



Westbreen Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Westbreen PS Families,

As we approach the end of the term, I wanted to highlight a few recent and upcoming dates over weeks 8 and 9:

- *National Child Protection Week (occurred during Week 8)*
- *Indigenous Literacy Day (Wednesday, 4th of September)*
- *R U OKAY Day (Thursday, 12th of September)*

We also had our curriculum day last Friday, during which staff took a deep dive into our NAPLAN data and started to plan around how we could differentiate numeracy tasks further to support all learners. We also had professional learning on the Disability Inclusion initiative that will be introduced to the Merri-bek region in 2025. The day was centred around our students and supporting them in the classroom in their learning and wellbeing.

Please note that this week, the staff will have Planning Week. Teams will be working on planning teaching and learning opportunities for term 4. The specialist timetable will be adjusted for the week to give year-level teams time to collaborate and prepare these learning programs.

Monday- Year 5/6

Tuesday- Year 3/4

Wednesday- Specialist Team

Thursday- Year 1/2

Friday- Foundation

Year 3/4 Camp (Week 9)

Tomorrow, we will farewell 84 Grade 3/4 students for their camp at Mount Evelyn Discovery Camp in Mount Evelyn. The group will be involved in several exciting, educational, and adventurous activities. We wish all our Campers the absolute best and trust their experiences will be positive. I will attend the camp from Wednesday late afternoon and look forward to the Gaga Pit championships over the two days. If you don't know what it is, all camp families will know by the weekend.



2025 Student Exits

We ask that you let us know if you are moving or have enrolled in another school in 2025. We require this information as soon as possible to establish grade structures for the start of the new school year. If your child is currently in Foundation- Year 5 and will not be at Westbreen Primary School in 2025.

Please notify westbreen.ps@education.vic.gov.au in writing as soon as possible.

Opening of the Memorial and Sensory Garden at Westbreen

Last Wednesday, we officially opened our memorial and sensory garden in honour of Robyn, a former Westbreen Primary School community member. Robyn's family attended the ceremony. I would like to thank all the members involved in creating this beautiful space for learners to experience various feelings in the garden. Several staff members, volunteers, and parents supported the creation of the space. Ms. Georgie did a remarkable job of capturing this in her speech. Lastly, I would like to thank the students for conducting themselves in a manner that showcased the school's values of respect, care, and compassion at the event. Every parent or guardian should be incredibly proud.

2024 Swimming Program

Our 2024 school swimming program starts in Week Three of Term Four.

This year, students will have the opportunity to participate in eight lessons over a two-week block:

Group 1- Foundation, Grade 2, Grade 5 & 6 students:

Term 4, Week 3	Monday, 21 st of October	Tuesday, 22 nd of October	Thursday, 24 th of October	Friday, 25 th of October
Term 4, Week 4	Monday, 28 th of October	Tuesday, 29 th of October	Thursday, 31 st of October	Friday, 1 st of November

Group 2- Grade 1, Grade 3 & Grade 4 students

Term 4, Week 6	Monday, 11 th of November	Tuesday, 12 th of November	Thursday, 14 th of November	Friday, 15 th of November
Term 4, Week 7	Monday, 18 th of November	Tuesday, 19 th of November	Thursday, 21 st of November	Friday, 22 nd of November

We encourage all students to access the swimming program as it is essential that every child learn to swim and to be water-safe in and around water. 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 will be distributed via Xuno shortly.

School Saver Bonus Information - Reminder

Please note that all Westbreen Primary School students are eligible to receive the one-time \$400 School Savings Bonus in 2025.

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 are up to date with us.

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

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

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

September Reminder: 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. If you have misplaced your pin number you can contact the office on 93069481.

Booking an Appointment with a Teacher Outside of Conferences

At Team Westbreen, we highly value parent and family communication. We want to make sure that families have the opportunity to interact with teachers beyond Reporting Days. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher outside of our scheduled Reporting Days, the easiest way to do so is by sending your child's teacher a message via XUNO requesting a convenient time to meet. A scheduled meeting allows our teaching staff to fully address any concerns or issues raised and support you and your child. Trying to speak your child's teacher by entering the classroom just before or during learning time, makes it difficult for teaching staff to adequately address your concerns whilst managing student learning and behaviour in the classroom.

