



Westbreen Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Westbreen PS Families,

As the time has come to the end of the term, I want to highlight what I have noticed over the term:

- 100 Days of School for our Foundation Students
- Science Week
- Year 3/4 Camp
- Book Week
- Interschool Sports
- Athletics Carnival
- STRIVE
- Literacy and Numeracy in Classrooms
- Various excursions and incursions on our integrated studies unit centred around Health
- Family Time
- Bunnings BBQ
- High family attendance at assemblies
- Opening of the Sensory Memorial Garden
- Hamer Hall Excursion
- Peer Observations for teachers in Numeracy
- Dental Van
- PLC Coaching
- Somers Camp

Throughout the past two terms, I have observed the dedication of the students, families, and staff at Westbreen PS, embodying the motto 'Learning Together for Life'. Everyone should take pride in the school's contribution to the community and its reputation. Congratulations to all.

**LAST DAY OF TERM 3 FRIDAY
20th SEPTEMBER FINISHING @ 2:15pm**



I want to express how proud I am of the students who attend WPS. You have represented our school and your families with respect and responsibility throughout the term. I have enjoyed interacting with you and visiting your classrooms, as well as spending time with students at our school events, including the Year 3/4 camp. I wish everyone a safe holiday filled with quality family time. For families traveling during the holiday, I hope you have a safe and relaxing trip. I look forward to seeing everyone in Term Four, fully energized and prepared to take on another successful term.

Let's continue to prosper together as we conclude the year together, as Team Westbreen.

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.

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.

Year 3/4 Camp (Week 9)- Mount Evelyn

Last week, I had the privilege of attending the Year 3/4 Camp at Mount Evelyn. The students had an action-packed three days with several activities, such as the flying fox, giant swing, crate stacking, archery, and many more. The gaga pit was a hit, and the students enjoyed a walk and time to connect and be outside. I was lucky to have a group of students who completed the activities, showing me how to respect, care, cooperate, and challenge each other in a supportive manner, with many students stepping out of their comfort zone. I would like to thank the seven staff who participated in the camp and were on time around the clock, supporting the children to ensure they had the best experience possible. I would also like to thank the parents who attended, Omar E and Alison L, for their dedication and support over the three days. You were both fantastic at supporting everyone at camp and supporting the school. I would also like to thank Bil B, a parent, who attended during the day on Wednesday and Thursday.



Reminder of 2024 Swimming Program Dates

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

Look out for permission notices this week on Xuno and key information attached to your children’s level year.

The final week for 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, 20 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.

Reminder 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 20 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	Ava E	For putting lots of effort into improving her reading. Excellent Effort!
FE	All of FE	For all your amazing efforts in Term 3. You are all such incredible learners.
FS	Sham T	For showing resilience and always trying her best. Keep up the wonderful work!
1H	Evelyn A	For being a resilient and determined member of 1H and always displaying the school values. Well Done Evelyn!
1S	Amani A	For always showing Westbreen values and being a kind and considerate class-mate.
1T	All of students in 1T	For a great term 3 of learning and fun.
2F	All of Grade 2F	For a fantastic Term 3 full of fun and learning. Well done 2F
2L	Whole Class	For all of your amazing efforts and dedication to learning throughout Term 3 Well done 2L!
2V	Whole Class	For making wonderful connections to their learning this term! I am so proud of you 2V!!
34C	All 3/4 students	For upholding the school values and representing Team Westbreen during camp week. Awesome effort!
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3 4Z	All 3/4 students	For upholding the school values and representing Team Westbreen during camp week. Awesome effort!
3 4Z	Rida A	For a wonderful start to his time at Westbreen. Welcome Rida!
5 6D	Elijah F	For showing amazing confidence by pushing himself to compete for Team Westbreen at the District and Divisional Athletics. Well done Elijah!
5 6N	Anaya A	For creating and presenting an engaging informercial project on Fighting Arts Fitness Centre. Well done Anaya!
5 6W	Viruja H M	For being a caring, compassionate and helpful member of Team Westbreen even after the bell has rung!
5 6Z	Jayden H	For his informative and persuasive informercial on Westmeadows Tigers Football club! Great presentation!

