



## Community Newsletter – Week 7, Term 1, 2020

Dear WCSS Community,

What a beautiful celebration we had last week in our Celtic Dance. Thank you to all members of our community who worked tirelessly, with such dedication and commitment, to help make the evening such a success. Congratulations as well to Class 2 for their beautiful performance, and the Class 4, 5 and 6 musicians who accompanied them.

Earlier today we sent out an update regarding COVID-19. We will continue to send out updates, separate to the Community Newsletter, as this situation unfolds. Please ensure that you read all communication from WCSS thoroughly.

We recommend sourcing accurate, current and helpful information from organisations such as the WA Health Department, Smart Traveller and the World Health Organisation when researching COVID-19. WCSS is following all updates carefully and taking direction from AISWA and the Health Department in all matters.

A recent New York Times article, [“How to Talk to Kids About Coronavirus”](#) outlined some key points that you may find of interest:

- **Assess what your child knows:** Start a conversation by finding out what your child has already heard about the virus, and shape your approach based on what they share with you. If they have not heard about the virus yet, your conversation will be very different than if they've heard scary comments from a friend on the playground.
- **Process your own anxiety first:** Your demeanour is paramount in your child's presence, and particularly when talking about coronavirus. We want children to feel that they are in a safe and secure world, and that you are a calm force within anything else going on.
- **Don't dismiss your child's fears:** Listen to your child calmly, and take seriously anything they share with you. Make sure they feel heard.
- **Talk at an age-appropriate level:** The age of your child will determine how/if you speak with them about the virus.
- **Emphasise good hygiene:** Ensure your children are following good hygiene practices, including regular handwashing and sneezing/coughing into their elbow or a tissue.

As we work together with positivity, harmony and vigilance, we can ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members within our community.

With warmth,

*Thomasina Henriquez*  
School Administrator (Acting)

### Upcoming Dates

All upcoming events have been postponed/cancelled, as outlined in our recent communication “COVID-19 – March 16”.

***In the Light of a Child – Michael Hedley Burton***

*Though much is changing, I stand strong  
And in the darkness, shine.*

*For sleep, the plants and creatures long, but I have work divine.  
For sun-seeds golden I'll be sowing, warmly from my heart's depth's glowing,  
Into winter's icy flowing.*