



Newsletter: 2 Thursday 8 August 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:5396

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024**.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home.

Please reach out to the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Information from the survey is completely anonymous but helps the school inform decision around teaching and learning.

If you would like more information please contact myself.

To log into the survey please follow the information below.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

Our school's PIN is:**553552**

Below is the school and campus name that parents / caregivers / guardians should select for our school:

School Name:

Welshpool and District Primary School

Campus Name:

Welshpool And District Primary School

2025 Prep Parent Information Session

A reminder that the 2025 Prep Parent Information session is next Tuesday 13th August at 6pm in the staffroom. If you know of any incoming 2025 Prep families please remind them of this date.

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

**Gabrielle Boyd Principal
Little School, Big Heart**



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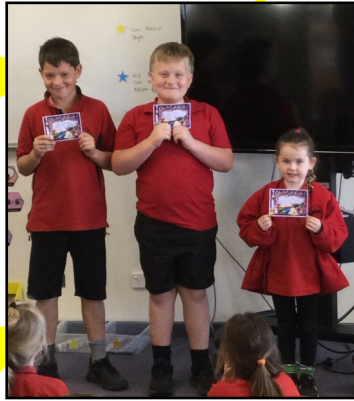
Student Awards



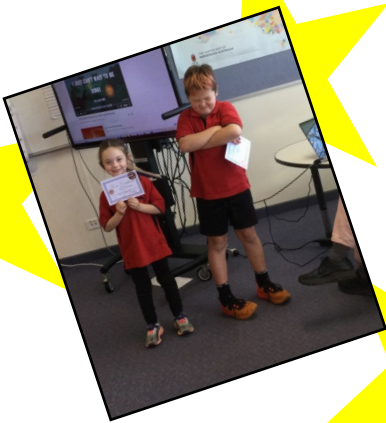
Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week Awards:

Week 2
P/1— Jazaa for working hard in all areas of learning
2/3 — Cove for being a kind member of the classroom and working hard to create a kind classroom community
4/5/6— Nate for demonstrating all 3 values each day

Week 3
P/1— Cara for effort in maths and trying her hardest
2/3 — Will for excellent work in writing
4/5/6— Harvey W for great work in reading



Week 2 & 3
 Congratulations to **Cove, Mylah, Nham, Jazaa, Leila and Slade** who have received **REC Awards**



Congratulations to all the students who have earned reading awards.

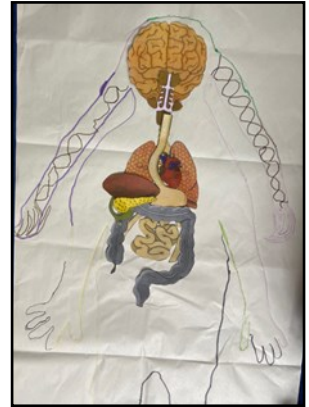


P/1 Classroom



Learning Fun in Prep/1!

What a fun filled last couple of weeks we have had in Prep/1. Our Virtual Science lessons have commenced each Thursday. We have so far enjoyed learning about our body and the organs inside. Myla volunteered to have her body traced and each student contributed with the outline and placement of organs inside.

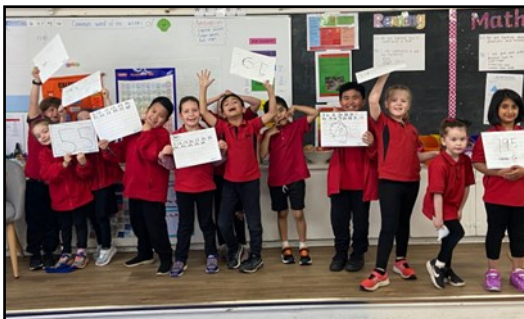


The 2024 WDPS Potato Olympics was a day to remember. Our potato athletes were decorated with colour & flair and tried their very best to participate in the following events; Gymnastics, The Velodrome, Running, Diving, Weight Lifting & Spinning aka Break Dancing.

