



Westbreen Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Westbreen PS Families,

Thank you for another week at Westbreen Primary School. We had several events with Glenroy College visiting our Year 6 students transitioning to Glenroy College in 2025, teachers completing peer observations to learn from each other, and Year 5/6 fitness incursion.

We had a special guest, Brian, who visited the school for a tour. He was a former student of Westbreen Primary School 75 years ago. Brian could reminisce about the classrooms in the hall, when it was the only building in the school, and the vast farmland around the school. Brian discussed the Westbreen Pioneers who built the Westbreen community during his childhood and shared details of the vibrant community during this time.

Please note that **Curriculum Day is on Friday, September 6th**. TheirCare will be available during this day to support our families. Also, September is the time where the UV levels are higher and hats need to be worn outside. Remember, students without a hat must remain under shade during break times. Let's work together as a school community to promote sun safety and protect everyone.

School Saver Bonus Information - communicated by email on Monday

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will be eligible to receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks. The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

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



Actions for Parents and Carers:

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to ensure that their contact information is current. Please ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us.

You can check this information in XUNO and any changes or amendments can be advised via XUNO for updating.

It is important to ensure that your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will use these details to contact you via email as per the below timeframe:

- in October, to verify your email address on file is correct.
- in November, information about your \$400 School Saving Bonus for use during the 2025 school year.

Please ensure you also check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss any important emails from the Department of Education in relation to the School Saver Bonus.

To learn more about the School Saver Bonus, you can download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus

Father's Day Stall

I hope everyone had an incredible day on Sunday with their special person. To our Parents and Friends Community Group and volunteers, thank you for providing our students with the opportunity to purchase a special gift for their loved ones last Friday. Special thank you to the following Parents and Community Members for their assistance with either donations and/or volunteering with our Father's Day Stall.

Aysel I, parent of: Meryem 56Z Davud 34C Asiya Nur 1H	Norma M, parent of: Jacob 1T	Jess B, parent of: Ryatt 2L	Melissa E-I, parent of: Eliza 34Z Sophia 2F Aria 1H
Charmaine W, parent of: Charlie FS	Fariha K, parent of: Marni 56Z Mahmoud 56N Norah 1H	Jasmine D, parent of: Anok 56D Luka 2V	Nidaa I, parent of: Ziad 56D Isaac 34C
Yolande O, parent of: Cassidy 34C	Celeste P, parent of: Xander 56D Tyler 56Z	Alison L-P, parent of: Leon 56D Raffy 34P	Yuko A- parent of: Cooper 2F Evelyn 1H
Atika T, parent of: Eliot 2F Ilana FS	Bonnie C, parent of: Zoe 2L	Tharaa R, parent of: - Emilia 34C Laila 2V	

Opening of the Memorial and Sensory Garden at Westbreen

On Wednesday, after assembly, we will officially open the memorial and sensory garden near the Senior Learning Centre and Canteen. Guests will be attending this event to honour Robyn, a cherished member of our Westbreen Primary School community & canteen Manager, for whom the garden is in memory of and all of our families are welcome to attend as well.

The ceremony will be held from 9:45am to 10:15am and after the ceremony, our students will have a 10-minute break, from 10:15am to 10:25am before returning to learning.

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

If you are one of 130 community members selected to complete the survey, please complete the survey by Friday, 20th of September. 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.

Have a wonderful week of learning,

Justin Lania

Acting Principal



**Premiers' Reading Challenge
Reminder!**

The challenge is scheduled to finish on the 8th 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.

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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

FA	Shubane L	For putting lots of effort into all of his learning. Well done Shubane!
FE	Gabriel D-W	For continuing to improve your writing. You are putting in so much effort!
FS	Aslan W	For demonstrating his knowledge of addition strategies. Well done!
1H	Aria E-I	For showing care and compassion and helping students within 1H in times of need. Well done!
1S	Mason P	For putting a phenomenal effort into cheating interesting writing pieces. You rock, Mason!
1T	Fatima A	For always being a responsible and hard-working student . Keep up the great work Fatima!
2F	Cooper A	For continuing to be a fantastic role model for the class, always trying your best and demonstrating Westbreen Values! Well done Coop!
2L	Talah C	For working hard to improve her writing. Keep up the amazing work Talah!
2V	Saja M	For challenging herself to use different writing devices in her writing and producing a fantastic persuasive writing piece.
34C	Isaac S	For his happy, kind and caring attitude to everyone in 3/4C.
3 4H	Mitchell M	For writing an interesting and exciting biography on his classmate using amazing writing devices. Keep up the great work!
3 4O	Emilia P	For writing an interesting Biography about her gymnast friend Cleo. Keep up the amazing work!
3 4P	Deniz M	For writing clear instructions for his Game Project. Well done!
3 4Z	Maya C	For making a massive effort to improve her handwriting. You are a superstar!
5 6D	Aava B	For returning from her holiday raring to go with her learning. Great to see you back Aava!
5 6N	Aerin F	For always demonstrating responsibility in the classroom and brining a positive attitude to class. Well done Aerin!
5 6W	Humayl Q	For always being such a fantastic member of our school, Team Westbreen will miss you!
5 6Z	Quinton L-B	For excellently researching, drafting, editing and publishing an explanation text on the recycling process. Well done!

Please note the above Students of the Week will be presented their certificate at assembly on Wednesday 11th September, 2024

Westbreen Community News

FAMILY TIME



FATHER'S DAY STALL





Brotherhood of St Laurence
Working for an Australia free of poverty



Camps are an amazing opportunity for your students. But they can be stressful for some parents to afford.

I would appreciate you passing this information on to the families of students who may be attending a school camp in 2025. Saver Plus will assist with their saving & budgeting for their upcoming camp.

Saver Plus encourages parents to **save \$50 a month** (for 10 months). Savings are then matched - a **free \$500 for education costs**, making \$1,000 potentially available for the school camp.

Families that **start saving in August**, will have their savings **ready to pay their school camp fees in June 2025**.

If there are families that don't have students attending camp they may also still apply for the program and allocate the funds to other education costs.

Saver Plus will chat with your families about eligibility:

- **Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card**
- **Payment from Centrelink and**
- **Earning an income (employment, carer's payment, or child support).**


If families would like to check their eligibility and receive a call back please include our enquiry link - <https://www.bsl.org.au/services/saving-and-managing-money/saver-plus/> or they're welcome to call our national number 1300 610 355 and a local coordinator will contact them directly.

Saver Plus helps your families with budgeting for the cost to attend next year's school camp. Please **share our program** via email, school newsletter, or social media post. I have attached a flyer for your convenience.

We are also still running regular information sessions for parents/carers every Wednesday that only goes for **15 minutes** and have attached information flyer for those sessions as well.

Fiona Adams
Saver Plus Coordinator
Brotherhood of St Laurence

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						

October 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1*School Holidays	2*School Holidays	3*School Holidays	4*School Holidays	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15*Breakfast Club	16*Breakfast Club *COLOUR FUN RUN	17*Breakfast Club	18	19	20
21	22*Breakfast Club	23*Breakfast Club	24*Breakfast Club	25	26	27
28*School Council	29*Breakfast Club	30*Breakfast Club	31*Breakfast Club			