Please note the above Students of the Week will be presented their certificate at assembly on Wednesday 8th October, 2024

Chickenpox update



Chickenpox (varicella) - update

For those families and caregivers who are after some additional information on Chickenpox (varicella) disease, please paste this link into your browser:

<https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/contents/vaccine-preventable-diseases/varicella-chickenpox> Although children at 18 months of age typically receive one dose of varicella-containing vaccine (Measels, Mumps, Rubella Vaccine) under the National Immunisation Program Schedule, it is also recommended that children 12 months to 14 years of age receive a second dose at least 4 weeks after the first dose; 2 doses of varicella-containing vaccine provide more protection and minimise the chance of breakthrough varicella in children less than 14 years of age, noting however that this second dose is NOT included on the national Immunisation Program Schedule and is typically administered by your local GP for a fee.

Westbreen Community News

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 signed up OR 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. If you don't want your child to participate in the fun run, please let me know via email at kerry.parfett@education.vic.gov.au. Look out for more details on how the day will work in the Colour Fun Run in this newsletter.

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 straight after assembly this Wednesday, 18th September. Families, you are all welcome to join us to witness us getting slimmed, which when I volunteered, seemed like a great idea, lol...

Family Time

Due to last week's Family Time being cancelled we will be holding Family Time this Wednesday. 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.

I have had a challenge in the dance off from Parker's dad, Adam, so looks like I will need to be in shape at Family Time, hopefully with no lingering residue of slime from the morning, lol...

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.

Have a great week and hopefully we get some great weather for our end of term holidays.

Kerry Parfett

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



Wednesday 16th Oct
1:00pm to 3:15pm
Team Westbreen Oval

With school holidays fast approaching and our first group ready to be slimed tomorrow, it's safe to say there's a real buzz around school. Through your efforts so far, we have raised a whopping **\$13000**. Great Job!

This of course means that after tomorrow's assembly Mr Lania, Mr Kenny and Ms Kerry will be getting slimed.

There has been a lot of action on the table for the class with the most money raised last week. **2F** still remains at the top of the table with **1T** in hot pursuit. However, the fight for third is heating up. Just \$20 separates **2V** from **3/4O** who have both worked hard to over-take **FA**.

Remember, the more we raise the more teachers we get to slime.

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*



Get ready to make memories with your kids, while they run, laugh, and get drenched in a spectrum of colors! Our Colour Fun Run is being held on:

**Wednesday 16th Oct
1:00pm to 3:15pm
Team Westbreen Oval**

Important Info:

All students will get to participate in the Colour Fun Run on the day even if they haven't signed up OR raised any money, they just won't be eligible to receive or win any prizes along the way.

Students to wear free dress to school on the day. This can be any top that families are happy for them to have colour on. Please note:

A white t-shirt will show more of the coloured powder

It doesn't have to be a plain white top, it can have patterns or pictures etc. on it **BUT** it must be school appropriate

Students will need a hat to wear on the day. If you would prefer your child not to wear their Westbreen school hat, they can wear any Sun Smart hat that you are happy to have colour on

Please note – we have been assured the colour powder washes out in the wash.

The Colour Fun Run track will be the WPS running track on the oval.

3 large inflatables will be placed around the running track that the children will run through on the day

Teachers will be throwing the powder on the children as they run past. All powder will be thrown at the children's bodies.

Students will wait in the middle of the oval for their year level to be called.

Parents are welcome to watch all the fun from around the outside of the oval.

Sliming teachers will take place throughout the event with the sliming pool placed in the middle of the oval so students and parents can easily watch both events throughout the afternoon.

Teachers will accompany their year level around the course.

If children just want to run the course and NOT be powdered, please email me to let me know.

