



**Westbreen Primary School**

# Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Dear Westbreen PS Families,

Last week, we had a fantastic Book Parade with many colorful and creative costumes. I want to extend a huge thank you to all the families who supported the school with Book Week celebrations and attended the parade. I also want to thank the WPS students, staff, and parents for participating in the morning event and supporting each class as they paraded in their costumes. Special thanks to Ms. Kristy and the Literacy Team for organising our Book Week activities and showcasing the magic of reading.

### **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle (Coburg)- Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of August**

I would like to thank the Westbreen Community for their support at our school's Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Coburg Bunnings last Saturday. I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who contributed significantly to the event and fostered a wonderful community atmosphere at the stall. Seeing the community engage with our school and rally behind the cause was fantastic.

### **Volunteers**

Aysel Ilham-P- Parent of Meryem, Davud and Asiya Nur

John D- Parent of Saviour and Zoe

Taylor M- Parent of Olive, Sadie Sullivan

Omar E-I- Parent of Aria, Sophia and Eliza

Chris R- Parent of Zoe

Regan J - Parent of Ella

Mick P- Parent of Leon and Raffy

Atika T- Parent of Eliot and Ilena

Nick M- Parent of Ned

Matt C- Parent of Clementine and Louis

Jerico E- Parent of Timothy

Oliver B- Parent of Eliot and Ilena

Brett T- Parent of Maddie and Harry

Charlene L- Parent of Quintin and Campbell

Nick L- Parent of William and Oliver

Rachel D - Parent of Ella

We were extremely busy throughout the day, recording an impressive fundraising total of nearly \$4,000 for our school. Thank you to the staff who supported the event, from Mrs Cox in the office creating the float to Miss Kerry's organisation on the day and the number of staff who helped over the course of the day. It was very special to be a part of it and see Team Westbreen in full swing!

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



## **Father's Day Stall**

Our annual Father's Day Stall will be held this Friday, August 30th. We would like to thank our Parents and Friends Committee members for their ongoing support in organising our stall in advance. Please support the Father's Day stall by providing some loose change so your child can purchase a small gift for their dad, grandfather, or another special person. Please note that each child will be able to purchase a maximum of three gifts to ensure there are enough gifts for all our wonderful dads and/or caregivers.

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

The 2024 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian opinion survey has been extended until Friday, September 20th. If you are one of the 130 community members selected to complete the survey, we would appreciate it if you could find the time to do so, as it supports our school's continued reflection on practices impacting student academic and wellbeing outcomes.

## **Upcoming Curriculum Day- Student Free Day**

On Friday, September 6th, the staff will participate in professional development during a student-free day at Westbreen PS. TheirCare will operate throughout the day to provide support for Westbreen families in need of supervision.

During the day, the staff will be engaged in the following professional development activities:

- Reviewing and discussing the NAPALN results, with a focus on Mathematics
- Exploring methods for differentiated Numeracy instruction in the classroom
- Understanding and implementing the Disability Inclusion Initiative in schools
- Developing support plans for our students

The professional development will be led by Westbreen PS staff and guest speakers from the department region staff specialising in Numeracy and Student Services.

## **Important Reminder: Planning for 2025**

This is just a reminder that parents can access the school enrolment form on the Westbreen Primary School website ([westbreenps.vic.edu.au](http://westbreenps.vic.edu.au)). During opening hours, they can also visit the school office to collect a 2025 enrolment form or speak with Mrs. Kerry, our Community & Enrolments Officer. Mrs. Kerry and I have visited local kindergartens and encouraged all future enrolments to complete the paperwork as soon as possible. This includes current WPS students with siblings who will attend their first year of primary school next year.

**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

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

<b>FA</b>	<b>Alisha Y</b>	For putting lots of effort into improving her reading. Well done Alisha!
<b>FE</b>	<b>Zayed S</b>	For continuing to improve your writing. Amazing efforts Zayed!
<b>FS</b>	<b>Oday A</b>	For putting in lots of effort to improve his writing. Well done!
<b>1H</b>	<b>Evelyn A</b>	For being a resilient and determined member of 1H and always displaying the school values. Well Done Evelyn!
<b>1S</b>	<b>Nina E</b>	For being brave and taking on big Math challenges with enthusiasm. You're doing so well, Nina!
<b>1T</b>	<b>Ibrahim K</b>	For trying very hard to improve his reading & writing skills. Great work Ibi!
<b>2F</b>	<b>Ahmed M</b>	For trying his best with multiplication and understanding repeated addition. Well done Ahmed!
<b>2L</b>	<b>Layal A</b>	For putting lots of effort into improving her writing by writing independently and contributing interesting ideas. Well done Layal!
<b>2V</b>	<b>Quintin L</b>	For being an encouraging and positive role model in the class who always celebrates other's successes. Thanks for being so caring Quintin.
<b>34C</b>	<b>Indy W</b>	For working hard to write a great biography about a classmate.
<b>3 4H</b>	<b>Noor E</b>	For writing an exciting and descriptive introduction for her Classmate Biography. Keep up the great work!
<b>3 4O</b>	<b>Johnson C</b>	For being a tables champion. What a great achievement!
<b>3 4P</b>	<b>Sukrit G</b>	For his excellent attitude to all learning tasks and contributing great ideas during class discussions. Well done!
<b>3 4Z</b>	<b>Aariz B</b>	For working hard to improve his writing and spelling. You are a superstar!
<b>5 6D</b>	<b>Mohamad K</b>	For his fantastic efforts in maths - practising new multiplication strategies, solving area problems and setting his work out neatly. Great work MK!
<b>5 6N</b>	<b>Khayle V</b>	For always being a caring member of Team Westbreen. Fantastic attitude Khayle!
<b>5 6W</b>	<b>Hareem A</b>	For always demonstrating all of the school values in and out of the classroom!
<b>5 6Z</b>	<b>Faris U</b>	For consistently showing respect and always using polite manners with staff and visitors at the school.

