



# Westbreen Primary School

## Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Dear Westbreen PS Families,

It was delightful to hear students share their favourite moments and activities and talk about the adventures they had with their family and friends during the break. It appears that they had many opportunities and made a lot of memories. Everyone has adjusted well to learning again at Westbreen PS, and there is a lot of excitement about Wednesday's Colour Fun Run. Please remember the following for the event:

### Colour Fun Run

1. Students are required to wear causal dress to school on the day, as all students will participate in the event. The attire can be any top that families are comfortable with having colour on, but it must be school-appropriate. Students may wish to bring a towel.
2. Students will need a hat to wear on the day. If you prefer your child not to wear their Westbreen school hat, they can wear any Sun Smart hat that you are comfortable with having colour on.
3. The fun kicks off at 1:20pm, students will wait in the middle of the oval for their year level to be called.
4. Parents are welcome to watch all the fun from around the outside of the oval's running track. Signage will be displayed on the day.

Please follow the communication regarding the schedule and dismissal. I am looking forward to seeing our families at the event and supporting the students participating in the school event. All families are welcome to attend. Thank you to the Parent and Friends Committee for all their hard work and support on this event, and a special thanks to Ms. Kerry. We will announce the new fundraising total for the year after this event.

### Transition to 2025

It's that time of the year when we start preparing and organising class placements for 2025. This process is crucial as we want to ensure that each student is in an environment that supports their learning needs.

We will begin by grouping students based on their friendships, using a sociogram filled in by the students as stated through communication this week. Your support in having preliminary conversations with your child about this is greatly appreciated. We believe involving students, parents, and staff in this process will result in the best outcome for our students.

**MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY**  
**NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL**



Here are the criteria we consider when establishing classes:

- The children's individual learning capabilities
- The known social, emotional, and physical stages of the individual child
- Friendship groupings, ensuring that each student is placed with at least one friend from their sociogram
- Balancing the number of males and females in each class
- Addressing the needs of English as an additional language learners and other special needs
- Creating classes with similar educational and behavioral profiles
- Anticipating growth in class numbers
- Ensuring compatibility of sub-groupings
- Considering the students' ability to cope with change.

### ***Class Requests***

For parents who wish to have input into their child's placement for 2025, please submit your requests in writing based on educational grounds. All requests must be received by Wednesday, October 30th, 2024, and should be addressed to Mr. Lania.

We appreciate the families who have already informed us of changes in their child's school placement for 2025. If your child is not attending our school in 2025, please email us at [westbreen.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:westbreen.ps@education.vic.gov.au) with your child's name, current grade details, school transferring to and date leaving or visit the office to complete a school transfer form.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### **School Saver Bonus Information - Reminder**

As shared with you previously, parents and carers of every child enrolled in a Victorian government school in 2025 will receive the one-off School Saving Bonus \$400 support. By Friday 18 October 2024, please ensure that your child's 2025 enrolment is completed and that your contact information is up to date.

In the coming months, the Department of Education will send you 2 email communications for each of your children enrolled in Victorian government schools.

The 2 emails from the Department of Education will be:

1. Confirm your email address between mid-October and late-November.
2. Provide you with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code by the end of November.

If you do not receive a confirmation email from the department by late-November, please check your spam or junk folders and contact the school if needed.

## Reminder of 2024 Swimming Program Dates, Permission Notices and Payments

*As previously mentioned, all permission notes and payments are due by Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> of October*

During the last week of Term 3, permission notes and payment information were placed on XUNO. We kindly ask families to complete the permission and make payments if you haven't already done so. Permission and payment are due by Wednesday, 16th of October. Session times will be confirmed once the timetable has been organised. If you are available or would like to assist during the swimming program, please contact Ms. Kerry. Please note that you will require a current Working with Children Check.

Group 1- Foundation, Grade 2, Grade 5 & 6 students: Weeks 3-4 Except for Wednesday

Group 2- Grade 1, Grade 3 & Grade 4 students: Weeks 6-7 Except for Wednesday

I hope everyone has a colourful week, especially on Wednesday!

