

Community Newsletter

Week 6, Term 4 2020



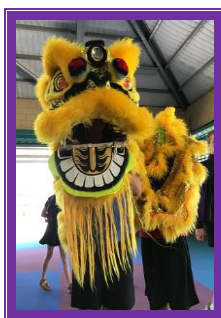
From the Principal's Desk

As we race to the end of the school year with only 4 weeks remaining, I want to take this opportunity to thank the school community for their support during a particularly challenging COVID effected year. From the school perspective staff have relished the opportunity to work with our parents and carers to ensure our students have achieved to their full potential in 2020. Emma-Lee Whybrow and her band of P&C volunteers have been instrumental in making sure 2020 had just a bit of normality in it with the Colour Explosion in Week 4 and the upcoming disco in Week 7 on Friday, 27 November.

To Megan Cleary and the Lakelands School Board, thank you for your guidance and support through this interrupted year. As a Principal of a large Primary School, it is very comforting that I have the confidence of board members. Tuesday, 24 November will be our last School Board meeting for this year and I look forward to presenting to the board our school progress that we have made in our Year 1-6 Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) conducted at the end of last term.

Cultural Immersion:

Last week our Years 3, 4 & 5 students participated in a Chinese cultural immersion incursion involving a Chinese Dragon performers. The incursion links into our language other than English (LOTE) language with is Chinese, more specifically Mandarin. The loud and colourful experience was a real treat for the students learning the language.



There are many NAIDOC week activities planned for week 6 to commemorate NAIDOC week. On Friday, 20 November at 9:15am, we have the opportunity to celebrate our Indigenous Noongar culture through an assembly with dancers and some Noongar elders.



Student Placement Policy:

As the end of the year quickly approaches, our attention is drawn to the class structures for 2021. Parents are also interested in having an input into this process by requesting student placements for next year. In order for parents to request a student placement for 2021 their request must align to the student placement policy to be considered. Parents can find the Student Placement Policy on the school website by clicking *Information / Forms & Policies / Student Placement Policy*. Requests must be in writing either by email or a letter handed to the front office by **3pm, 27 November 2020**.

Leaving Lakelands in 2020?

If your family is **not returning** to Lakelands Primary School for 2021 school year, it would be very helpful if you could notify the front office ASAP as this will greatly assist our planning for next year.

Semester 2 Student Reports.

To ensure you receive your child's Semester 2 report the front office requires your current email address. You can update your contact details through the front office or via email. Reports will be sent out in Week 10. When you receive your child's report don't forget to save the document on your computer so you are able to refer to it for high school applications should the need arise. The reporting link only lasts for two weeks, after that the report cannot be accessed.

Type A Children's Crossing:

We have been successful in our application for a Type A cross walk attendant on Cawana Parkway near Benooka Grange. This is exciting news for our school because it will mean our students and their parents will have a safe point to cross. Hopefully they will use it!!

An onsite meeting was held on Wednesday, 28 October with all stakeholders to determine if the existing site is suitable and the crossing will commence operation pending the installation of road markings and signage by

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Main Roads and the availability of a WA Police Traffic Warden.

Bradden Mitchell
Principal

Chaplain's Chat

There are many resources available for our families to tap into. Next Year the E Safety Commission is offering various webinars for our families to keep children safe online. These will be advertised early February when we come back to school. The webinars will be free. Don't forget the Chaplain is here to support our families and students of Lakelands Primary School. I look forward to catching up with you.

Kelly Waldeck – Chaplain
Tuesday/Thursday/Friday

School Board

Brad Mitchell, Alex Sallur and I attended Oakwood Primary School's Board meeting this term as a way of building relationships and gaining insight into the foundations and structure of their board. To reciprocate, we will also welcome their members to our next meeting. As always we welcome our school community to attend our meetings too. If you are interested in attending, please come along on Tuesday, 24 November at 6pm at school. If you are interested in attending, please come along on the night. For more information, please contact myself or our principal Brad Mitchell.