Congratulations to Joziah, Resham & Jazaa whose potatoes won medals for our age group on the day.



In Math, the P/1's have been working so hard at becoming counting superstars exploring a variety of number patterns. I highly encourage you to ask them for a performance of "Groovy Day- counting by 2's" song. It's a hoot! The students are becoming more independent at using their hundreds chart and hands on materials to help them count by 2's & 5's from different starting points.



Next week Mrs Wade returns from her amazing holiday & the class is very much looking forward to welcoming her back. I have had such a great time with this wonderful group of students over the past 5 weeks. I look forward to seeing you in the playground on my usual Mondays at WDPS.

Mrs Southwell 😊👋

2/3 Classroom



In 2/3 students have been working very hard to complete their explanation writing pieces on volcanoes. They started by researching information about volcanoes and then transferring this information into their own words. Then students began drafting an explanation piece. We have also been focusing on the importance of editing our own work and making sure that we have capital letters, full stops, paragraphs and our writing is engaging and makes sense.

Over the next few weeks, we have a lot of exciting events coming up. Each Thursday we have our science program that is run by Discovery Science, this term our focus has been on building bridges. This week we also attended an online session with Andy Griffiths which students found very engaging. We also have our Olympics day, 100 days of school, Book fair and Book Week coming up.

Next week on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th we will be holding parent teacher interview. This is a great opportunity for parents to discuss how their child is going in their learning. Further information will be provided closer to the date. If you have any concerns and wish to discuss anything, please don't hesitate to contact us in person or via email.

Mrs Round and Ms Allan

A volcano is a mountain on the earth's crust that has ash, gases, lava and magma. Mauna Loa is the biggest volcano in the world. ~~on the water~~ Volcanoes can be under water. Volcanoes can be 396:24 meters long. There are 500 active volcanoes in the world. A volcano transfers molten rocks, energies from depth to the earth's surface through eruptions. The biggest eruption is in Kilauea-Mauna Loa. Volcanoes are pretty things but they are dangerous. There are 100 active volcanoes in Australia.

Hoorain

what is a Volcano? Beau
A volcano is a huge mountain, that has a opening on top of it, the opening leads to a pool of melt and rock, on land volcanoes form when one tectonic plate moves under another. Usually when and heavy tectonic plate subducts or moves under oceanic plate.

Beau

Volcanoes

A volcano is an enormous mountain that erupts molten rock and satisfying lava. Volcanoes are made out of lava that is magma when lava forms.

Cove

Volcanoes introduction Parishay
A volcano is a hummingbird's mountain. It is scorching and burning to the earth's crust. It shoots scorching magma into the air. Lava destroys lives and nature. Volcanoes are dangerous erupt and shoots hot lava shoots but by the volcanoes.
They explode hot magma and gases. 15,000 active volcanoes. Everyday about 10 to 20 volcanoes erupt.
The earth has lots of features like. Once lava cools

Parishay

A volcano is a huge mountain. The volcano destroy lives and animals' lives. Volcano get really big. A volcano is an opening in the Earth's crust. Hot magma and ash to escape from beneath the Earth's crust. Around the world there are multiple volcanoes that have changed our planet and fascinated the human race for centuries. The biggest volcano is on Mars. It is extinct. Extinct means that it probably won't erupt again. 169 active volcanoes are in the USA. 30 active volcanoes are found underwater.

Cian

Potato Olympics



Last Friday we held our WDPS Potato Olympics. Students had a wonderful day selecting and creating their potato athlete to compete for the day. Each potato took part in a range of events such as diving, cycling, distance, gymnastics, weightlifting and spinning.

Congratulations to our winners for P-2 and 3-6.

Georgia Round



Cooking/life skills program



This Monday we had our visiting teacher Rob Cannon visit to run some small groups sessions with students at our school. This week Rob and some of the students made taco wraps. First students had to wash their hand and then set up the cooking equipment. Then they practised chopping and grating the different ingredients. Then students learnt how to cook the meat. The 2/3 and 4/5/6 were able to have a sample taster of the tacos. Students had a wonderful time practising these skills.

