



Grade 1/2 Unit Newsletter

TERM 4

The Grade 1/2 Team

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Welcome to Term 4!

We have had an exciting start to Term 4 and are looking forward to our final term of learning together in Grade 1/2 for 2023!

We have lots of exciting events and activities happening at Westbreen this term. Some highlights include Italian Day, Westbreen's 100th Year Celebration Day and our Swimming Program. Our Swimming Program is returning for 2023, Grade 2s will be attending in Weeks 4 & 5 and Grade 1s will attend during Weeks 6 & 7. Students will learn how to swim, be safe around the water, and have fun with their peers. Please ensure your child is prepared to participate in their lessons each day. We will be taking our learning outside the classroom with an excursion planned for the end of Term 4 to ACMI at Federation Square to learn more about our Inquiry topic; A Tale to Tell.

Make sure to stay updated with the weekly school newsletter for information on these upcoming events.

If any issues arise that you would like to discuss, please arrange an appointment by calling the school office on 9306 9481.

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 - 2:00	Session 5
2:00 - 2:10	Snack Eating
2:10 - 2:25	Recess Break
2:25 - 3:15	Session 6

Some Important Dates for Term 4:

School Values Week - **Monday 16th – Friday 20th October**

Westbreen's 100 Year Celebration – **Saturday 21st October 12-4pm**

Grade 2 Swimming Program – **23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th, 30th & 31st October
2nd & 3rd November**

Italian Day – **Wednesday 1st November**

Pupil Free Day – **Monday 6th November**

Melbourne Cup Day – **Tuesday 7th November**

Grade 1 Swimming Program – **8th, 9th, 10th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th
November**

1/2 ACMI Excursions – **Monday 4th, 11th & 18th December**

Step Up 2024 – **Thursday 14th December**

Reports Go Home – **Friday 15th December**

End of Term 4 - **Wednesday 20th December**
Early Dismissal 1:15pm

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



LITERACY

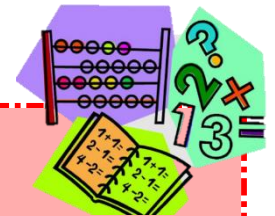
Grade One and Two Literacy development throughout Term Four will continue to involve learning our spelling words at school and home. It is also still very important for your children to be read to, please try to share books together daily.



Reading will concentrate on selecting Just Right books, and using mentor texts to develop comprehension strategies. Some of the strategies we will learn are; Getting Knowledge Ready, Reading Aloud, Paraphrasing/Visualising, Questioning, Summarising, Reviewing and understanding Vocabulary in Context.

Writing will involve recounts of real events and descriptions where students will use writing devices to enhance their writing such as onomatopoeia, alliteration and similes. Students will also explore a range of text types including Narrative, Persuasive, Information Reports and Descriptive texts. We will learn about parts of speech and punctuation and its purpose in both writing and reading. In addition to the above, the formation of handwriting will continue to be modelled and taught, using the Victorian Modern Cursive style.

NUMERACY



Grade One: This term, students will learn about fractions. They will recognise and describe one-half as one of two equal parts of a whole and interpret common uses of halves of shapes and collections. They will also be learning about area, capacity and probability. In addition, students will be practising authentic problem-solving tasks.

Grade Two: This term, students will learn about fractions. They will recognise and describe one-half as one of two equal parts of a whole and interpret common uses of halves, quarters and eighths of shapes and collections. They will also be learning about area, capacity, and probability. In addition, students will be practising authentic problem-solving tasks.

INQUIRY



A Tale to Tell

In our Inquiry Unit, 'A Tale to Tell' students will explore a range of traditional tales such as fairy tales, fables, myths, folktales and stories from other cultures. They will focus on where the tales come from and how some of them have changed over time

PE



This term in PE, our swimming program returns. Students will participate in a two-week program where they will learn and develop skills to swim and be safe around the water. Please ensure your child is prepared to participate in their lessons each day. Students will also learn and develop Basketball Skills. The skills students will be working on are shooting, dribbling, passing, rebounding, defence and footwork.



