Message from the Principal

It was 40 degrees and the mercury was still rising. I was in a pool of sweat after senselessly completing some chores in the garden, when out to the garden stumbled our 2 year old son Sam. Now, after an afternoon sleep, Sam is seldom the happiest person in the family. It takes him a bit to wake up, and until he does, no one can make a statement or ask a question without Sam answering ‘NO!’

So, do you think it made a difference when I informed the poor boy that the bare sand would be hot? Do you think that Sam made a quick exit from his position on the hot sand? As some kids do, he froze, and started howling! I do feel sorry for my Samboy at times, as not listening to your elders can have some dire consequences.

I always have empathy for the kids that I correct, at home and at school. However, like Sam, I know that the student will reap the rewards of the correction which they receive! For me as God’s child, I fall into the same trap. It is through flipping open the bible in reflection that I remind myself to try and listen to God. An easy reading book of the Bible is Proverbs. It’s a great place to open up the Bible to keep your life open to God (right in the middle after Psalms).

Proverbs 2:11-12 says: My children, when the Lord corrects you, pay close attention and take it as a warning. The Lord corrects those whom he loves, as parents correct a child of whom they are proud.

God bless your week,
Adam Borgas

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

Last Tuesday, 21st February, the students enjoyed pancakes for recess as part of Shrove Tuesday. The pancakes were prepared and cooked by Dominic Travaglione, Georgia Butson, Jasmine DeVroome and Jean Marchant (from Year 6/7) under the “expert” guidance of Mrs Schmidt and Mrs Shugg.

The students raised over $80, with the proceeds raised going towards this term’s fundraiser “The World’s Greatest Shave” for the Leukaemia Foundation. Thank you to all those children and parents who supported this event.
Casual Position
As we have a staff member going on long service leave, we will require a casual SSO for 4 weeks (from 12th March until 6th April). The position is part-time, working on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:50am until 12:50pm. Applications for this position close tomorrow, Friday, 2nd March.

ICAS Competitions for 2012
The International Competitions for Schools will be held again this year. All registrations for this must be in by Friday, 20th April 2012 and they are for Year 3 upwards, with a separate test for each year level. Please register at the front office if you wish your child to take part in one or more of the tests.

The following are the 2012 dates and costs of each competition:

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Music Lessons
Class music lessons with Mrs Burgemeister will now be held on Thursdays.

Parent Handbooks
Parent handbooks are now available from the front office.

PE/PMP days for classes
The timetable for PE/PMP across the school is:
- Tuesday and Thursday: PMP Reception and R/1
- Wednesday: Year 6/7 PE
- Thursday: Year 2/3 PE
- Friday: Year 4/5 PE

Students are required to wear their sports uniform for PE/PMP which is the school polo shirt, sports shorts and sneakers.

SAPSASA Athletics Carnival
The SAPSASA Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday, 15th March in Glossop. Participating students will be advised of their inclusion in the team next week.

School Bags
Our school bag order has arrived and bags are available for purchase at a cost of $35. If you have pre-ordered a bag, it can be collected from the front office during office hours. Otherwise bags are available for purchase from the uniform shop or via purchase order.

Uncle Toby's Muesli Bars
It has been brought to our attention that all Uncle Toby’s Muesli Bars (with the exception of chewy apricot) contain almonds in their listed ingredients. As WLPS has implemented a nut minimalisation policy to ensure the safety of students with nut allergies, we ask that parents no longer send these muesli bars to school.

 WLPS Sports Day
Waikerie Lutheran Primary School’s Sports Day is scheduled for Friday, 16th March. Students will be developing their skills in their PE lessons and this will continue until the BIG DAY!

All children will need to wear a T-shirt in their team’s colour, along with their school sports shorts, hat and sandshoes. Banners, mascots and streamers to decorate the team shelters are welcome on the day.

The P&F will have a café set up for the purchase of tea, coffee, fruit juice and cakes throughout the day and will also be selling hot dogs and hot potatoes for lunch via pre-order (see page 4 of the newsletter).

We will be holding a Parent/Teacher versus Student relay so bring along your sandshoes and join in the fun!

Sports Day Helpers Wanted
We will need helpers for Sports Day:-
† from 9:10am to 10:45am for helping with 6 different sporting events.
† We will need parents to help with the team games as well as for a cheering squad.
† If potential event helpers have any queries please contact Mr Fladrich.

If you can help, please fill in the form on page 3 and return it to the office by Tuesday, 13th March.

 Mid Murray Sports Day
Friday, 30th March, 2012

Transportation
This year the Mid Murray Sports Day is being hosted by Ramco Primary School and will be held at the Ramco Football Oval. So that we have adequate time to organise the appropriate-sized bus, could you please indicate on the form below if you require transport for your child/ren to Mid Murray.

Also, if you will be attending and are able to help with the transportation of other children, please indicate that on the form below and return it to the office by Tuesday, 13th March.