Megan Cleary
Board Chair
Megancleary2018@hotmail.com

Lost Property

Our lost property box is full of school jackets at the moment, if your child is missing their jacket, please check the box in our undercover area. We also have several items held at the office, eg glasses, bracelets, watches and keys.

If you have mislaid any items, please come and see the office ladies.

Items that have not been claimed by the end of week 9 will be donated out to the classrooms.

Science



Students from Kindy to Year 3 and their teachers were delighted at the latest Science Incursion from The Silly Scientists, they incorporated music, science and loads of

interactive fun into their shows.

Early Childhood



Messy Play Day – On Monday 16 and Tuesday, 17 November the Kindy and Pre-primary students enjoyed a whole day of Messy Play. Students enjoyed playing with slime, water, goop and paint. Everyone had a lot of fun!

P & C News

Colour Explosion

Thank you to everyone who participated in our colour explosion on Friday, 6 November. A huge thank you to Mrs Ellis for her amazing balloon arch start line and to Mrs De'Oliveria and her sports helpers for setting up the awesome obstacle course. We are very proud to announce

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that we raised \$14,881.21. The prizes have been ordered and I will let everyone know when they arrive.

Disco

The P&C have their upcoming Christmas disco on Friday, 27 November. The junior disco (Kindy – Year 2) runs from 4pm – 5.30pm and the Senior Disco (Year 3- Year 6) runs from 5.45pm -7.15pm. Tickets are \$5 each and are available from the front gate on the night. Notes will be going home this week with more information. We are also needing lots of volunteers for this event to go ahead, if your able to help at the junior and or senior disco please fill in the volunteer slip and place it into the P&C box by Wednesday, 25 November.

Discount Card

We have made the decision to temporarily suspend the release of the 2021 discount cards due to Covid-19. We have not made this decision lightly, however with many of our local businesses struggling post COVID, we feel this is a necessary break. The discount cards will return in 2022. Thank you to everyone who has supported our discount cards over the years and thank you to Megan Cleary our organiser for all her hard work.

School Banking

School Banking is on every Thursday morning before school outside Block 3. There are no fees involved. It's a great way to teach your child about money and savings. When your child makes 10 deposits, they will receive a prize. The deposits can be as small as 50 cents each time. If you would like to participate, application packs are available from Ian Allen

Scholastics

The eighth issue of book club is now available for ordering. This is a great way to get started on your Christmas shopping if you need some inspiration. You can view and order books online via the link.

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. The seventh issue books have arrived and will be distributed on Wednesday to all classes.

Meetings

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2 December at 8.45am in the Staffroom, light refreshments provided. Everyone is welcome.
Emma-lee Whybrow

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Lakelands Lads

A strange year it has been, and just as we start to get some 'normal' into things again the year is coming to an end. It has been unfortunate this year that we have not been able to hold as many events, although you may have seen we have still been actively involved in the wider Lakelands and WA Community.



Beacon App - Telethon Kids Institute



To start, we have been involved in the pilot program for the 'Beacon' App. It has now gone live nationally and is available for free download through the app store. Beacon, developed by Telethon Kids Institute, is designed

specifically for parents as a personalised, one-stop-shop for reliable information about the online world. It arms parents and carers with the knowledge they need to confidently help navigate their children's digital behaviour and reduce harms we know are associated with being online. More info can be found at

<https://beacon.telethonkids.org.au/>.

Mental Health Week

We were also invited to participate in Mental Health Week down at Lakelands Shopping Centre, by holding a paper airplane making and throwing stall. It was good to see some of the younger siblings down there on the day, as all the other were at school. And also, great to speak to many other dads, and raise awareness of what we are actually trying to achieve with The Fathering Project

International Mens Day - A Night with Will Schofield

Thursday, 19 November 2020 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Presented by Relationships Australia WA – 4Dads

Come celebrate International Men's Day with us for a night with former AFL premiership player and local, Will Schofield. This year's theme is "leading by example", which he will explore through his experiences as a Dad, a team player, a mentor and role model.

