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From The Principal ...

As I write this article, I can see Sports Day practices starting and it is hard to believe that we are already this far into the term. 2024 is shaping up to be a fantastic year at WMPS, we have a new group of school leaders with SRC, House and School Captain elections being held over the last few weeks. I admire the bravery of students who put up their hands for these roles and look forward to working with our student leaders, there are few greater privileges than being elected to represent your peers.

Our school motto is 'Every Child by Name, Strength and Need', one way we are living this motto is by recognising the character strengths of our students. By taking a strength-based approach we are celebrating the individual contributions all of our students make to the WMPS community. Each week we have a whole school focus on a character strength, this is introduced each Monday during morning circle and discussed each morning. On Friday afternoons at 2:50 we have a short assembly where we recognise students in the school who have demonstrated that character strength throughout the week. Each week's focus can be found in the left-hand column of the term plan attached to this email.

Resilience is one of our school values, one way we are developing the resilience in our students is through an intentional focus on gratitude. Studies show that just by pausing each day to recognise three things that went well in the day you can improve your outlook and improve personal wellbeing and resilience. This approach has been taken by successful top level sporting clubs such as the Richmond Tigers, Melbourne Storm and the Australian Cricket Teams. At 2:50 each day we ring a bell and each class spends 10 minutes talking about **What Went Well**. It is a simple practice to increase gratitude and empathy and I encourage families to practice it at home to see how it can create positive change in everyone's mindset.

Our Governing Council AGM was held on the 22nd of February. The Governing Council plays an important role in guiding the direction of the school. I'd like to thank members of the 2023 Council, their time and energy has contributed greatly to the success of the school. I welcome new members of the 2024 Council and look forward to working with them over the next 12 months.

Scott Moore
Principal WMPS



What's On

Friday 8th March
Leaders Induction
Ceremony

Monday 11th March
Adelaide Cup Public
Holiday

Tuesday 12th March
Pupil Free Day

Thursday 21st March
School Photos

Wednesday 27th March
Sports Day

Friday 29th March
Good Friday Public
Holiday

Monday 1st April
Easter Monday Public
Holiday

Friday 12th April
Last Day of Term 2pm
Dismissal

Thursday & Friday 11th &
12th April
Tuck Shop Closed

Character Strengths

Each week we are going to be focusing on a different character strength across the school, looking for opportunities to build these strengths with our students.

Character strengths shape our personalities, how we get along with others and our own wellbeing. The 24 character strengths are:



We all have all 24 strengths, and through practice and focus we can build on these strengths.

The character strength focus is listed on the term planner that went out earlier this term. If you would like to know more about character strengths, YouTube have child friendly clips that explain them.

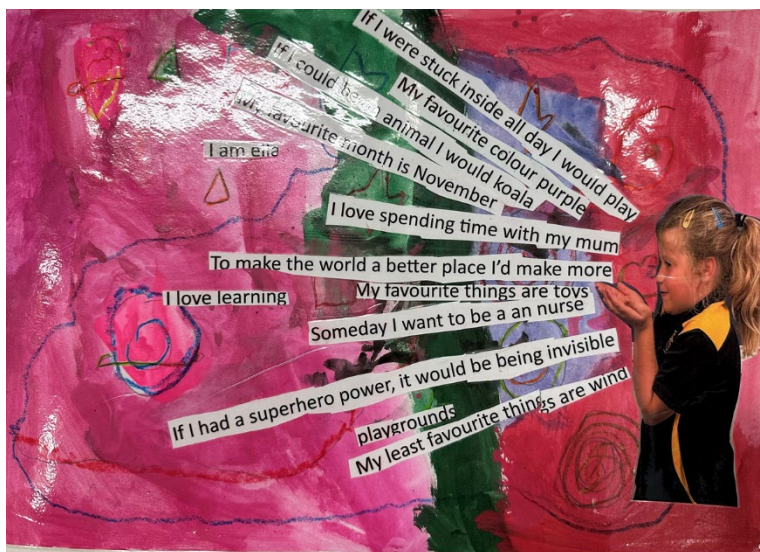
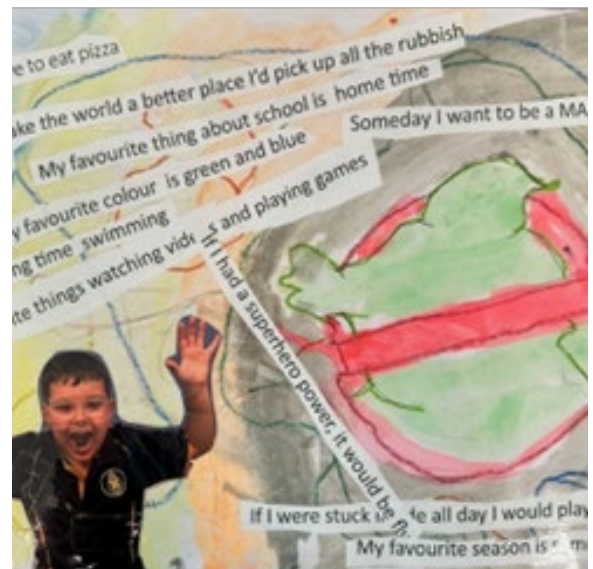


Kris Strauss-Scott
Student Wellbeing Leader

Meet Room 1!

In their first week back, the Year 2 and 3 students in Room 1 dove into abstract art, creating vibrant backgrounds using crayons and water paint. They then added personal statements about themselves using their MacBook, resulting in a colourful blend of creativity and self-expression.





Term 1 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Respect	29/1	30/1	31/1	1/2 Meet the Teacher Night	2/2
2 Resilience	5/2 Swimming	6/2 Swimming	7/2 Swimming	8/2 Swimming	9/2 Swimming
3 Learning	12/2	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2
4 Bravery	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2
5 Teamwork	26/2	27/2	28/2	29/2	1/3
6 Persistence	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3 Leaders Induction Assembly
7 Kindness	11/3 Adelaide Cup	12/3 Pupil Free Day	13/3 NAPLaN	14/31 NAPLaN	15/3 NAPLaN
8 Love of Learning	18/3 NAPLaN	19/3 NAPLaN	20/3 NAPLaN	21/3 NAPLaN School Photos Harmony Day	22/3 NAPLaN
9 Self-Regulation	25/3 NAPLaN	26/3	27/3 Sports Day	28/3	29/3 Good Friday
10 Fairness	1/4 Easter Monday	2/4	3/4	4/4	5/4
11 Gratitude	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4 Tuck Shop Closed	12/4 Tuck Shop Closed Last Day of Term 2PM Dismissal