Mid Murray Helpers
To assist with the smooth running of the day, we require 12 parent helpers in total to assist with the Junior Sprints, the Senior Sprints, Long Jump and the Spoke Relay. If you are able to assist with this, please fill in the form on page 4 and return it to the office by Tuesday, 13th March.
There is a saying that “there is nothing so certain as death and taxes”. I think that we can add a third item to these things we know and often view so apprehensively – that is ‘change’.

Commonly change is dreaded and resisted, sometimes with every fibre of a person’s being. That’s normal and natural for most of us, except the adventurous amongst us and those whom life experience has taught flexibility and resilience. Some changes, however, though difficult at first, bring many benefits and, once they have set in, people start feeling positive and happy about them. There are, of course, changes that are truly undesirable, but resistance is pointless as they are inevitable. For myself I have found that it helps to look at both sides of a change with an open mind. (Sometimes it is good to get assistance from another person to be able to do this). Then I plan for the worst that can happen, after that put it out of my mind and work on viewing the coming change in a positive light.

Great comfort can be found for us, though, to realise that our loving Heavenly Father NEVER changes. His love and compassion towards us is unchanging and the one certainty in this changing world we live in. God also may bring about changes in us and in our lives which, when viewed after they have occurred, have really worked out to our very best advantage. In all things, even the really bad and undesirable changes, God can and does work for our good in the bigger picture if we will but stand back and let Him.

God bless

Moira Ganner

Staff Profile
Mr Brett Fladrich

Job Title: Year 2/3 Teacher, Christian Studies Key Teacher, Sports Coordinator

Mr Fladrich commenced at WLPS in 1997, teaching the Year 2/3 class. During his time at WLPS he has taught years 2, 3, 4 and 5. Prior to his employment at WLPS, Mr Fladrich taught at St John Lutheran School in Bundaberg, QLD for 7 Years.

Mr Fladrich is a keen fisherman, and enjoyed some well deserved long service leave in 2011, enjoying a fishing trip to Darwin.

During his time at WLPS, Mr Fladrich has taken on many roles, including Christian Studies Key Teacher, Sports Coordinator - organising events such as, WLPS Sports Day, Mid Murray Sports Day and SAPSASA. He is also the go-to person for removal of sleepy lizards from classrooms and other creepy crawlies.

Last year, Mr Fladrich was awarded with a 20 year Service Award for his time within the Lutheran Schools Association.

Born: 8th March, 1966 at Mt Pleasant

Went to: Cambrai Area School and Immanuel College.

Qualifications: Diploma of Education and Diploma of Lutheran Education.

Favourite Food: Pizza and lasagne.

Favourite Music: 80’s.

Something I want to do is: Travel.

My hobbies are: Gardening and fishing.

My ideal holiday destination is: A tropical island with great fishing.

P&F Notice Board

Sports Day Catering
WLPS Sports Day is fast approaching. As part of our fundraising for the year we will running a Café to sell tea, coffee, fruit juice and baked goods. To make our Café a success, we are asking all bakers to cook up a storm in the form of cakes, biscuits, slices etc for sale in the Café. (Just a friendly reminder that when baking for the Café you need to include a list of ingredients with your baked goods. As WLPS has a Nut Minimalisation Policy, please do not bake anything that includes nuts).

P&F AGM
The P&F AGM will be held on Friday, 23rd March 2012, commencing at 9:30am (after chapel) in the hall. All positions have been declared vacant. The positions available are: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and additional members. If you would like to take on a position, please contact Cindy Kroehn on 0428971885 or Melissa Schmidt on 0429106426.
**WLPS Sports Day Lunch Order**

For lunch on Sports Day, the P&F will be selling hot dogs with or without sauce for $3.00 or Hot Potatoes with bolognaise or hawaiin topping for $5.00. These need to be pre-ordered and paid for by **Tuesday, 13th March 2012**.

*(There will also be juice available for purchase on the day in addition to tea and coffee).*

Family Name: ______________________________  Team: ______________________________

No. of Adults : ______________________________  No. of Children : ______________________________

No. of Hot Dogs : ______________________________

No. of Hot Potatoes: ______________________________  Topping: Bolognaise Ham & Pineapple

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**P&F Sports Day Cafe and Hot Dogs/Potato Roster**

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**Mid Murray Sports Day (Friday, 30th March, 2012)**

Name:  ______________________________

I will be able to help with sporting events.  Yes / No

I can help with  Junior Sprints  Spoke Relay  Senior Sprints  Long Jump

**Travel to Mid Murray Sports Day**

My child/ren  ______________________________ require transport to Mid Murray Sports Day.

I am going to Mid Murray and will be able to take:  __________ extra children with me.
Families In Our Prayers

Friday:  Ganner
Monday:  Hensel
Tuesday:  Herzog/Hart
Wednesday: Hollamby
Thursday: Honeyman

Prayers

• Pray for healing for those members of our family and community who are currently suffering from an injury or illness.
• Ask God to be with those people who are mourning the loss of a loved one at this time.

Lent

A time to consider the giving up of what we are for what we may become.