End of the Term

A reminder to parents and guardians that Friday 20th September, the last day of term, students will be dismissed from their classrooms at the earlier time of 2:15pm. All families are requested to ensure that pick up or walk home arrangements are made clear with your children so that there is no confusion at the end of the day.

Have a wonderful week of learning,

Justin Lania

Acting Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

FA	Campbell L	For always putting an amazing amount of effort into all his learning.
FE	Elle C	For putting lots of effort into being a caring and compassionate member of FE Good work Elle!
FS	Whole Class	For putting in a super effort and always trying your best! Well done team!
1H	Evelyn A	For being a resilient and determined member of 1H and always displaying the school values. Well Done Evelyn!
1S	Rim A	Welcome to 1S and welcome to Westbreen! We are so happy you're here!
1T	Archer N	For making a big effort to complete his Maths tasks. Keep up the great work Archer!
2F	The whole class	By demonstrating the school values during our incursions and excursion this term. Well done!
2L	Adam E	For trying his best in every learning task and for always showing initiative in the classroom. Keep up the amazing work Adam, you're a superstar!
2V	Arnav O	For being a mathematical whizz at learning his times tables and challenging himself to solve double digit multiplication. Keep it up Arnav!
34C	Maribel M	For working hard at school and at home to learn her multiplication facts and becoming a class expert
3 4H	Kerem K	For working hard to achieve his best and demonstrate his Maths knowledge in Hour of Power. What a Maths Whiz you are!
3 4O	Amilah Y	For achieving fantastic results with her multiplication knowledge this term.
3 4P	Zaynab S	For an amazing effort in challenging herself to learn her multiplication facts this term. Well done!
3 4Z	Mergen D	For showing the Westbreen value of Achievement through always completing his work to the best of his abilities. Well done, Mergen!
5 6D	Mindy B	For living our school values every day and being an outstanding role model. Thanks Mindy!
5 6N	Rafia K	For your terrific achievements during each of our writing sessions. Amazing work Rafia!
5 6W	Ali A	For creating an incredible explanation text on the lifecycle of bees. Fantastic work Ali!
5 6Z	Mohammadhossein	For demonstrating care, compassion, and respect during our cooking extravaganza last week. Great job!

Please note the above Students of the Week will be presented their certificate at assembly on Wednesday 18th September, 2024

Footy/Sports Colours Day:

On the final day of this Term, students will be encouraged to wear their football/sport colours to school to celebrate the end of the Term, Students will be asked to bring a gold coin donation, which will be used by the 5/6 Junior School Council to put towards something of their choosing at school.

We look forward to seeing your sport/footy colours!



2024 Glenroy District Athletics Carnival

A huge congratulations to the 38 superstar athletes that represented **Team Westbreen** at the Glenroy District Athletics Carnival last Tuesday at the Meadowglen Athletics Track in Epping. Over the duration of the day, Westbreen students participated in a range of running, jumping and throwing events again students from 13 other schools in our district.

Westbreen students walked away with 5 Gold (1st place), 14 Silver (2nd place) & 8 Bronze (3rd Place). Students that finished in the top two in their events will participate in the next level of competition at the Inner North/Merri-Bek Division Athletics this Wednesday.

A massive thank you to Ms Davies, Ms Maria. T, the Crotty Family, Kyle V & our numerous family helpers for running activities and their support on the day. We can't do it without you!

Well done, **Team Westbreen!**

Mr Nolan

1st Place		2nd Place		3rd Place	
Event	Name	Event	Name	Event	Name
High Jump (11B)	Khayle. V	1500m (12G)	Ella. S	Long Jump (12G)	Ella. S
100m & 200m Sprint (9/10G)	Gisele. A	Triple Jump (9/10B)	Elijah. F	High Jump (12B)	Oscar. H
200m Sprint (9/10B)	Thomas. H	Discus (9/10B)	Dean. G	1500m & 800m (9/10G)	Ava. S
9/10 Boys Relay	Nate. R, Thomas. H, Elijah. F & Tyler. G	Triple Jump (11B)	Yuan. B	Long Jump (9/10G)	Harper. C
9/10 Girls Relay	Harper. C, Gisele. A, Zaynab. S & Asli. A	100m Sprint (9/10B)	Nate. R	800m (11G)	Annie. C
		100m Sprint (12B)	Xander. G	Discus (9/10G)	Mia. K
		Long Jump (11B)	Khayle. V	Shot Put (11B)	Leon. P
		200m Sprint (11B)	Archie. R	Triple Jump (12B)	Michael. M
		200m Sprint (12G)	Aerin. F		
		High Jump (9/10G)	Saira. H		
		Discus (11B)	Leon. P		
		Long Jump (12B)	Oscar. H		
		11 Boys Relay	Archie. R, Suhaib. S, Khayle V, Dylan. B		
		12 Boys Relay	Xander. G, Rishi. S, Oscar. H, Michael. M		



