



Westbreen Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Westbreen PS Families,

This week we celebrate Book Week. Across the entire week, students will be involved in focused literacy activities and will have the opportunity to enter our book week poster competition by submitting a poster on this year's theme, 'Reading is Magic'. At Westbreen, Literacy and Numeracy is a focus every day as we believe that Literacy and Numeracy skills are the foundation to successful learning. A child that is literate and numerate has the tools and skills required to successfully participate as an active community member.

The highlight of the week will be our annual Book Parade, to be held this Friday 23rd of August, at 9:15am on the basketball courts.

I encourage all students to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Parents and Guardians, please note that the detail of such 'dress up days' is not necessarily the focus, participation is what we all love to see - so a little colour, the wearing of old clothes hanging around the home, the use of wrapping paper and 'odds and ends' in cupboards will all assist in allowing students to feel part of the parade.



Thank you to all students, staff and volunteers for last Friday's WPS Year 3-6 Athletics Day. The students loved replicating their heroes from the recent Olympic Games. Well done to Mr. Nolan and the staff for their organisation of the event.

Bunnings BBQ- Saturday, 24th of August

Thank you also to volunteers that have signed up for the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 24th of August at Bunnings Coburg for our school. I'm looking forward to seeing and serving our families and local community members with sausage's on the day!

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



Data snapshot
Victorian education outcomes - NAPLAN 2024



Victoria's NAPLAN participation rate this year was the highest it has been since the first year of testing in 2008.

<p>Victorian Year 3 Students Victorian Year 3 students continue to lead the nation in reading and numeracy – the third year in a row in which this has been achieved.</p>	<p>Reading Performance Victorian students in Years 3, 7 and 9 improved on their 2023 reading results, reversing the national trend, which saw the average score for reading decline in Years 3, 5 and 7 and improve only at Year 9. Victoria's reading performance improved overall in 2024, with 5, 000 more students reaching the 'exceeding' proficiency level for reading across all year levels compared to 2023.</p>	
<p>Victorian Primary School Students Victorian primary school students continue to produce the best results in the country, ranking first or second in 8 out of 10 domains – more than any other state or territory.</p>	<p>Reading and Writing Victoria achieved the first or second highest mean scores of all jurisdictions in 7 out of 8 measures in reading and writing and achieved the top results in the country for writing in Years 5, 7 and 9.</p>	<p>Areas for improvement There is work to be done to improve outcomes for disadvantaged students, Aboriginal students, and students outside metropolitan areas. Victorian students in these cohorts achieved stronger learning outcomes than in other states and territories, but there are still significant gaps to close. We also need to lift outcomes for our secondary students.</p>

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

Don't forget that the 2024 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian opinion survey is closing soon on Friday 30th of August. 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 survey, we would appreciate you finding the time to complete the survey.

2024 Swimming Program

Our swimming program will be held in Weeks 3-4 and Weeks 6-7 in Term 4, with each year level experiencing an 8-day block of the swimming program.

We encourage all students to access the swimming program, noting that it is an essential skill for every child to learn to swim and to be water-safe in and around water. With the warmer weather just around the corner we need to be confident that our children are competent, confident swimmers. A timetable with your child's session time will be distributed closer to the start of the swimming program once student participation numbers are finalised. Permission Notices and further information will be distributed via XUNO during the final weeks of Term 3.

Important Reminder: Planning for 2025

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 Ms. Kerry, our Community & Enrolments Officer.

Reception/ General Office Opening Hours

Just a reminder that our Reception / General Office is open from 8:30am to 4:00pm daily. Please see our Office staff during these times with any questions, issues or if you are a visitor or volunteer to our school, when signing in.

Canteen Volunteering Shout Out

If you are interested in volunteering time in the canteen on Friday, could you please get in touch with our main office.

Have a wonderful week of learning,

Justin Lania

Acting Principal

Hoop Time 2024

Congratulations to the Grade 5/6 & 3/4 Hoop Time participants who competed in the basketball round robin tournament at Broadmeadows Stadium during Week 3 & 5 of Term 3. All of the Westbreen students showed great skill and determination throughout the tournament. However, the most pleasing aspect was their display of our Westbreen School Values.