**Please note the above Students of the Week will be presented their certificate at assembly on Wednesday 4th September, 2024**

# BOOK WEEK 2024

Thank you to everyone for such a FANTASTIC celebration of books at last week's Book Week  
'Reading is Magic! What a week!

We enjoyed listening to the short-listed book 'Can you teach a fish to climb trees?' read by Subhan during the lunch break on Tuesday. It was great to hear the students guess the book characters when clues were given at assembly on Wednesday.

The excitement continued when we had the very talented author and illustrator Lucinda Gifford visit the school on Thursday. It was great to see the interesting and unique characters created as part of the drawing workshops. The week concluded with our fabulous Book Parade where we saw so many creative costumes on display. Thank you again for your support in creating such a magical book week for everyone at Westbreen Primary School this year.



**CREATIVE CHARACTERS!**



# BOOK PARADE

What an outstanding display of creative costumes at the parade on Friday! Well Done!



AMAZING COSTUMES!



# Westbreen Community News

## WOW TEAM WESTBREEN, YOU ARE THE BEST....

We raised a smidge under \$4,000 after selling 112kgs of sausages at Bunnings on Saturday.

Thank you to all our wonderful families that donated items for the day, it would not have been as profitable without your generous donations.

Another *HUGE* thank you to our Volunteers on the day. Without our volunteers we would not have had the most successful BBQ that we have ever had. Special shout out to Lucinda T, Atika T & Omar E for coming to buy a sausage and ending up staying for quite some time to help us through the busiest periods of the day. You are Champions!

## Family Time

This week we are making cards for Father's Day, but the cards don't have to be just for dad, they can be for grandpa's, stepdads, or for someone special in the children's life.

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.***

## Family Time last week – Book Parade costumes



## Father's Day Stall this Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Our Father's Day stall is this Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August, and Aysel & Alison and our P & F Committee are busy getting organised for the stall as I type this. Our P & F Committee are doing a wonderful job in organising events for Team Westbreen this year and our stall will be another one to add to the list.



Please remember that this is the first time we will be capping the number of items that your child can purchase at the stall, which is up to 3 items per student.

If you are able to volunteer at the stall please either scan the QR code on the left, or go to the flyer in this newsletter.

*Have a great week everyone,*

*Kerry Parfett*

**Community & Enrolment Facilitator**  
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# 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.



## Book Week Poster Competition

We had an overwhelming response from the students this year with so many incredibly creative posters. Congratulations to the Grand finalists of the Book Week Poster Competition.

### F-2 Ahmad & 3-6 - Rafia 5/6



Well done to the following students for their colourful poster designs!

*Foundation- Tom, 1 – Mohamad E, 2 – Ismael*

*3 – Sarim, 4 – Nandini, 5 – Meryem, 6 - Hareem*



### **Premiers' Reading Challenge**

#### **Reminder!**

The challenge is scheduled to finish on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Please ensure you record the books you are reading by logging onto the website;

[Premiers' Reading Challenge | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.vic.gov.au)

All students who meet the challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.



**PARENT & FRIENDS GROUP**  
**FUNDRAISING GOAL THERMOMETER**

**\$13,754**  
**RAISED**



*Thank you  
for your  
generous  
donations!*

**\$10,000 GOAL**

**FROM**  
**BUNNINGS BBQ**  
**SCHOOL DISCO**  
**MOTHERS DAY**  
**STALL**  
**MOTHERS DAY**  
**RAFFLE**  
**HOT X BUNS**  
**EASTER RAFFLE**  
**FUNDRAISER**

**New Laptops  
coming soon!**



# 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.

**OAK PARK ST FRANCIS DE SALES CRICKET CLUB**

# SEASON LAUNCH

**Meet the coaches & coordinators**  
**GAME DAY INFORMATION**  
**TRAINING TIMES & DETAILS**  
**MINI GAMES**  
**MUSIC & RAFFLES**  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**JP Fawkner Reserve**  
**Francis St, Oak Park**  
**Sunday 8th September**  
**Juniors start 11:00am**  
**Seniors from 1pm**

**Boys and Girls**  
**Juniors and Seniors**  
**Blasters (from 5yrs)**  
**Under 10's, 12's, 14's, 16's, 18's**

## COME SEE WHAT CRICKET IS ALL ABOUT

 Oak Park St Francis Cricket Club  @oakparkstfrancisc



## Coburg Little Athletics Come And Try Day

**Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024**  
**U6-10 at 9-11am; U11-17 at 11am-12pm**  
**Harold Stevens Athletics Track**  
**20 Outlook Drive, Coburg**

**Come along to our friendly athletics centre to try track and field events and find out about the upcoming season activities.**

**Little athletics is a great way to make friends, have fun and build fitness in a nurturing environment.**

**Open to children of any ability aged 5 to 16 years.**  
**Register here:**

<https://lavic.com.au/centres/coburg/>



# August 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1*Breakfast club *Grade 5/6 Hoop game *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 Hamer	10	11
12	13*Breakfast club	14*Breakfast club	15*Breakfast club *Grade 3/4 Hoop game	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 * Buildings 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*Westbreen 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 Holidays	25*School Holidays	26*School Holidays	27*School Holidays	28	29
30*School Holidays						