Grade 5/6 Solar System Project Expo

Tuesday 17 September 2024

During Term 3, the 5/6 students have been learning about the Solar System in Science. As part of this program they will have an opportunity to learn more about the Solar System by attending an in-cursion presented in the mobile Cosmodome Planetarium on Tuesday 17 September.

The students have also been working hard constructing models of the Solar System. Parents/carers are invited to see these projects from **2:45pm-3:30pm on the same day, Tuesday 17 September 2024, in the room next to the Science room.**



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.

Westbreen Community News

Family Time

Can't believe that this week will be our last Family Time for term 3. Thank you to all our students and families that have joined in the fun of our weekly Family Time sessions, it's always lovely to see our students, as well as their siblings, interacting and being creative together.

A big shout out and thank you to Jill & Charlotte (1T), Susann, Jack (3.4H) & Sam (FS) and Andrew & Caspian (FS) for volunteering to coordinate and run our Family Time sessions for the rest of the year.

Tomorrow Jill and I would love for you to join us where Jill will be teaching us a Tic Tok dance routine so we can have a dance off. Adults and younger siblings are welcome to join in the fun as well. Family Time will be in the Specialist Building from 3:15pm to 4:15pm and could I ask families to enter via the double doors near the Canteen.

Lastly, 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.

Father's Day Stall

It was so lovely to have the buzz of Father's Day stall on Friday 30th August. Our P & F Committee had surveyed our dads on staff, as well as the P & F committee, to see which products they thought would be best sellers and feedback so far is that they were spot on with their recommendations! This meant we had a great selection of new items mixed with a small quantity of old stock. Thank you to our P & F Committee for all your hard work prior, and on the day. Thank you also to our awesome volunteers who helped at the stall on the day.

I hope all our dads, stepdads, granddads, or special persons had a great day and enjoyed the gifts that their child/children purchased for them.

Colour Fun Run – Wednesday 16th October (week 2 of term 4)

There has been so much excitement throughout the school with both students and staff excited about our upcoming Colour Fun Run. We have had an amazing initial sign up and some of our students have been receiving great support from their families and friends in raising money to go towards covering the costs of our new student laptops.

Families, all children will get to participate in the colour fun run even if they haven't raised any money. We want our students to have fun and enjoy a day slimming teachers & staff, running and getting covered in lots of colour and celebrating a wonderful year of fundraising money for Team Westbreen. Thank you to our whole community for supporting our Parents & Friends Committee this year in their efforts to raise money to provide our students with new & reliable laptops to enhance their day to day learning.

Lastly, I have been receiving lots of comments from very excited students about how much they are looking forward to watching Mr Lania, Mr Kenny and myself, get slimmed at assembly next Wednesday, 18th September. Families, you are welcome to join us as well to witness us getting slimmed, which when I volunteered, seemed like a great idea, lol....

Have a great week everyone,

Kerry Parfett

Community & Enrolment Facilitator
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We're already two weeks into our fantastic fundraiser, and the excitement is palpable! Our upcoming Crazy Colour Fun Run Day promises to be a whirlwind of vibrancy as we have an afternoon of fun in the sun.

Date: Wednesday 16th October
Time: 1:30pm to 3:15pm
Where: Westbreen's school oval

Families & friends are welcome & encouraged to attend.
Please look out for more detailed information about the day in next week's newsletter.

But it's not just about the spectacle; it's also about making a difference for our students learning at Team Westbreen by raising funds to go towards new laptops. The *total* of donations made to date is **\$11,019.44**** This, of course, means that at next week's final assembly of the term, Mr. Lania, Mr. Keny and Ms. Kerry will be getting slimed.

Well done, Team Westbreen!

A special mention goes to class 2F who have so far raised the most! But watch out 2F, 1T and FA are just behind you.