*Justin Lania*

Acting Principal



**Wednesday 16th Oct**

**1:20pm to 3:15pm**

**Team Westbreen Oval**

We are all excited for tomorrow's highly anticipated School Fun Run which kicks off from 1:20pm. Please feel free to join the celebrations from 1:20pm onwards.

For those students that have created an online account and have raised funds, you can start ordering your prize via your online profile. Prize ordering opens tomorrow and will be available until 31 October 2024. Please ensure you claim your prize prior to the cut off 31 October 2024. Thank you to everyone who contributed to Westbreen Primary Schools Fun Run and making this such a successful event. Total funds raised will be communicated shortly.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

<b>FA</b>	<b>Isse I</b>	For showing lots of respect to both teachers and students. Well don Isse!
<b>FE</b>	<b>Hazal G</b>	For always showing the value of Respect in the classroom and at school! Great efforts Hazal!
<b>FS</b>	<b>Harriet N</b>	For always demonstrating the value of respect by being a good listener, helping others and using her manners. Well done!
<b>1H</b>	<b>Norah M</b>	For always displaying respect to her peers and educators, you are a delight to teach.
<b>1S</b>	<b>Zoha Q</b>	For always showing respect for herself, for those around her, and for her environment. You're a superstar, Zoha!
<b>1T</b>	<b>Leo G</b>	For always showing respect towards his classmates and staff at Westbreen.
<b>2F</b>	<b>Ella E</b>	for showing great improvement in her spelling! Keep up the great work!
<b>2L</b>	<b>Melissa K</b>	For always showing respect by listening to others and striving to excel in all areas of your learning. Well done Melissa, you're a superstar!
<b>2V</b>	<b>Kensei H</b>	For consistently demonstrating the school value of respect by respecting everyone's ideas and opinions in the classroom. Thank you, Kensei!
<b>34C</b>	<b>Kawsar I</b>	For consistently demonstrating the value of respect when working with students and teachers.
<b>3 4H</b>	<b>Semih H</b>	For sharing his great fraction knowledge with his peers and always putting 100% effort into his learning. What a superstar you are!
<b>3 4O</b>	<b>Ryan W</b>	Welcome to Westbreen, 3/4 O is very lucky to have you!
<b>3 4O</b>	<b>Matthias B</b>	Welcome to Westbreen, 3/4 O is very lucky to have you!
<b>3 4P</b>	<b>Charlotte N</b>	For working cooperatively with her Maths group to recognise common fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ . Great effort Charlotte!
<b>3 4Z</b>	<b>Zoe F</b>	For consistently showing ALL the school values in the classroom and in the yard. Well done, Zoe!
<b>5 6D</b>	<b>Eric P</b>	For treating his peers and teachers respectfully - thanks for making our classroom a great place to learn, Eric!
<b>5 6N</b>	<b>Asidu W</b>	For always displaying the value of respect in and out of our classroom. Well done Asidu!
<b>5 6W</b>	<b>Olive M</b>	For consistently showing respect by listening to her peers' ideas during class discussions.
<b>5 6Z</b>	<b>Gordana B</b>	For consistently demonstrating <b>respect</b> towards peers, teachers, and the school community.

**Please note the above Students of the Week will be presented their certificate at assembly on Wednesday 23rd October, 2024**

# Term 4 - Westbreen Values Weeks

Starting next week, Westbreen Primary School will be focusing on our School Values. Students will be involved in activities to further strengthen their understanding of the Team Westbreen Values. Each week, we will focus on one value, starting with Respect. Each value is connected with a colour, which students are encouraged to wear a coloured accessory on the Wednesday of that week (ribbon, socks, etc).

Week 3 23rd October	<b>RESPECT (Red)</b>
Week 4 30th October	<b>RESPONSIBILITY (Purple)</b>
Week 5 6th November	<b>ACHIEVEMENT (Blue)</b>
Week 6 13th November	<b>COOPERATION (Yellow)</b>
Week 7 20th November	<b>CARE AND COMPASSION (green)</b>

## Olympian visit - Kyle Vander Kuyp

In conjunction with the Grade 5/6 Inquiry Unit, Sport Attack, WPS was lucky enough to welcome one of our community members to speak to the students about his experience at the 2024 Paris Olympics and his journey as an elite athlete. Kyle Vander Kuyp answered questions from our 5/6 student panel about what it takes to become an elite sportsman and the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, which the students connected their learning throughout Term 3. We would like to thank Kyle for giving up his time to come and speak to the Grade 5/6s



## FESTA ITALIANA A WESTBREEN PS

### ITALIAN DAY ~ Wednesday 27/11/24

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, all students and staff will have the opportunity to participate in the varied Italian events organised to celebrate our annual “Italian Day” at Westbreen P.S.