Mrs Round and Isla De Boer.



Physical Education



In PE lessons we have been exploring the curriculum area 'Participate in physical activities' designed to enhance fitness, and discuss the impact of regular participation on health and wellbeing. This learning has involved the students participating in activities that involve running and jumping as well as participating in rotation activities involving repeated movements.

The learning has led to some great conversations arounds how exercise and movement can benefit our mental and physical wellbeing, as well as how physical fitness is required for a range of sports and activities.

Mr Moore





TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 6th August- Book Fair

Book Fair starts on Tuesday 6th and runs up until Tuesday 20th. Parents are welcome to visit Book Fair and Book Fair is open before and after school.

Friday 9th August -Olympics Day



Students will take part in a day full of activities to celebrate the Olympics. Students will be assigned into different teams and take part in Olympics themed events. Please see Compass notification and feel free to come along.

Monday 12th 100 Days of School



On this day we will be celebrating the students achieving 100 days of school this year. Students will be invited to dress up as if they were 100 years old. Students will also take part in 100-day themed activities in the afternoon.

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th Parent Teacher Interviews

On these two days we will be running parent teacher interviews. This will be an opportunity for parents to check in on their child's learning with their classroom teacher.

Tuesday 20th August Book Week Dress Up



This year's theme for Book Week is 'Reading is Magic'. Students will be invited to dress up as a book character from one of their favourite books. Throughout the day students will be taking part in a range of activities exploring the magic of reading. Stay tuned to find out more information about this magical day!

Tuesday 27th Sofie Laguna Performance

Sofie is an author who has written over 20 books. Her performance is based off her book 'My yellow blanky'. This will be a free in school activity.

Friday 30th Father's Day Breakfast



We will be hosting a breakfast as a celebration for Father's Day. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Thursday 12th R U Ok Day?



Students will be taking part in different activities at school and in the community in support of mental health.

Wednesday 18th Adam Wallace Visit

Students will be taking part in a virtual author visit with Adam Wallace who is an author and illustrator of a wide variety of books. Keep a look out for more information to come.

WDPS Looking ahead 2024



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
T3 WEEK 4	5	6	7 Donut delivery	8 Newsletter	9 Olympics Day
SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR					
T3 WEEK 5	12 100 days of school celebration	13 School Council Meeting Prep parent information session	14	15	16
Parent teacher interviews					
SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR & SCIENCE WEEK					
T3 WEEK 6	19 SCHOLASTIC	20 Book week dress up day	21	22 Newsletter	23
T3 WEEK 7	26	27 Sofie Laguna performance	28	29 Prep transition	30 Father's Day Breakfast OT
T3 WEEK 8	2 Grade 6 transition—FSC	3	4	5 Newsletter	6 OT
T3 WEEK 9	9	10 School Council Meeting	11	12 RUOK? Day	13 OT

REMINDER TO PARENTS WE ARE GOING DIGITAL.

The Newsletter will continue to be emailed from Term 3 and be available on Compass and schools website.

There will no longer be any paper copies generated.

Consent forms will no longer be printed and consent for excursion, camps, etc will be done via Compass.

If you require your login details letter for Compass generated please contact the office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

For the month of August. We would like to wish the following student (s) a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!**

Aleea



Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

The father's day raffle has been sent home with students. If you would like more books there are more at the office.

Also a big thanks to everyone who supported the Big Bears fundraiser. We sold 115 boxes with \$4 from every box sold going towards our basketball court development.

Lisa Van Kuyk

Welshpool & District Primary School Parents' Club

Spring Raffle

\$1 per ticket

1ST PRIZE	2ND PRIZE	3RD PRIZE
HUSOVARNA LC1411 MOWER WITH BATTERY AND CHARGER. RRP \$940.00 KINDLY DONATED BY WELSHPOOL OUTDOORS	TRAILER LOAD OF WOOD. (LOCAL DELIVERY)	GREAT NORTHERN GPK & WELSHPOOL HOTEL MERCH KINDLY DONATED BY SKYE FROM THR WELSHPOOL HOTEL.

