



Westbreen Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Westbreen PS Families,

As we approach the midpoint of Term 3, we have a wide range of activities planned for our school community and our rich learning environments. Some of the upcoming important activities include:

- Book Week (Week 6) - Reading is Magic!
 - A Book Week Poster Competition- Entries close on Wednesday, 14th of August
 - Special Book Week Focus at Family Time- Wednesday 21st of August
 - Whole School Inclusion Book Week: Illustrator Lucinda Gifford will be visiting the school- Thursday, 22nd of August
 - The Annual Book Parade- Friday, 23rd of August, 9.15am. All families are welcome to attend.



Please note that the students have been given the opportunity to choose my book week character costume this year based on a character from the shortlisted books. It should be an interesting experience!

- Year 3/4 Hoop Time- Tuesday, 13th of August
- Grade 3-6 Westbreen Athletics Trial Day- Friday, 16th of August
- Dental Van visiting Westbreen PS- Week 6 (August 19-22)
- Teacher completing peer observations of each other's teaching practice in Numeracy during Week 7
- Coburg Bunnings BBQ- Saturday, 24th of August- Cannot wait to be there!
- The National Science Week in 2024 is *Species Survival - More than just sustainability*- August 10-18
- [Home - National Science Week](#). Mr Blakey will celebrate this theme in Science classes over the next few weeks.
- Father's Day Stall ~ Friday 30th of August
- District Athletics Carnival ~ Students in Grade 3-6 ~ Tuesday 3rd of September
- Rich and challenging tasks during Numeracy and Literacy lessons

**FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER IS PUPIL FREE DAY
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL**



We Want Our Parents/ Caregivers/Guardians to Tell Us What They Think!

Don't forget that the 2024 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian opinion survey is now open. The Parent/ Caregiver/ Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. If you are one of the 130 Community Members selected to complete the opinion survey, we would appreciate you finding the time to complete it noting that the online platform will remain open until Friday, 30th of August.

Outside Behaviour Process- Thank you to families for your support

As you know we have been trialling a new behaviour process for outside behaviour over the past four weeks with yellow, orange and red cards. First, I want to express my gratitude to the families for their support in creating a safe and orderly learning environment, both inside and outside the classroom. Your feedback is always welcome, as the wellbeing and safety of our students is our top priority and aligns with our school's expectation of 'hands-off'. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the school regarding the process thus far. Also, please remember to discuss with your children about expectations around behaviour and continue to reinforce our school values. You can find more information in the first newsletter of term 3 regarding our behaviour expectations in our school.

Important Reminder: Planning for 2025

We just finalised our outcome letters for our families regarding the 2025 Foundation enrolments and welcoming new team members to Team Westbreen. Just a reminder that parents can access the school enrolment form on the Westbreen Primary School website (westbreenps.vic.edu.au), visit the school office during opening hours to collect a 2025 enrolment form or speak with Mrs. Kerry, our Community & Enrolments Officer.

I have been visiting our local kindergarten and meeting our new Westbreen Team members. It has been lovely to see the excitement in their faces when they talk about coming to school next year—mostly about playing in our playground!

End of Day Reminder

As mentioned in this week's assembly, students will be taken to the main office at 3:30pm and parents/ caregivers or carers called if not collected by this time. Students are not permitted in the school grounds after 3:30pm. After this time staff are required to attend meetings and are unavailable to supervise students in the playground. Thank you for your understanding and for reminding your children.

Canteen Volunteering Shout Out - If you are interested in volunteering your time in our fabulous canteen on Friday's, we would love to hear from you! Please get in touch with our main office to register and for further details.

Have a great week of learning as we celebrate Science Week and move into the excitement of Book Week!