A special thanks to Ella, Oscar, Jaxon and Jayden for helping to coach the 3/4 teams, as well as the numerous parent volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

FA	Noah E	For putting lots of effort into improving his writing. Keep it up Noah!
FE	Mohamad A	For putting so much effort into improving your hand writing! Marvelous Mohamad!
FS	Hitesh O	For putting lots of effort into all of his tasks. Keep up the fantastic work.
1H	Ian H	For always creating amazing work samples full of details and creativity.
1S	Ronnie E	For working really hard to improve his spelling and handwriting skills. Keep it up, Ronnie!
1T	Sullivan M	For always taking pride & care in the presentation of all his work. Great work Sullivan.
2F	Taylan A	For thinking of others and being kind, caring and compassionate towards classmates and teachers. Thank you Taylan!
2L	Ava J	For writing an incredibly funny, exciting and interesting narrative filled with lots of writing devices. Well done superstar!!!!
2V	Aliya I	For creating an imaginative, creative and original 'Chicken Diva' character for Book Week.
34C	Nayel A	For acting on feedback to improve his learning. Keep up the great work Nayel.
3 4H	Mark S	For being a kind and helpful class member and demonstrating our value of Cooperation.
3 4O	Makenzie R-T	For being a quiet and respectful class member who always tries her very best!
3 4P	Asli A	For showing confidence in her work and approaching new topics and concepts with a great attitude. Well done!
3 4Z	Colette V-F	For being a multiplication fact family superstar. Well done Colette!
5 6D	Xander G	For challenging himself to learn new multiplication strategies - well done demonstrating our value of achievement Xander!
5 6N	Nayyab N	For always displaying responsibility inside and outside of our classroom. Great job Nayaab!
5 6W	Molly K	For always putting in care to present her best possible work. Well done, Molly.
5 6Z	Meryem P	For contributing descriptive paragraphs towards our class explanation text on tsunamis.

Please note the above Students of the Week will be presented their certificate at assembly on Wednesday 28th August, 2024

BOOK WEEK 2024 at WESTBREEN P.S

READING IS MAGIC

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



Westbreen Community News

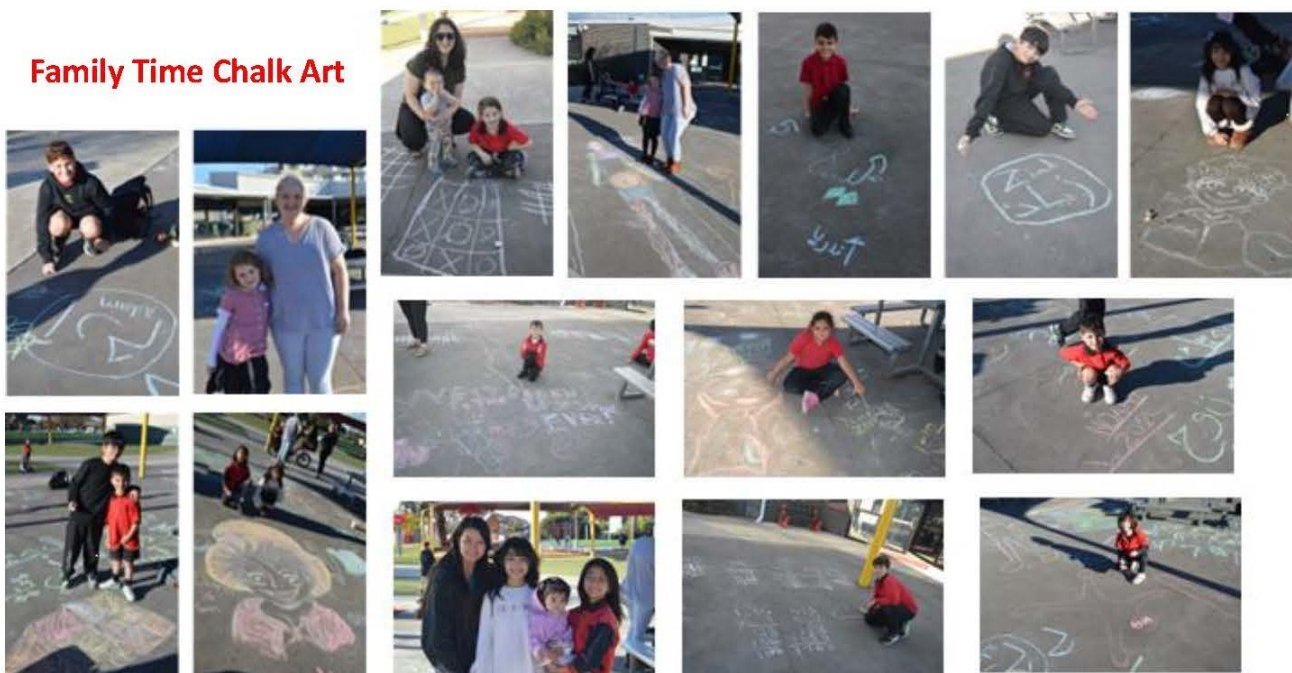
Family Time

This week we are doing Arts & Crafts for our Book Parade costumes. We will have some of the Mr Men & Little Miss Character's on display and will provide templates of some of the different body shapes, hands, feet & hats for children to choose to decorate for their book parade costume. These will be on A3 & A4 paper so the children can mix & match what they need.