TICKETS DUE BACK MONDAY 26TH AUG
RAFFLE DRAWN | FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST

HOTDOG WEDNESDAY ORDERS IN BY WEDNESDAY 9AM



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.

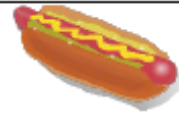
SCHOOL BBQ ROSTER
Term 3

August	Wed 14th	Wed 21st Sandra	Wed 28th
September	Wed 4th Sandra	Wed 11th	Wed 18th Sandra

HELPERS NEEDED FOR TERM 3
****Helpers needed****



WDPSS 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	
				\$



Smile Squad is on the way to our school!

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad is coming to Welshpool and District Primary School to help make sure this happens.

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free dental care to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students.

The friendly Smile Squad dental team will visit Welshpool and District Primary School later in Term 3 to conduct a free annual dental health examination for every student and provide free follow up treatment as needed.

What do you need to do?

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Although the engagement of parents/guardians is encouraged, in Victoria, students who are considered 'mature minors' may provide consent for their own dental care. To be considered a mature minor, the Smile Squad clinician must be satisfied that the student has sufficient understanding of the risks, benefits, and possible complications of their condition and proposed treatment to give informed consent.

The Smile Squad team will check the student's teeth and mouth and show them how to keep their teeth healthy and strong. They will also provide any preventive services you have consented for. If the student needs more treatment, the Smile Squad will discuss this and seek consent.

Please complete and submit the consent form by Friday 16th August 2024 to make sure your child/children can be seen.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

Who is Smile Squad?

The bright orange Smile Squad vans are staffed by experienced oral health therapists, dental therapists, dental assistants and dentists. They all have lots of experience treating children and a passion for improving their oral health – for life.

Learn more about the Smile Squad by visiting www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au



The banner features a green frog character on the left holding a sign that says "All Purchases Benefit Our School!". The text "Come to Our BOOK FAIR!" is prominently displayed in large, colorful letters. The Scholastic logo is on the right. The date "7 August to 19 August 2024" is written vertically in the center. On the right side, there is a collage of various children's book covers, including "Gymnastics in Paradise", "The Bad Guys", "Lionel Messi", "Stargazing", "Seekers in the Lost Cavern", "Jack Heath Spy Academy", "Flat Cat", "Axolotl", and "Dinosaurs".

WELSHPOOL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION



PLEASE SEE UPCOMING SEASON DETAILS BELOW:

- SEASON TO START WEDNESDAY 5TH / THURSDAY 6TH OF SEPTEMBER.
- 13-WEEK SEASON / KNOCKOUTS WEDNESDAY 4TH / THURSDAY 5TH OF DECEMBER.
- GRAND FINAL SUNDAY 8TH OF DECEMBER.
- MINIS - APPROX AGES 5-8 \$35
- JUNIORS - APPROX AGES 9-12 \$45
- INTERMEDIATES - APPROX AGES 13-17 \$55
- BASKETBALL VICTORIA FEE OF \$29

FOR THIS SEASON TO RUN SMOOTHLY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

FOR MORE INFO:

CONTACT [WELSHPOOL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION - OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE](#)



FAMILY SCIENCE FESTIVAL

3 hours of science experiments and discovery
with guest scientist presentations!

SATURDAY 10TH AUGUST

Morning Session | Afternoon Session
9:00am - 12:00pm | 12:30pm - 3:30pm

See you at
LARDNER PARK
155 Burnt Store Rd, Lardner VIC 3820

YOUTH
\$11.50

VISIT THE WEBSITE OR BOOK HERE:

<https://www.stemzone.com.au/special-events>



Get in the Zone! FOR National Science Week 2024



Lardner Park
An Australian Government Initiative



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