Justin Lania

Acting Principal

ATHLETICS TRIAL DAY

Details: Grade 3-6 Athletics Trial Day

Where: Westbreen Primary School

When: Friday, 16th of August – 9:15 – 3:00Pm

Uniform: Students to wear the colour of their house that they can participate in P.E in.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

FA	Isse I	For putting more effort into his writing. Keep it up Isse!
FE	Ned M	For meeting new challenges with interest and optimism. You are a superstar Ned!
FS	Evra I	For putting lots of effort into all of her learning. Keep up the great work!
1H	Nichole Z	For being a kind and caring member of 1H and always showing the school values! Great Job Nichole!
1S	Richard F	For putting a huge effort into writing interesting and descriptive sentences. Keep it up, Richard!
1T	Amal S	For being a positive and hard-working student who always follows our school values. Keep up the great effort Amal!
2F	Francesca S	For continuing to demonstrate Westbreen values, always trying her best and being a great role model for the class. Well done Francesca!
2L	Madelyn K	For showing determination and perseverance when learning how to calculate change. Well done Maddy, what a superstar you are!
2V	Malika Y	For challenging herself to write a narrative independently that included lots of descriptive language. Keep up the great work Malika.
34C	Cylin K	For showing a growth mindset by working hard to learn her multiplication facts.
3 4H	Musab R	For coming up with helpful strategies to remember his multiplication facts and sharing his knowledge with his peers. What a Maths Wiz you are!
3 4O	Inara B	For seamlessly stepping into the Junior School Council leadership role. Well done!
3 4P	Zara S	For showing persistence when researching and writing her information report on the Olympic games. Well done Zara!
3 4Z	Eman S	For always being a wonderful role model and helper in our classroom. Thanks Eman!
5 6D	Setsen D	For getting straight back into fantastic learning routines and settling into school after her holiday. Welcome back Setsen!
5 6N	Yuan. B	For your amazing achievements during our multiplication sessions. Awesome work Yuan!
5 6W	Hamza L	For applying himself during Hour of Power to improve his numeracy skills! Keep it up!
5 6Z	Archer F	For working hard to improving his handwriting and spelling.

Please note the above Students of the Week will be presented their certificate at assembly on Wednesday 21st August 2024

Westbreen Community News

Family Time

This week we are going to make the most of Melbourne's winter sunshine while we can and be outside doing some awesome Chalk Art. Looking forward to seeing you all from 3:15pm to 4:15pm tomorrow. **Please note: all children must always be accompanied AND supervised by an adult during Family Time.**

Thank you to Jill, mum of Charlotte, Susann, mum of Jack & Sam, and Andrew, dad of Caspian, who have volunteered to Co-ordinate Family time for the rest of the year. If you don't know these fabulous parents, come join us at Family Time to meet them and say hello.

Last week's **Team Westbreen Mini Olympics** was so much fun. Our students, their little siblings, their parents & grandparents all joined in the fun & games. A huge thank you from me to all the adults who pitched in to make sure the afternoon was successful. I love our Westbreen community.

Team Westbreen Mini Olympics



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle BBQ

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer at the BBQ on Saturday 24th August. There are still slots available if you can help out and join in the fun.

We are still looking for donations if you can help us out in any small way. In particular, cans of soft drink & bottles of water.

Father's Day Stall – Friday 30th August

As I mentioned last week, we are holding our annual Father's Day stall on Friday 30th August, and we are looking for volunteers to help throughout the day. Scan the QR code on the flyer in the newsletter to sign up. Our students can purchase up to 3 gifts from the stall with prices ranging from 50cents to \$10.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing you tomorrow at assembly, or out in the yard during the week.

Kerry Parfett

Community & Enrolment Facilitator

kerry.parfett@education.vic.gov.au



Westbreen's P & F Community Group

will be hosting a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
64-96 Gaffney St Coburg North on

Saturday 24th August 2024 from 8am - 4pm

DONATIONS

We are kindly asking for new and unopened donations of the following items:

▪ Cooking Oil	▪ Disposable gloves	▪ Paper Towel	▪ Wipes/Chux
▪ Tomato Sauce	▪ Mustard	▪ Aluminum trays	▪ Serviettes
▪ BBQ Sauce	▪ Bin liners	▪ Aluminum foil	▪
▪ Bottles of water	▪ Soft drinks (Coke, Fanta, Lemonade)		

All donations are greatly appreciated

Please leave at the office by Thursday 22nd August 2024

VOLUNTEERS

Do you have an hour, or two, to help us on the day? Please scan the QR code and register.