As men, we often forget to set a good example of healthy behaviours to our children and those we mentor. Children,

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especially teens, seek guidance from the people they look up to. Will, a Mandurah local, will be talking about how the strong male mentors in his life, in sport, business and home, have helped him navigate life's ups and downs, wins and losses.

He is a strong ambassador for men's mental health and runs a radio program on ABC focusing on men's health - both mental and physical.

4Dads presents Will as part of International Men's Day, an international celebration of men, fathering, male role models and friends. The day encourages men to check on their mates and the boys who will soon become the men of the future.

This is a free event to be held at the Peel Football Club. A light supper will be provided and the bar will be open to purchase drinks. This is 4Dads fifth year celebrating this successful and important event. We invite you to join us.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/international-mens-day-a-night-with-will-schofield-tickets-121331304197>

Movies at the Park



We also have final planning in place for our inaugural 'Movies in the Park' event. This will be an outdoor cinema style event on the school oval, for the whole family.

We are just finalising some of our funding for the event and trying to lock in a date. At this stage we are looking at around Week 4-5 of Term 1 in 2021. Please stay tuned for updates via our Facebook page, and communications through the school early next year.

We will be bringing back our famous and well-loved 'Wheelie Wednesdays' next year, if there is enough interest we may be also able to squeeze in a cheeky one later this term! Let us know!!

And don't forget Lads, put your hand up, come and see myself or any other of the Lads in the school and come and get involved. Coming into the new year our intent is to get back to where we were pre-COVID and getting out there as often as we can. We will be trying to get back to a 'Dad & Kids' & a 'Dads Only' event each term. The Dads Only events have proved to be quite popular we do try to alternate events around to try to cater for all our FIFO dads also, we know we all can't make every event. If there tends

to be no events on whilst you are home, let us know and we will get one up and running to suit.

For further information on the Lakelands Lads and join our mailing/SMS list, please do not hesitate to drop me an email.

Chris Whybrow

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For more information on The Fathering Project, please visit the website below.

www.thefatheringproject.org/dads-group/lakelands-primary-school/

INTERNATIONAL MENS DAY
November 19

Guest Speaker - Glen Jakovich
Talking about his experience as a dad and mentoring men

When:
Thursday 19th November
6.30-8.30pm

Where:
Peel Thunder Football Club
Rushton Park, Dower St, Mandurah

Cost:
FREE, (light supper included and bar will be open to purchase drinks)
Book your place [here](#)

For more information or to book your place contact Relationships Australia - 4dads in Mandurah on 6164 0619 or 4families@relationshipsaustralia.org.au

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Lakelands
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Waste-free lunches



Avoid waste and save money
with a waste-free lunch!

Yes please

- ✓ Food in reusable containers
- ✓ Drinks in refillable containers
- ✓ Reusable utensils where required
- ✓ A reusable lunchbox or bag

No thanks

- ✗ Food packed in plastic wrap, single-use plastic bags, foil or wax paper
- ✗ Single-use drink boxes, cans, pouches, cartons and bottles
- ✗ Single-use plastic forks and spoons
- ✗ Pre-packaged single-serve snack items

Our family commits to a waste-free lunch on

Spend less. Waste less. Eat well.

Junior Golf at Meadow Springs Golf Club



Mark Batten PGA Professional has opened up a class for Lakelands Primary students to Give Golf a Try on the Golf Australia junior portal "MyGolf". For interested students they can go to MyGolf.org.au, enter their postcode and click on the Meadow Springs page and they will see the dates and times, and they can book in online.

Mark has set it up for Saturday mornings, 8-8.50 for 3 consecutive weeks starting on Saturday 28 November. The program takes kids from 6yo and older and all equipment is provided.

The cost is \$60 per child which includes range balls, and there is space for up to 8 kids per class. For those that enjoy the classes I will be running school holiday classes and term classes next year if they want to continue.



MEADOW SPRINGS
GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB
Perth, Western Australia