



Foundation

Term 1

News

Welcome to the 2023 school year. The students have all settled in well to their new classes and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. 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 by calling the school office on 9306 9481.

The students have spent the first two weeks of school working on the Start Up Program. This program is designed to promote a positive learning environment both in the classroom and outside. They discussed the reasons for coming to school and what makes a good student. The students have discussed the school values and the right to learn and feel safe.

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 1.

Here is an overview of what your child will be learning about.

LITERACY

In Term 1 we build knowledge and confidence in letter sounds. We will be focussing on the letters m, s, f, a, p, t, c, l and b. This knowledge is used for decoding when reading and encoding when writing and spelling. Books will be sent home at the end of the term or when these letters and sounds are known. These books will only contain the letter sounds students are already confident with.

Students will work on letter formation and pencil grip. When writing we are focussing on writing words and sentences.

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. Show and Tell will begin in March.

NUMERACY

Students will explore the number sequence and identify numbers before and after. 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

Me and My Family

Students explore and learn about their family, and how their family contributes to them being safe and healthy individuals. They learn about and celebrate special cultural days, including significant celebrations for Australia.

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.



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 on the benches 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.



SUN SMART

In Term 1, wide brimmed sun hats are compulsory. Please remember to label the hat with your child's name. We also encourage the use of sunscreen and the wearing of sunglasses.

FOUNDATION TIMETABLE

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

*FE will have Library on Tuesdays in February

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.