The roles on the day will be:

- 2 cooks per shift from 9am
(Mr. Lania will be there all day)
- 2 servers per shift from 9am
- 1 general helper all day



If any queries, please contact Ms. Kerry kerry.parfett@education.vic.gov.au

BOOK WEEK 2024 at WESTBREEN P.S

READING IS MAGIC

Celebrations begin with.....

- A Book Week Poster Competition- Students are invited to design their own Book Week poster which must feature this year's theme of 'Reading is Magic'. The poster can be done using pencil and/or texta on an A4 sheet of paper. Once completed students are asked to write their name and grade on the back and give their entry to the class teacher. This must be completed by Wednesday the 14th of August.
- Family Time on Wednesday the 21st of August where we will be making art and crafts, such as mask making, may inspire a costume idea or two for Friday's celebrations.
- The author and illustrator Lucinda Gifford will be visiting the school on THURSDAY THE 22nd OF AUGUST! Lucinda will be sharing her books with the students as well as a drawing workshop.
- The Book Parade – Students are asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Friday the 23rd of August. Over the next few weeks you may like to start thinking about planning your costume.

Parents/carers are invited to attend the parade on the basketball courts at 9.15am (weather permitting).



Volunteering at Team Westbreen

Every year we invite our Westbreen families and community to join us by volunteering at Team Westbreen. We believe that when schools, families and communities work together to support our students it gives them the opportunity to thrive both academically and personally.

We understand our families are busy and don't have as much time to help as they may like so you may think it's not worth offering, but could I ask you to chat to me about what may work for you before you cross it off the list. It could be once a week, fortnightly or monthly, or maybe just every now and again. Any assistance we can get from our families and communities is appreciated AND our students love having you involved.

To be a volunteer at Team Westbreen there are two things you will need.

1. A current Working with Children Check (WWCC) card which is available online at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants
There is no cost in getting a Volunteer WWCC card (see below for more details)
2. Complete our Volunteer's Induction Program, which involves a short meeting with myself to explain what our program is and how it works.

We have 2 events coming up that we need volunteers for:

1. Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 24th Aug - please note, you do not need a WWCC to volunteer for this event
2. Father's Day stalls on Friday 30th Aug - which you will need a WWCC to volunteer at this event

Please reach out to me if you would like more information about any of the above. You can chat to me out in the yard, give me a call, pop into the office to speak to me, or email me at kerry.parfett@education.vic.gov.au

Get your working with children check in Victoria

In Victoria, anyone over the age of 18 is required to hold a working with children check (WWCC) valid for paid work, self-employment or **volunteer work**.

The process can usually be completed fully online. You will need two identification documents (the easiest pair is usually a passport and driver's license but there are other options available). The process uses facial recognition on your smart phone to verify your identity.

During your online application you will verify your identity and complete your details. There is no fee for a Volunteers WWCC.

If you are unable to complete your application online you will need to [complete it manually](#) by visiting Australia Post.

The Victorian WWCC is valid for 5 years.

For further information you can:

1. contact the Victorian Working with children office on on **1300 652 879**.
2. Go to www.service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children
3. I am happy to help anyone in our community to obtain a WWCC. Please don't hesitate to contact me on 03 9306 9481 or email kerry.parfett@education.vic.gov.au

HUGE GARAGE

SALE!!!

Everything must go!!!