Family time will be in the Specialist Building from 3:15pm to 4:15pm tomorrow. If your child needs a snack after school please get them to eat it before joining us in the Specialist Building. **Please note: all children are to be accompanied AND supervised by a parent/grandparent/carer during Family Time.**

Last week's we had some fabulous chalk art along our concrete paths and under the blue shade sail.

Family Time Chalk Art



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle BBQ

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer at the BBQ on Saturday 24th August. We only have 7 spots that we need to have filled. Please see the Bunnings flyer in this newsletter to sign up.

Also, we are still looking for donations of cans of soft drink & bottles of water. If you are able to help us out, please bring any drinks to the office before this Friday, 23rd August.

Thank you to everyone that is supporting us for our sausage sizzle, be it through volunteering or donating goods.

Father's Day Stall – Friday 30th August

We are getting excited for our Father's Day stall next Friday, 30th August. Please remember that this is the first time we will be capping the number of items that students can purchase, which is **up to 3 per student**.

If you are able to volunteer at the stall please either scan the QR code on the flyer in this newsletter or contact me directly.

Have a great week everyone and I look forward to seeing you at Bunnings on Saturday.

Kerry Parfett

Community & Enrolment Facilitator
kerry.parfett@education.vic.gov.au



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 24th August 2024 from 9am - 4pm

64-96 Gaffney St, Coburg

Volunteers Please.....

We still require 7 volunteers to assist us on the day with cooking, serving and being a general helper. If you can spare an hour on Saturday we would love to have you join us.

Times required:

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| 9 to 10am | - | 1 volunteer |
| 1 to 2pm | - | 2 volunteers |
| 2 to 3pm | - | 1 volunteer |
| 3 to 4:30pm | - | 3 volunteers
(Including pack-up) |



Please scan the QR code
or email
kerry.parfett@education.vic.gov.au

Donation Request

We are kindly asking for donations of Cans of soft drink & bottles of water

Please leave any donations at the front office by Friday 23rd August 2024

Thank you Team Westbreen, your support and donations are greatly appreciated

2024 Rotary Club Pascoe Vale Annual Raffle

Partnering with community organisations is a key foundation of the values at Westbreen Primary School. This year, we will once again be participating in the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale annual raffle.

Tickets sell for \$2 each and for every raffle ticket sold the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale will donate \$1 to the school. The raffle will be drawn on 5th November 2024, Cup Day and prizes range from a 6 x 4 trailer filled with goodies to cash/voucher prizes.

A 10-ticket raffle book and envelope will be issued to each family via your eldest child by the end of the week. All tickets and monies raised, including any unsold tickets, are to be returned to the school by Friday, 4th October 2024.

For any queries or if you require additional ticket books, please contact the school office.

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	2	3	4
5*School Council	6 *Breakfast club	7*Breakfast club *Grade 2 Traffic School	8*Breakfast club	9*Grade 3/4 Excursion Gamer	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	17	18
19*Dental Van *Book Week	20*Breakfast club *Dental Van *Gr 1/2	21*Breakfast club *Dental Van *Gr 1/2	22*Breakfast club *Author/ Illustrator visit	23 *Book Parade 9:15am	24 * Bunnings BBQ	25
26	27*Breakfast club *Gr 1/2 Athletics	28*Breakfast club *Gr 1/2 Athletics *Whole School photo & Graduation photo	29*Breakfast club	30 *Fathers day stall *Gr 5/6 Fitness incursion	31	

September 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2*School Council	3*Breakfast Club *District Athletics Gr 3-6 *Gr 1/2 Athletics	4*Breakfast Club *Last day for Book club orders *Gr 1/2 Athletics	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 *F-2 Cricket Gala	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 *Sports Colours Day	21	22
23*School Holidays	24*School Holi- days	25*School Holi- days	26*School Holi- days	27*School Holidays	28	29
30*School Holidays						