



5/6 UNIT NEWSLETTER

TERM ONE

Welcome to 2023!

Meet the 5/6 team

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We welcome you all to the 2023 school year! The 5/6 Team are looking forward to getting to know your children and creating a learning environment and learning experiences that are exciting, purposeful and personalised.

We believe school is a partnership between students, teachers and parents and are willing to discuss any issues that may arise. Appointments can be arranged by calling the office on 9306 9481 or via XUNO. We look forward to a working partnership with you and your child to ensure a happy, successful and rewarding Term 1.

The 5/6 Team

Absences

Please call the office if your child is or will be absent from school. Alternatively enter on XUNO or provide a note upon their return explaining reason of absence.

Important Dates

Tues 21st Feb & Thurs 23rd Feb
Introducing My Child Conferences
3:30 – 6.40pm

Mon 27th Feb
Pupil Free Day ~ Staff PD

Mon 13th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Thurs 5th April
Last day of Term 1. Dismissal ~
2.15pm

See weekly Newsletter for additional upcoming events using our school website: <https://westbreenps.vic.edu.au/>

School Daily Timetable

9.00 - 9.50	Session 1
9.50 - 10.40	Session 2
10.40 - 11.30	Session 3
11.30 - 11:45	Lunch Eating
11:45 - 12:30	Lunch Break
12:30 - 1:20	Session 4
1.20 - 2:10	Session 5
2.10 - 2.25	Recess Break
2.25 - 3.15	Session 6

Specialist Program Timetable

CLASS	ITALIAN	PERFORMING ARTS	VISUAL ARTS	SOCIAL SKILLS	SCIENCE
TEACHER	Signora Angela	Mrs Delacoe	Ms Mahlis	Ms Wileman	Mr Blakey
5/6M					
5/6N	Monday	Monday	Monday	Tuesday	Friday
5/6Z					

2023 Student Leadership

2023 SCHOOL CAPTAINS: Youkhanna Maroukel & Maryam Gulab

2023 HOUSE CAPTAINS:

GREVILLEA	Humzah	Jaismeen
WARATAH	Max	Lara
JACARANDAH	Zonaira	Akshaya
WATTLE	Elena	Hunter

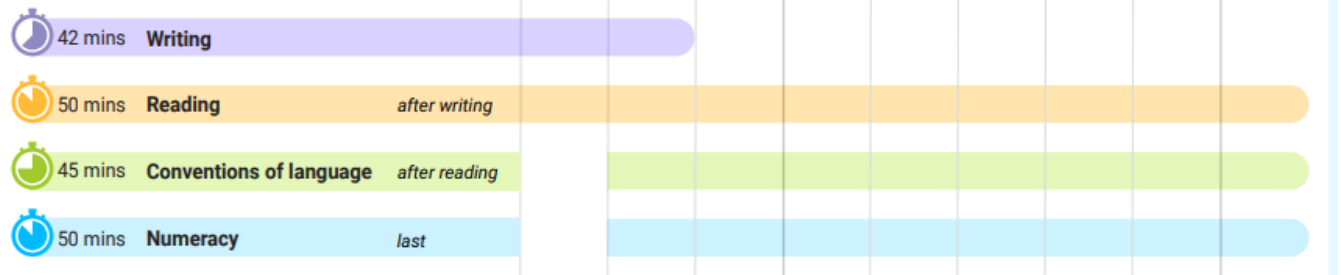
Congratulations to the School and House Captains, we are confident you will perform your duties well. All students are expected to follow the school values to ensure their learning environment is a happy and safe one. If students are experiencing any issues, please encourage them to approach a member of staff. 😊

NAPLAN

We are currently taking part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Online. The annual NAPLAN tests in English and Mathematics will run from Wednesday 15th – Monday 27th. We wish our students the very best in their efforts in completing the test. If you have any questions about the NAPLAN testing program, please speak to your child’s classroom teacher or visit the NAPLAN website where you will find answers to frequently asked questions and information regarding past tests and sample questions, www.naplan.edu.au.