Both students and staff will be encouraged to dress up in costumes that depict the Italian culture and traditions from far away Italy. Some ideas could include the students dressing up as; Pinocchio, Romeo or Juliet, a pizza chef and waiters/ress, a carnival character such as Harlequin/*Arlecchino*, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, a jumbo size pizza or ice cream, Leonardo Da Vinci, Super Mario Brothers, a soccer player, Mona Lisa and Luciano Pavarotti. If time does not permit to come up with a costume, students are encouraged to wear the Italian colors **red**/rosso, white/bianco and **green**/verde on the day.

We will have a combined Wednesday assembly and parade, which will also include **Diana** our Italian singer performing once again for Team Westbreen. *Grazie* to Diana, who has kindly offered to perform once again for the whole school Westbreen community. Parents/guardians/family members are strongly encouraged to attend this **special** assembly. **You will not want to miss it!!**

The rest of the day will include a range of activities that will allow the students to learn about many different aspects of the Italian culture and language. Students will be split into two groups. F-2 and 3-6, whilst one group attends the bilingual show - *L'ingrediente Segreto*, a fun-filled interactive Italian education production, the other group will be involved in designing an *Italy and All Things Italian* class poster which will be shared at the end of the day at our final whole school gathering. After lunch, the groups will swap. This will ensure all students have the opportunity to participate in all the set activities planned for the day.

At lunchtime, students will all get to enjoy their lemon, strawberry, chocolate or vanilla *gelato*. The office staff has a full listing of ingredients of all 4 **gelati** if you require further information regarding the ingredients of any of the four **gelati**.

The day will conclude with each grade presenting their class poster of *Italy and All Things Italian* in the Specialist Building at approximately 2.30pm. We are most certain that Team W.P.S will have a **FANTASTICO DAY!!**

**The cost of the whole day incursion is \$13 per student and is required by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (All families will receive the notice sometime early Term 4 via Xuno.)**

*Grazie mille e ciao per adesso*/ Many thanks and bye for now.

Italian Department- Signora Angela & Signora Daniela



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

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# October 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1*School Holi- 	2*School Holidays 	3*School Holidays 	4*School Holidays 	5	6
7*First day of Term 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 *RESPECT	24*Breakfast Club *Swimming F, 2, 5 & 6	25*Swimming F, 2, 5 & 6	26	27
28*School Council *Swimming F, 2, 5 & 6 *Last day for bookclub orders	29*Breakfast Club *Swimming F, 2, 5 & 6	30*Breakfast Club *RESPONSIBILITY	31*Breakfast Club *Swimming F, 2, 5 & 6			

# November 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4*Curriculum Day NO STUDENTS @ SCHOOL	5* Melbourne Cup Public Holiday 	6*Breakfast Club *Grade 1/2 CERES Excursion *ACHIEVEMENT	7*Breakfast Club	8*Foundation Transition 9:15-10:15 *Foundation Fire ED 2:30pm	9	10
11*Swimming 1,3 & 4	12*Breakfast Club *Swimming 1,3 & 4	13*Breakfast Club *COOPERATION	14*Breakfast Club *Swimming 1,3 & 4	15*Foundation Transition 9:15-10:15 *Swimming 1,3 & 4 *Foundation Fire ED 2:30pm	16	17
18*Swimming 1,3 & 4	19*Breakfast Club *Swimming 1,3 & 4	20*Breakfast Club *CARE & COMPASSION	21*Breakfast Club *Swimming 1,3 & 4	22*Foundation Transition 9:15-10:15 *Swimming 1,3 & 4	23	24
25*School Council	26*Breakfast Club	27*Breakfast Club *Italian Day	28*Breakfast Club	29*Foundation Healesville	30	