, 0 – 20 and beyond. Student's will be participating in literacy and numeracy assessments in the coming week for semester 1 reports, which will be sent out at the end of term 2.

We have a lot of exciting learning and activities to take place over the next coming weeks. Next week we have our Mother's Day afternoon tea, which students are looking forward too.

I look forward to the busy term ahead!

Mrs. Wade.



G'day everyone! My name is Freeman Chee and I am currently a 2nd year placement student at Welshpool and District Primary school working with the Prep/Grade 1 students with Mrs. Wade and Ella.

Right now, my main goal is to become a great teacher and so far I have learnt a lot from Mrs. Wade and hope to keep learning from such a great mentor!

In my spare time, if I am not studying I am playing video games with my friends. I also volunteer at my local primary school in Dandenong and try to spend as much time as I can there to gain more experience and to help out.

Unfortunately, my last day of placement here is the 14th of May which is rapidly approaching and I am already dreading how much I will miss working here.

So for now, I am focused on enjoying my time here and trying to teach as many lessons as I can. I look forward to the remaining weeks I have left here!



2/3 Classroom



We have had the pleasure of having a Second Year Swinburne Placement student Rachael Long in our classroom. Rachael has been getting to know everyone and has been teaching some literacy and numeracy lessons. Rachael is with us for another couple of weeks and we are looking forward to working with her.

During our reading lessons, the students have been focused on the sound /or/ (horse, draw, talk) and its spellings. We have been learning how to make a prediction about a story and how to summarise a story. During writing the students have been learning about the structure of Information reports. The students are learning how to research the topic of sea turtles before writing their report.

During maths the students have been learning about probability and the likelihood of something happening. They have also been exploring multiplication and using arrays to help them calculate the solution.

Mrs Zuidema



Hello everyone! My name is Rachael Long and I am a second year Pre-Service Teacher studying at Swinburne University of Technology.

I live in Skye which is just 10 minutes from the Frankston area, so it has been really great exploring Welshpool and Port Welshpool.

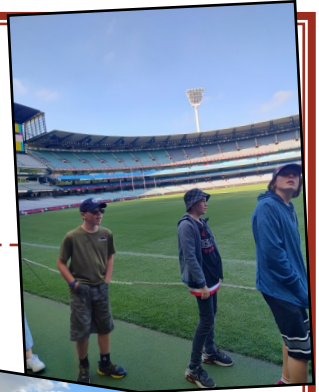
I also love watching the footy, I am a huge Carlton supporter!

I have spent the last 3 weeks working with Grade 2/3 and have loved every second of it. Mrs Round, Mrs Zuidema and all the students have welcomed me warmly into the classroom which is a testament to the lovely school culture. I am looking forward to teaching a few more lessons this week with the help of Mrs Round and Mrs Zuidema. I will be with Grade 2/3 until May the 14th so I will be sad to leave so soon.

Thank you for having me at your school, it has been and will be an experience I will never forget!



4/5/6 Classroom



Welcome back to another term! It has been a busy start to the term with Somers camp, district athletics and urban camp.

We had 9 students who were fortunate enough to attend Somers camp and by all reports, they had a wonderful time. Whilst this was happening, the students at school were working on their reading comprehension and re-count writing. In addition, there was a key focus on learning about ANZAC day and the significance of various ANZAC symbols.

Well done to the 11 students who qualified for the district athletics, you should all be proud of your efforts to make it to this stage!



Classroom Re-setting space



What is a resetting space? These spaces are a safe, physical space, inside each classroom, which allows children an opportunity to work through emotions, get back to calm, problem solve and reflect. This all occurs within the classroom, without the child leaving the learning space.

What it's not? The resetting spaces are not considered a consequence. It is not a place outside of the classroom. It is not a place of isolation. It is not a reward.

Why is a resetting space important? Reset spaces are a place for students to label feelings, regulate emotions, reflect, move on, and then return to the classroom learning. This is a place where an adult can also support students to regulate their emotions.

What's in the resetting space? Reset spaces are sensory spaces for physically processing emotions. These spaces contain developmentally appropriate tools for the students. Some of the tools you will find in them are; fidgets, squeeze toys, visual posters of the zones of regulation, calming strategies, noise cancelling headphones, weighted toys and mindfulness colouring.

The experience of processing emotions is a vulnerable and highly physical one. Fidgety hands, sweaty palms and awkward repositioning are all examples of attempts to regulate your sensory system while attempting to regulate emotions. These tools provide them with supports needed to regulate.

Young children need support in learning how to cope with tough emotions, which we often see as undesirable behaviours. We want to refrain from isolating them to a time-out space to "figure it out" on their own. Instead, the resetting space is an accessible space for all students with the tools to enable them to self-regulate.