If you don't not want your child to participate in the Colour Fun Run please email Ms Kerry at kerry.parfett@education.vic.gov.au

Running time & order

12:45 pm	All classes make their way to the school oval in readiness for the Fun Run
1.00 – 1:15pm	Foundation
1:15 – 1:30 pm	Grade 1
1:30 – 1:45pm	Grade 2
1:45 – 2:00pm	Grade 3
2:00 – 2:15pm	Grade 4
2:15 – 2:45pm	Grade 5
2:45 – 3:00pm	Grade 6
3:00pm	All students return to their classroom for dismissal

Dismissal

- **ALL STUDENTS** will return to their classroom with their teacher at 3:15pm to be dismissed
- Foundation to Year 2
 - Teachers need to see the parent/carer/older sibling that is collecting their student so they can mark them off the roll before releasing them.
- Year 3-6 students
 - Allowed to leave from their classroom based on normal processes

2024 Inner North/Merri-Bek Division Athletics

Last Wednesday, twenty-two Westbreen Primary School students represented the Glenroy District at the 2024 Inner North/Merri-Bek Division Athletics Carnival in Epping. Over the duration of the day, students competed in their running, throwing and jumping events. Our students competed against students from schools from the Richmond, Carlton, Coburg and Fitzroy school districts, which is an achievement in itself.

A massive congratulations to the following WPS students on their **achievement**: Yuan, Leon, Dylan, Elijah, Oscar, Rishi, Ella, Asli, Xander, Thomas, Gisele, Harper, Zaynab, Nate, Saira, Tyler, Michael, Archie, Suhaib, Aerin, Dean & Khayle.

Another congratulations to Leon who finished second in the 11 Year Old Boys Discus Event and has qualified for the Northern Metropolitan Athletics Carnival in Term 4. Fantastic **achievement**, Leon!

Well done, Team Westbreen!

Mr Nolan



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!



ITALIAN SPRING EVENTS

Care famiglie, /Dear families,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful break and inform you all, of the upcoming events you can enjoy with your children over the school holidays. COASIT is conducting Italian Spring Kids' Art & Language Workshops during the first week of the holidays and on the last weekend of the school holidays Melbourne will come alive by celebrating All Things Italian by gathering at The Exhibition Building and Museum Plaza to host a range of Italian activities and events.

Please take note we will also be celebrating our annual Italian Day at WPS on Wednesday 27th November, 2024. More details to follow next term.

Buon riposo e divertimento a tutti!

Wishing you all a relaxing and fun-filled break!

Ciao per adesso/ Bye for now – Signora Angela & Signora Daniela

Italian Spring: Kids' Art & Language Workshops

School Holiday Program

Date: Thursday 26 September

Time: 10am-11:30am (Ages 3-6)

12pm-3:00pm (Ages 7-12)

Location: CO.AS.IT. 199 Faraday Street Carlton P.H 9349 9000

Workshop Teacher:

Gloria Sulli is an Italian artist living in Melbourne. She studied sculpture in Florence and has Art Therapy as a postgraduate course. Her practice focuses on ceramic sculpture, inflatable sculptures and large-scale drawing. Her subjects are often organic shapes similar to animals, plants and corals as living breathing beings. Gloria's intention with her art is to bring art closer to life and us closer to other living beings. She has conducted several art workshops for children both in Italy and in the UK where she lived for seven years. In her workshops she experiments with different 2d techniques and 3d manipulation in the form of play.



Come along and immerse your child in the enchanting world of Spring themed Italian art and language with our exciting workshops inspired by Sandro Botticelli's "La Primavera."

Each workshop will be carried out in both English and Italian and will teach children a variety of different art techniques they can then use at home.

The Italian vocabulary used will teach children words and phrases themed around Spring, Flowers, Animals and Art and each workshop will introduce children to Botticelli and his famous artworks.

