



# Foundation

## Term 4

### News

Welcome to Term 4! We hope that students enjoy each day and make the most of their time at Westbreen. All of the staff are here to ensure that the children learn to the best of their ability in a fun and supportive environment.

Education is a partnership between students, teachers and parents. We are willing to discuss any issues that may arise.

Appointments can be arranged through xuno messages or by calling the school office on 9306 9481.

The Foundation Team: FA: Adria Quinn, FE: Emily Browne and FS: Andrea Slade.

Italian: Daniela Pegoraro and Angela Francavilla, Art: Effie Aresti and Chris Mahlis, Performing Arts: Simon Dooner, Science: Michael Blakey and Social Skills: Karen Wileman and Bronwyn Collister.

There is lots happening at Westbreen in Term 4. Here is an overview of what your child will be learning about.

## LITERACY

In Reading, we will continue to focus on building knowledge and confidence. We will consolidate our knowledge of single sounds, double consonants, plural 's', consonant blends, the consonant digraph 'ck' and the consonant graphemes 'sh', 'ch', 'tch' and 'th'. We will introduce the consonant graphemes 'ng', 'ph' and 'wh' and the vowel graphemes 'ai', 'ay', 'ee', 'ea', 'y', 'igh', 'ie' and 'oa'. This knowledge is used for decoding when reading. We will also be continuing to focus on increasing knowledge and fluency of high frequency words.

Little Learners Love Literacy Books that are sent home will only contain the letter sounds students are already confident with. Coloured dot books are not decodable they contain high frequency words. Both books need to be read every night and returned each day.

In Writing, students will continue to work on creating texts using writing devices such as power of three, alliteration and onomatopoeia. They will use their developing knowledge of letter sounds to sound out words when writing. We will continue to focus on spacing between words, writing on dotted thirds, sounding out words, using high frequency words, punctuation, letter formation and using titles and codas.

As part of Speaking and Listening, students are asked to bring Show and Tell each week. Their Show and Tell day is in their Home Learning Book. Students will share information with their class, ask and respond to questions.

## NUMERACY

The major focus for Term 4 will be sharing (Division). We will explore the concept of fair and equal shares. Students will be given opportunities to share by ones and groups.

We will also cover the topics of Mass and Time.

Students will continue to extend their knowledge of numbers and number facts.

# INQUIRY

## Learning About Country

Students will focus on why country and place is important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the ways in which they maintain special connections.

We will focus on the traditional custodians of the land on which the school is located, the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation. We will learn some words, including animal names, in Woiworung, the language of the Wurundjeri.

## FOUNDATION TIMETABLE

	Visual Arts	Performing Arts	Science	Italian	Library	Social Skills
FA	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday
FE	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday
FS	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday

Please note that **Library** will be on **Wednesdays** in **weeks 3, 4 and 5** due to Swimming and a Pupil Free Day.

## Water Bottles

Students should have a water bottle in class to keep them hydrated. Water bottles should be clearly labelled with your child's name.



## Uniform

Please ensure students are wearing their full school uniform every day. Long hair needs to be tied back and appropriate shoes worn.

## Newsletter

Please check the weekly newsletter for upcoming events and information. The newsletter is distributed electronically every Tuesday.

## Home Reading Bags

Students need to bring their reading bags to school every day. Notes to go home will be placed in these bags.

Home Learning books and character keyrings should be kept inside the reading bag.

Reader bags can be purchased from the office for \$15.





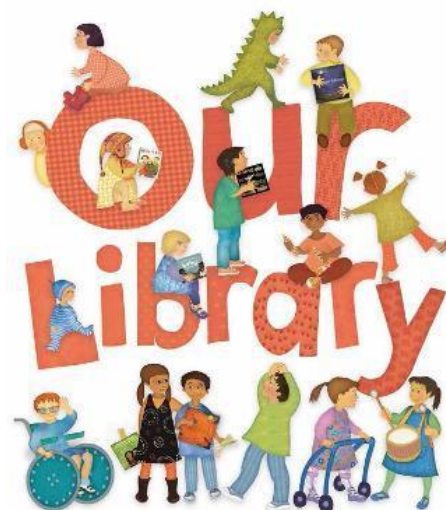
## Lost Property

To avoid children losing items such as jackets and hats, it is important to clearly label all of these items. If items of clothing are found around the school they are placed with the lost property that is located outside Mr Kenny's office.

## Library

Students can borrow 2 books at a time during their Library lesson if they have a library bag.

Library bags can be purchased from the office for \$5.



## Brain Food

Children are encouraged to bring along fresh pieces of fruit or vegetables to eat in class.

### SUN SMART

*Wide brimmed sun hats are compulsory when the UV level is 3 or higher. Please remember to label the hat with your child's name. We also encourage the use of sunscreen and the wearing of sunglasses.*



## SunSmart Champion!



## Some Important Dates for Term 4:

Swimming- 21/10, 22/10, 24/10, 25/10, 28/10, 29/10, 31/10, 1/11

Pupil Free Day- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Fire Education: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Italian Day- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Healesville Sanctuary Excursion: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Semester 2 Reports distributed- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Last Day of Term 4- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1:15 Finish

**Please keep an eye on the school newsletter for all other upcoming events.**

## Swimming Lessons in Week 3 and 4

Lessons are on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Lessons go for 45 minutes.

FE lessons: 11:45am

FA lessons: 12:30pm

FS lessons: 1:15pm



Please ensure all items of clothing and all swimming equipment is clearly labelled.

Students should come to school with their bathers under their uniform. Please ensure that they can still go to the toilet independently.

## Values Weeks @ Westbreen

**Week 3:** Respect

**Week 4:** Responsibility

**Week 5:** Achievement

**Week 6:** Cooperation

**Week 7:** Care & Compassion

An accessory of this colour can be worn on the Wednesday.