Ella M from **2F** has been busy sharing her online registration details with her family, friends and neighbours, and to date is the highest individual money raiser in the school. Well done **Ella!**

Remember, the more we raise the more laptops Team Westbreen will be able to purchase for our students. AND, don't forget the added bonus of getting to slime more Team Westbreen teachers & staff.

There's still time to get involved! Sign up at funrun.com.au and share your fundraising link far and wide.

Let the fun begin...

Parents and Friends Committee

****Families, please note that the total that we give as an update does not consider the deduction of costs associated with running the colour run. Please refer to the School Fun Run brochure for a breakdown of these costs, or alternatively, contact Ms Kerry on Kerry.parfett@education.vic.gov.au**

WAYS TO RAISE ON THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL FUN RUN

Raising Money for our fundraiser doesn't have to be a burden and can be an opportunity to learn different ways to save money. You can sell these items to family members and friends or with an adults help you could even hold a stand.

Here are a few ideas that can help you reach your goal these school holidays!

Remember to always ask your guardian beforehand!



ART SALE

Sign Up Now

schoolfunrun.com.au



Join the Fun at Glenroy Cricket Club!

Hey Kids! Are you ready to hit the cricket field and have a blast? Whether you're just starting out or a cricket pro, Glenroy Cricket Club invites all kids ages 5+ to come and register to play with us for the 2024/25 season!

 **17** When: Friday 13th September

 Time: 5:00 PM

 Where: Sewell Reserve, Glenroy Road

What's in Store:

- Exciting Cricket Skills: Learn the basics or sharpen your skills with fun drills and games!
- Friendly Matches: Join in on friendly matches and show off your new moves!
- Team Spirit: Make new friends and be part of a fantastic team!
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Get ready for a season full of runs, wickets, and endless fun at the Glenroy Cricket Club. We can't wait to see you on the field!

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Annual
Spring Show

Floral/Plant Display | Raffle | Plant Sales |
Sausage Sizzle | Stalls

Hadfield Community Hall | 100 Middle Street, Hadfield

Sat 19th Oct 11am - 3pm

Sun 20th Oct 11am - 3pm

ENTRY \$4 'CASH ONLY' CHILDREN FREE

Entries from the public are welcome prior to the 16th Oct,
enquire for a schedule

Enquiries 0449 132 623 enquire.badgc@gmail.com

Find us on   @bdgardenclub

School Holiday Fun at Glenroy Neighbourhood House

September/October Activities for Primary School Aged Children

Mon 23rd of Sept

9.30am to 12pm
Lego Challenge

12.30pm to 3pm
Gardening

Tues 24th of Sept

9.30am to 12pm
Love Me Like A
Reptile

12.30pm to 3pm
Sport Activities &
Games

Wed 25th of Sept

9.30am to 12pm
Cooking

12.30pm to 3pm
Art & Craft

Thurs 26th of Sept

9.30am to 12pm
Board Games

12.30pm to 3pm
Coding

Mon 30th of Sept

9.30am to 12pm
Lego Challenge

12.30pm to 3pm
Art & Craft

Tues 1st of Oct

9.30am to 12pm
Sport Activities &
Games

12.30pm to 3pm
Talent Show

Wed 2nd of Oct

9.30am to 12pm
Cooking

12.30pm to 3pm
Art & Craft

Thurs 3rd of Oct

9.30am to 12pm
Cooking

12.30pm to 3pm
Coding

Fri 4th of Oct

9.30am to 12pm
Construction

12.30pm to 3pm
Movie, Milkshake &
Popcorn

Cost: \$15 to \$30 per activity

Book in for one activity, a whole day or everyday!

**As places are limited, book online early to avoid
disappointment of missing out on the fun!**



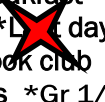



BOOK HERE!



**Glenroy
Neighbourhood
House**

**5B Cromwell St, Glenroy
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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	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*First day of Term 4 starting @ 9:00am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15*Breakfast Club	16*Breakfast Club *COLOUR FUN RUN	17*Breakfast Club	18	19	20
21*Swimming Grade F,2,5&6	22*Breakfast Club*Swimming Grade F,2,5&6	23*Breakfast Club	24*Breakfast Club *Swimming Grade F,2,5&6	25 *Swimming Grade F,2,5&6	26	27
28*School Council *Swimming Grade F,2,5&6	29*Breakfast Club *Swimming Grade F,2,5&6	30*Breakfast Club	31*Breakfast Club*Swimming Grade F,2,5&6			