Primary

Year 5 order and duration



Library

Students will attend weekly Library sessions. They need to have their library bags with them each week. Students can borrow up to four books and they must be returned by the next week’s Library session. Lost or damaged books will need to be paid for.

LIBRARY TIMETABLE	
5/6Z	Wednesday
5/6N	Thursday
5/6M	Thursday

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform/colours. Students are not to be wearing branded tracksuits or leggings with logos such as Nike or Adidas. We ask that all items of clothing are named and to check the lost property for any missing items. Please ensure hair longer than shoulder length is tied up. School uniform must also be worn on excursions.

Sun smart



Term One is a Sun Smart term. Students are required to wear a broad brimmed hat at lunch and recess. It is also compulsory that students wear their hat when participating in outdoor activities.

Homework

Students receive homework on Monday and it is asked that it is returned by Friday every week. The homework consists of activities to reinforce work done in the classroom. Students also take home spelling words they can practise in readiness for their spelling test on Friday. It is vital that students also read for at least 15-20 minutes daily. We ask students to use student diaries to record reading, homework and other important school dates throughout the year.

Teachers may ask students to finish projects at home throughout the year. The project this term links with our Integrated topic "Turning Back Time". Some parts of the project will be researched in class and others will be assigned as part of the weekly homework.

Please discuss this with your child. If there are any issues or concerns regarding completing assigned homework tasks, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's classroom teacher.

CURRICULUM AREAS

LITERACY

This term in Reading, students will continue to build on their comprehension skills by reading a range of fiction and nonfiction texts. They will learn and revise strategies to help them become independent readers. In Writing, students will develop their understanding of Narratives, to write creative and engaging stories.

NUMERACY

This term students will focus on expanding their knowledge of the following topics: Place Value, Time, Location and Data. Students will explore their understanding of these areas using real world examples and worded problems. We encourage students to continue practising their times tables which will help with many concepts.

INTEGRATED **TURNING BACK TIME ~ Australian History**

In Levels 5 and 6, students study colonial Australia in the 1800s and the development of Australia as a nation, particularly after 1900. Students look at the founding of British colonies and the development of a colony. They learn about what life was like for different groups of people in the colonial period. They examine significant events and people, political and economic developments, social structures, and settlement patterns. Students explore the factors that led to Federation and experiences of democracy and citizenship over time. Students understand the significance of Australia's British heritage, the Westminster system, and other models that influenced the development of Australia's system of government. Students learn about the way of life of people who migrated to Australia and their contributions to Australia's economic and social development. In this band, students will apply the following historical concepts and skills to the historical knowledge: sequencing chronology, using historical sources as evidence, identifying continuity and change, analysing causes and effect and determining historical significance.

SPORT **INTERSCHOOL SPORTS - Summer**

Westbreen Primary School participates in Interschool Sport for enjoyment, to improve social skills, sporting etiquette and for the students to learn a skill or sport which they might continue with when they are older. The objective is to participate in a "sportsman/person-like" manner, irrespective of the result. Winning is worth striving for, but is not the ultimate aim.

Interschool sports will commence in Week Three. Students are involved in either cricket, softball or bat tennis. Sport training is scheduled on Tuesdays and game day is on Friday mornings. Games will run from 9:30 to 11:30. All parents are welcome to attend the games.

All involved with Interschool Sport, players and spectators are expected to adhere strictly to the V.P.S.S.A. Code of ethics. Students will be asked to sign the 'players code of behaviour' before they are able to participate in interschool sports. By attending game days, students and spectators are agreeing to adhere to the code of ethics. Students and spectators who have difficulty complying with the code of ethics may be suspended from further sports participation / spectating for a period of time. Our expectation is that Westbreen Primary School will be known for its excellence in team participation and sportsmanship.

Find the Interschool Sports schedule and Codes of Ethics on our school website. <https://westbreenps.vic.edu.au/>