



Foundation

Term 2

News

Welcome to Term 2! We hope that students enjoy each day and make the most of their time at Westbreen. All of the staff are here to ensure that the children learn to the best of their ability in a fun and supportive environment.

Education is a partnership between students, teachers and parents. We are willing to discuss any issues that may arise.

Appointments can be arranged through xuno messages or by calling the school office on 9306 9481.

The Foundation Team: FA: Adria Quinn, FE: Emily Browne and FH: Laura Hunter.

Italian: Angela Francavilla, Art: Christine Mahlis, Performing Arts: Kylie Delacoe, Science: Christine Mahlis and Social Skills: Karen Wileman.

There is lots happening at Westbreen in Term 2. Here is an overview of what your child will be learning about.

LITERACY

In Term 2 we will continue to build knowledge and confidence of letter sounds. We will be focussing on the letters h, n, o, d, g, l, v, y, r, e, qu, z, j, u and k. This knowledge is used for decoding when reading and encoding when writing and spelling. Books that are sent home will only contain the letter sounds students are already confident with. They will be able to decode and read these books on their own, or with a little help from an adult. These need to be read every night and returned each day.

Students will continue to work on letter formation. When writing we are focussing on writing full sentences using power of three, alliteration and onomatopoeia. We are also learning about spacing between words, writing on lines and punctuation.

As part of Speaking and Listening, students are asked to bring Show and Tell each week. Their Show and Tell day is in their Home Learning Book. Students will share information with their class, ask and respond to questions.

NUMERACY

Students will continue to explore the number sequence and identify numbers before and after and missing numbers. They will extend their understanding of 'how many' and subitising. Students will identify, read, write and order numbers. They will build on their knowledge of numbers and ways of making numbers.

INQUIRY

Learning About Country

Students will focus on why country and place is important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the ways in which they maintain special connections.

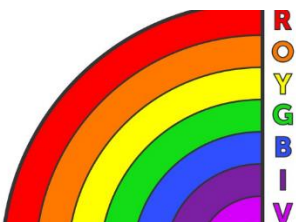
SCIENCE

During Term 2, the Foundation students will explore some of the thousands of objects made out of many different materials. They will consider questions such as why are our clothes made out of fabric and not glass? Why are our houses made out of bricks and wood and not cotton wool? It is the properties of the materials that make the difference. When we design objects we make choices based on those properties to suit the users. No-one would want a hat lined with sandpaper! Through hands-on activities students sort and test the observable properties of a variety of different materials. They then design and make their own party hat, taking into account the weather it might be worn in.



VISUAL ART

In Foundation, we will establish art room expectations and routines around using various art materials, including working together to clean and tidy the art room. Students will be exploring tools as well as learning control and manipulation of a variety of art materials. We will investigate Fine Motor skill development, recognising different shapes and Colour Theory (Primary and Secondary colours). Students will be experimenting with a range of materials such as paint, pencils, and plasticine to visually express their experiences.



PERFORMING ARTS

The first few weeks of term will include a variety of activities including playing percussion instruments, singing and dancing. This extends on the lessons from Term 1.

Later this term students will be learning all about the world of theatre and performing to an audience! They will be learning choreography, basic stage craft, what a theatre is like, performing to an audience and costuming. Each class is learning a choreographed routine, which will be showcased at the School Concert at Pascoe Vale Girls Secondary College on Thursday the 31st of August.

ITALIAN

Our enthusiastic Foundation students continue to engage in activities that will revise the numbers from 1-10, the colours, the alphabet and they will also be introduced to vocabulary related to La Famiglia/ The Family through the story Sogni D'oro/Sweet Dreams.

The story is about a little girl who can't fall asleep, so she begins to count sheep with her grandpa and then they sing a song together titled - "Tanti Baci" /Lots of Kisses to help her fall asleep a song that ensures all her family members get a kiss before going to bed. Students will also discuss the different types of families that exist and look at some families that they can relate to via the media. For example – Peppa Pig or The Simpsons.

Song and movement continue to remain very much a part of Italian weekly lessons.



SOCIAL SKILLS

During this second term we will continue to work on the 'Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships Program' to further develop each student's social skills.

Students will be focusing on:

Positive Coping skills (creating calm time, managing emotions) Problem-Solving skills (identifying and dealing with different kinds of problems, distinguishing between friendly and unfriendly decisions) and also Stress Management skills (identifying stressful situations and learning to deal with stressful situations).

Students will continue to be encouraged and supported to confidently share their opinions, experiences and ideas during Circle Time each week.

Home Reading Bags

Students need to bring their reading bags to school every day. Notes to go home will be placed in these bags.

Home Learning books and character keyrings should be kept inside the reading bag.

Reader bags can be purchased from the office for \$10.



FOUNDATION TIMETABLE

	Visual Arts	Performing Arts	Science	Italian	Library	Social Skills
FA	Monday	Monday	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
FE	Monday	Monday	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
FH	Monday	Monday	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday



Lost Property

To avoid children losing items such as jackets and hats, it is important to clearly label all of these items. If items of clothing are found around the school they are placed with the lost property that is located outside Mr Kenny's office.

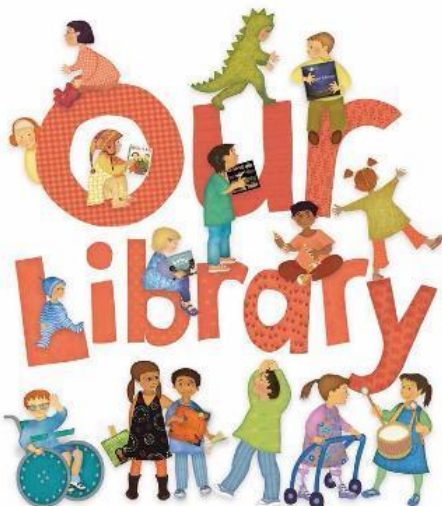
Water Bottles

Students should have a water bottle in class to keep them hydrated. Water bottles should be clearly labelled with your child's name.



Brain Food

Children are encouraged to bring along fresh pieces of fruit or vegetables to eat in class.



Library

Students can borrow 2 books at a time during their Library lesson if they have a library bag.

Library bags can be purchased from the office for \$3.

Some Important Dates for Term 2:

Mother's Day Stall: Wednesday 10/5

Education Week Open Morning: Wednesday 17/5

Book Fair: Tuesday 16/5-Monday 22/5

National Simultaneous Storytime: Wednesday 24/5

King's Birthday Public Holiday: Monday 12/6

Healesville Sanctuary Excursion: Tuesday 13/6

Student Reports Sent Home: Friday 16/6

Three Way Conferences: Tuesday 20/6

Please keep an eye on the school newsletter for all other upcoming events.



A reminder that Westbreen Primary School is participating in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. All students have been given a Username and Password to use when entering books on the computer.

Children from Foundation are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers.

The Challenge must be completed by Friday the 8th of September.