LIBRARY



Students will attend weekly Library sessions. They need to have their library bags with them each week. Students can borrow up to two books and they must be returned by the next week's Library session. Lost or damaged books will need to be paid for. See timetable below for your child's library session:

Grade 1		Grade 2	
1T	Friday	2F	Friday
1S	Wednesday	2H	Monday
1V	Wednesday	2L	Thursday

SPECIALISTS

PERFORMING ARTS with Kylie Delaocce

Grade 1 & Grade 2: This term in Music students will be, learning songs and dances, learning about all sorts of different instruments, creating rhythms and sharing them with the class. Students will also be making musical instruments. Grade 2s will have the opportunity to participate in a Mini Talent Show within their classes.



VISUAL ART with Christine Mahlis

Grade 1: This term, students will explore the exciting world of collage, drawing inspiration from artists Brendan Huntley and Misaki Kawai. Using a variety of mediums, including pastels, pencils, watercolour paints, and inks, they will create characters influenced by the artists whilst exploring colour, texture, shape, and rhythm. Through this journey, they'll discover the power of artistic expression and imagination while honing their creative skills.



Grade 2: This term, students will explore shape and space while learning about the artist Jen Stark. Students will use paper collage techniques and gain an understanding of how depth can be created in an artwork through working with paper. Students will have the opportunity to create two collage works exploring positive and negative space.

SCIENCE with Michael Blakey

Biological Sciences - Grade 1: In Biological Sciences this term, the Grade One

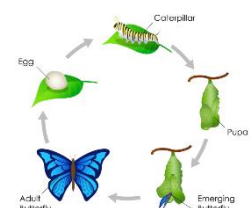


students will be exploring the surprising amount of animal life in the schoolyard and their own backyards. By observing the features and behaviour of small animals, students glimpse the diversity of animal life. Students will explore small animals leading to a better understanding of how their adaptations help them survive in their habitats. Through investigations, students



learn how animals move, feed and protect themselves.

Grade 2: In Biological Sciences this term, the Grade Two students are going to have the opportunity to explore and observe the growth of a range of living things, including butterflies and what a mealworm becomes. They will explore the processes of growth and change, of reproduction and death that apply to all animals. Through hands-on activities and investigations, students compare the growth of living things under different conditions.



ITALIAN with Signora Daniela & Signora Trish



Grade 1: This term students will continue to engage in various language activities and tasks related to Il Corpo Umano/The human body. Parts of the body/head and face along with which foods are beneficial for the human body. Students will learn and extend their vocabulary related to the body and food. Students will also be involved in various activities related to Italian Day and in December:

Christmas/Natale. The students will be shown the Italian version of Father Christmas: La Befana along with Italian Christmas traditions.

Grade 2: This term students will focus on Cappuccetto Rosso: Little Red Riding Hood. Our famiglia/Family. Activities related to Italian Day where students engage in writing, crafts and singing. Natale/Christmas. Picture books: L'albero di Natale and La Befana along with Italian Christmas traditions. La Befana is the Italian version of Father Christmas.



SOCIAL SKILLS with Karen Wileman



Grade 1 & Grade 2: In Term Four, students will continue to develop their confidence and clarity when expressing their ideas and opinions on a wide range of topics during Circle Time each week. Students will actively investigate topics such as how and who to ask for help, comparing personal preferences and creating a friendly classroom.

SPECIALIST PROGRAM TIMETABLE

CLASS	Visual Arts <i>Christine Mahlis</i>	Performing Arts <i>Kylie Delacoe</i>	Science <i>Michael Blakey</i>	Italian <i>Signora Trish & Signora Daniela</i>	Social Skills <i>Karen Wileman</i>
1V	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
1S				Wednesday	
1T				Thursday	

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2F	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
2H					
2L					

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Water and Brain Food

Students should have a water bottle in class to keep them hydrated. Water bottles should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Students are encouraged to bring along fresh pieces of fruit or vegetables to eat in class.

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 in the hall and outside Mr Kenny's office.



Home Reading Bags

Students need to bring their book bags to school every day. Home Readers will be changed over each day with students selecting one book to take home. Notes to go home will be placed in these bags. Bags are available at the school office to purchase.

Homework

Reminder that Homework / Home Learning activities are handed out on Monday and must be returned by Friday. As part of their Homework, the children in Grades 1 and 2 are expected to practise their spelling words in preparation for their weekly spelling test each Friday.



Sun Smart

Term Four is a Sun Smart term. 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.