11 Callery Pear Street Greenvale

Saturday August 24th 10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday August 25th 10:00am – 4:00pm

- Various glasses/Cups/Glass wear/Jars/Canisters
- Various Kitchen appliances
- Bowls/Platters/Baskets/cutlery/utensils
- Chopping Boards (various sizes)
- TV/DVD's
- Blankets/Towels/Bed Linen/Doona covers/Cushions/Doonas/Pillows
- Christmas trees/ornaments/lights/Bon bons/Paper/Cards/Bags
- Handbags (various sizes) Suitcases (Various sizes)
- Plants/pots/Hanging pot stand/statues
- Wardrobe/Chest of Drawers/Tall Boy
- Camping gear - tent/ Air mattresses/pumps/chairs/shelves
- Electric BBQ/Small Exercise Bike
- Desk/chair/Plastic drawers/Shredder
- Various Lamps
- Kids toys/Bikes/Big remote crane/Kids chairs
- Pictures/Frames /Prints (various sizes)
- Lounge suite/Coffee table/Extendable Dining table x 8 chairs
- Hall table/Display shelf/ Indoor room dividers
- Outdoor setting with 4 x chair and umbrella/Large Umbrella
- Gardening equipment/Blower/Karcher/Karcher window cleaner
- Folding tables (Large and Small)
- Sewing machine/material/cotton/needles etc/ Knitting needles
- Odds and ends/ornaments/Vases
- Jewellery/Earrings/Bracelets/Necklaces/Broaches
- Various Large Laundry Baskets/Vacuum Cleaners

And much, much more...

\$\$\$Cash only \$\$\$



FATHER'S DAY STALL



WE NEED DONATIONS!

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST



DONATION IDEAS
CHOCOLATE, LOLLIES, COOKIES,
CAPS, BOOKS, SOCKS, TORCHES,
CARDS, FLASKS, GAMES ETC.



PLEASE DROP DONATIONS OFF AT THE FRONT OFFICE OR TO KERRY PARFETT.

STALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED








VOLUNTEER TIMES
8:45 - 11AM
11 - 1PM
1- 3:15PM



SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE THE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET.



August 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 *Breakfast club *Grade 5/6 Hoop Time *Foundation School Crossing	2 	3	4
5 *School Council 	6 *Breakfast club 	7 *Breakfast club *Grade 2 Traffic School 	8 *Breakfast club 	9 *Grade 3/4 Excursion Hamer Hall 	10	11
12 	13 *Breakfast club	14 *Breakfast club	15 *Breakfast club *Grade 3/4 Hoop Time	16 *Grade 3 to 6 Athletics Trial Day *Foundation Quantum Excursion	17	18
19 *Dental Van *Book Week	20 *Breakfast club *Dental Van	21 *Breakfast club *Dental Van	22 *Breakfast club *Author/ Illustrator visit *Dental van	23 *Book Parade 9:15am	24 * Bunnings BBQ	25
26	27 *Breakfast club	28 *Breakfast club	29 *Breakfast club	30 *Fathers day stall *Gr 5/6 Fitness excursion	31	

September 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2 *School Council	3 *Breakfast Club *Athletics Grade 3 to 6	4 *Breakfast Club *Last day for Book club orders	5 *Breakfast Club	6 *PUPIL FREE DAY NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL	7	8
9	10 *Breakfast Club *Grade 1/2 Responsible Pet Incursion	11 *Breakfast Club *Camp Grade 3/4 *Athletics	12 *Breakfast Club *Camp Grade 3/4	13 *Camp Grade 3/4	14	15
16 *Gr 3/4 MCG Excursion	17 Gr 3/4 MCG Excursion *Gr 5/6 Star Lab Dome Incursion	18 *Westbeen Got Talent Gr 2 to 6	19 *Gr 1 Traffic School Excursion *Gr 5/6 Hoyts Excursion	20 *Last day of Term 3 finishing at 2:15pm	21	22
23 *School Holidays	24 *School Holidays	25 *School Holidays	26 *School Holidays	27 *School Holidays	28	29
30 *School Holidays						