At the end of last term students and teachers worked together to set up and establish a re setting space within each classroom. If you would like to know more about our classroom resetting spaces, please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

Mrs Round

Occupational Therapist

My name is Kate Wignall, and I will be spending one day a fortnight at WDPS for the remainder of this year. I am an Occupational Therapist or OT for short. Don't worry, so many people think OT, what's that? Or it is so often mistaken for Occupational Health & Safety. In a nutshell an Occupational Therapist works with a person and their parents/ caregivers/ teachers to support them to do what they want and need to do across their daily activities. This could be getting dressed, using the toilet, success in school activities, using tools such as cutlery, pens, pencils, emotional and sensory regulation skills, cognitive skills such as organisation, planning and recall and moving your body with balance and coordination. I am looking forward to getting to know WPS students and supporting them and the staff with my knowledge and expertise.'





Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

Starting Wednesday 17th April we will be trialling Hot Dogs every Wednesday for lunch during term 2 instead of sausages.

This is due to us trying to reduce the amount of time our volunteers have to put aside to provide lunch for your children.

Prices will stay the same and please note if you order sausages this will be replaced by hot dogs.

Thanks

Lisa Van Kuyk

URGENT **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

In order to continue our BBQ Wednesdays we are desperately needing more volunteers. If you can assist us with any of the dates for the upcoming term please make contact with Lisa Van Kuyk or the school office.

SCHOOL BBQ ROSTER Term 2

May

Wed 8th-Sandra Hoy
Wed 15th -Lisa Van Kuyk
Wed 22nd -
Wed 29th -

June

Wed 5th -
Wed 12th -
Wed 19th -
Wed 26th -

HELPERS NEEDED FOR TERM 2

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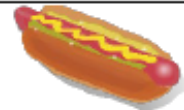
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if you are able to help.



BBQ
WEDNESDAY
ORDERS IN BY
WEDNESDAY
9AM



WDPS HOTDOG ORDER FORM



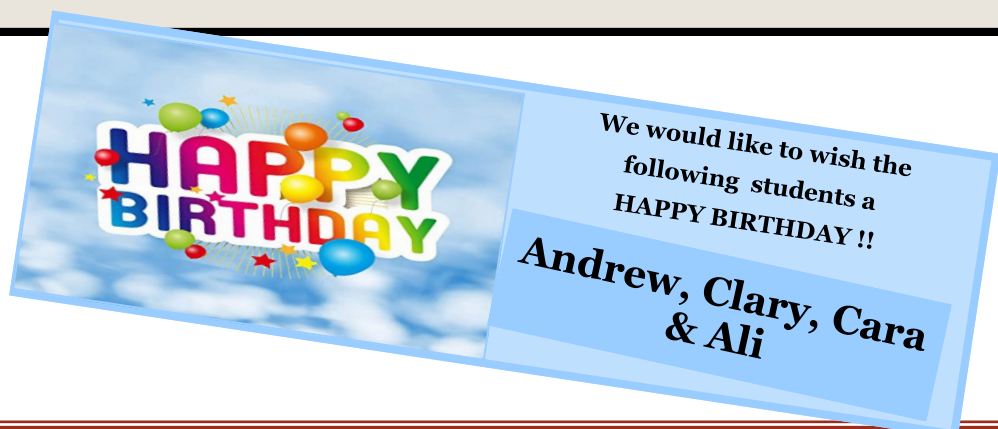
NAME: _____

	Description	\$	QTY	Total \$
Hotdog		\$2.00 ea		
Drink	Choc/Straw/Plain Milk	\$1.50 ea		
	Juice Box	\$1.50 ea		
Icy Poles	Various Flavours	\$0.50 ea		
				\$

WDPS Looking ahead 2024



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T2 WEEK 3	29 District Athletics	30	<u>May 1</u>	2 Newsletter	3 Welshpool Community BBQ
GRADE 5/6 URBAN CAMP					
T2 WEEK 4	6	7	8	9	10 Mothers Day afternoon tea
T2 WEEK 5	13	14 School Council	15	16 Newsletter	17 Mitch Tambo & Lele Performance
T2 WEEK 6	20	21	22	23	24
T2 WEEK 7	27	28	29	30 Newsletter	31 District Winter Sports play off
T2 WEEK 8	<u>June 3</u>	4	5	6	7 REPORT WRITING CURRICULUM DAY
T2 WEEK 9	10 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	11 School Council	12	13 Newsletter	14
T2 WEEK 10	17	18	19	20	21
T2 WEEK 11	24	25	26	27 Newsletter	28 End of Term 2 2.30 dismissal



Mother's Day
Afternoon Tea

-
2:20pm Friday 10th May at
Welshpool and
District Primary School

The staff and students of
Welshpool and District PS
invite our mothers,
grandmothers, aunties and
important ladies to join us
for a special afternoon tea
to say thank you for being
you!

Please RSVP by:
Friday 3rd May

Name:

Number of guests:



Community Information & Events

Community BBQ

Have your say



Free BBQ
Vote on your
playground
preference

Friday 3rd May 1pm - 3pm

Anchor Park (Cnr Hwy & Port Welshpool Rd Welshpool)

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