

What's on in the West

School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 8th May 12 - 3:30pm
Learning Pack Pick Up

Mobile Library

Friday 8th May
Book Club orders due

Ongoing
Virtual Tours



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Another week of remote learning down! In this strange new world of schooling, our students are building resilience, adaptability, independence and time management skills. At the same time however, we realise that there are a number of challenges being faced by families. The juggle of supporting students with their daily learning activities whilst caring for younger siblings and/or working from home, or experiencing push back whilst trying to help students, is starting to take its toll on many. Please know that the staff and I are incredibly impressed by how well you are all handling this situation and supporting your children, and by what you are managing to get done at home. Please also know that we are here to help if you are experiencing difficulties.

This might include phone calls from your child's classroom teacher, support from Rose (our Chaplain) or Breanna Thewlis (our wellbeing leader), or information on how to contact relevant external services.

Another way we are trying to help families is by adjusting our home learning curriculum. As of next week, we will be running 'Specialist Wednesday' – a day dedicated to the completion of the amazing activities being planned by our specialist teachers. Many parents have told me that they are finding it difficult to get specialist activities done so hopefully this will help. Our specialist teachers are looking forward to lots of posts of student work on Seesaw next week which they will provide feedback on as soon as possible. We are hoping that this change will break up the week for students and help to ease pressures at home.

Our staff also kindly ask that you or your children upload all completed hard copy work to Seesaw as we use these submissions as evidence of school attendance when students are working off-site.

We have changed the times slightly for the pick-up and drop-off of learning pack materials. Classrooms will now be open and our outside library set up on Fridays from 12PM until 3:30PM. If this creates difficulties for your family, please get in contact with us and we can have your child's learning pack left at the office outside of these hours.

School Council Meeting

Our school council held a meeting on Monday via Webex and, apart from the odd giggle due to technology hiccups, it ran very smoothly. During the meeting our parent payment policy was re-ratified and we discussed whether the school camps booked for the remainder of 2020 will or will not proceed. We understand that coronavirus restrictions have put a great deal of financial pressure on a number of families, so we do not wish to exacerbate this with camp costs, however we would like to proceed if possible. If you have any thoughts in relation to this, please sent them through to me or discuss this topic with one of our school council members as we will be making a decision at our meeting on June 1st.

In my principal's report I discussed modifications to our school budget in light of costs associated with Coronavirus, and presented a sample of the beautiful feedback we have received from families.

2021 Enrolments

Our Virtual Tour is now available so if you know of anyone interested in enrolling at our school, please encourage them to head to our website and take a look as soon as possible. The password is West4642.

We are encouraging current WWPS families to submit their paperwork now to assist with 2021 planning and staffing, so if you have a sibling enrolled at our school already, please complete and return your paperwork as soon as possible.

A huge *Happy Mother's Day* to all of the mothers, grandmothers and special women in the lives of our students. I hope you are all spoiled and enjoy the day.

Kind Regards,

Kristy Keenan
PRINCIPAL



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

- Prep A Scarlett For her wonderful commitment to remote learning. Scarlett, your writing and artwork continues to impress me. Well done and keep it up!
- Isabella For the fantastic effort she is putting into her handwriting practice. Bella, it's great to see your handwriting improve every week. Mrs A is very proud!
- 1C Samuel For working so hard at "Making Tens" to solve addition. This is a new and challenging strategy and you practised it a lot, so you could understand it better. Excellent effort.
- Britney For always being happy to do all her school work, whether it is in our normal class, at home or Remote Learning at school. You have a smile on your face and enjoy all activities.
- 1DS Ethan For doing an amazing job with all of his remote learning and uploading everything on seesaw. Keep up the fantastic work Ethan!
- 2SS Haley Congratulations on the way in which you are completing your remote learning both at school and at home. You are teaching us many different editing and posting techniques! Awesome work Hayley.
- Asta Asta you are demonstrating what a great independent and resourceful learner you are. The work that you are handing in is high quality and demonstrative of your commitment to hard work. Great work Asta!
- 3WV Mia For her creative rap on washing your hands.
- 4AP Remi For demonstrating such a mature and independent approach to her remote learning. Remi, you have absolutely blitzed this form of learning – we're so proud of all you've achieved while we've been away.
- 4M Lucas For the effort you are putting into your remote learning. You are going over and above what is expected and I love your enthusiasm.
- 4P Thomas For his suspenseful narrative on The Hidden Temple. Great use of the VCOP Gang!

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- 5C Tyler for setting himself up with a unique learning space for remote learning and actively using Seesaw to communicate his work - often posting some creative videos. Keep up the awesome effort!
- 5G Ebony for her persistence and effort to our learning activities during remote learning. Your consistent communication and uploading of your work to Seesaw has been fantastic. It has been great to see the effort and dedication you are putting in to your learning at home. Keep it up!
- 6C Toby For writing an exceptional piece of writing during our creative writing task and showing great initiative in up levelling his work by using a thesaurus. I was so impressed Toby, keep up the amazing work!
- 6MW Freddie for your dedication and persistence to remote learning. You have such a positive attitude and are an awesome student!