Don't miss this unique opportunity for your child to explore Italian art and language in a fun and engaging environment. Spaces are limited, so secure your child's spot today!

AGES 3-6

Spring Painting with Vegetables \$30 per student

Thursday 26 September | 10am -11:30am

In this session, children will paint vibrant spring landscapes using vegetables as stamps, all while being introduced to basic Italian language. They'll also learn about Botticelli and his artwork La Primavera.

All art materials are provided. Children will also receive an activity booklet to take home.

We ask that children bring along an art smock or apron

AGES 7-12

Recreate 'La Primavera' by Botticelli \$55 per student

Thursday 26 September | 12pm-3:00pm

Children aged 7-12 will learn about the history and significance of Botticelli and 'La Primavera', then dive into hands-on activities. They'll create their own version of "La Primavera" using multiple techniques including the spolvero technique used to paint frescoes, as well as oil pastels, and fine markers.

They'll then get creative by making vibrant flowers with crepe paper, which can be used to decorate their artwork or made into a wearable flower necklace.

All art materials are provided. Children will also receive an activity booklet to take home.

We ask that children bring along an art smock or apron

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! Call now, to ensure you secure a session.



MELBOURNE ITALIAN FESTA -2024

MIF24 is back in October!

The Melbourne Italian Festa is a magical gathering where the Italian community and everyone who's head over heels for Italian culture come together.

WHEN?

Saturday 5th October - 3pm to 11.30pm

Sunday 6th October - 11am to 7pm

Royal Exhibition Building & Museum Plaza

FREE ENTRY

The fun extends to two days of unbelievable fun for all age groups with special performances across all trading hours and disco music till late!

The entire Royal Exhibition Building!

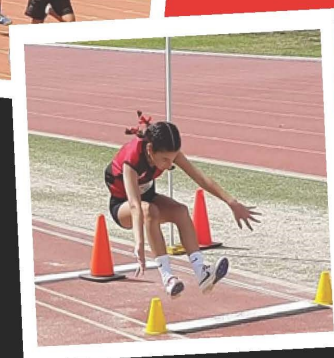
More than 140 businesses waiting for you with food, delicacies, wine, cocktails, crafts, gifts, furniture, art, tastings, demonstrations, ...and lots more!



ESSENDON

*Family,
fun,
friends &
fitness!*

LITTLE ATHLETICS



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Summer season 24/25

Competition from 8am every Saturday starting 5 October 2024
Under 6 to 17 – all abilities welcome!

Come & Try Day

*Find out more or register for
membership now*

A great chance to see how Little Athletics works, ask any questions and have your child have a go at some of the events! No registrations needed.

Saturday September 14th from 10am
Moonee Valley Athletics Track Corio Street, Aberfeldie



www.elac.com.au

elacmemberships@gmail.com



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

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!



**LEMONADE
STAND SALE**



**SELL YOUR
OLD TOYS**



**MAKE YOUR OWN
JEWELLERY**

ART SALE

Sign Up Now
schoolfunrun.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMP

Join our upcoming holiday clinics on the
23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th of September!



DELIVERED BY STRIKE SOCCER.

23RD-27TH OF SEPTEMBER, 9AM-1:00PM EACH DAY.
EARLY DROP OFF 8:30AM* AND LATE PICK UP 1:30AM*

LOCATION - REDDISH RESERVE, HADFIELD (42 DOMAIN ST, HADFIELD).



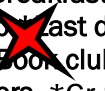








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September 2024

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 Fast 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 3 Responsible Ret 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*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 F, 2, 5 & 6	22*Breakfast Club *Swimming F, 2, 5 & 6	23*Breakfast Club	24*Breakfast Club *Swimming F, 2, 5 & 6	25*Swimming F, 2, 5 & 6	26	27
28*School Council *Swimming F, 2, 5 & 6	29*Breakfast Club *Swimming F, 2, 5 & 6	30*Breakfast Club	31*Breakfast Club *Swimming F, 2, 5 & 6			