



Westbreen Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Westbreen PS Families,

Thank you for another great week at Westbreen Primary School. I want to express my gratitude to everyone for their hard work with the Colour Fun Run and the wonderful Parents and Friends Committee, along with Kerry Parfett, who supported and organised the event. The students really enjoyed the day and even asked me multiple times if we could do it again. The weather was perfect, and it was great to see the community come out to cheer on the students and be part of the fun. A big thank you to all the staff who supported the event and to those staff members, Parents and Friends representatives and TheirCare staff who volunteered to be slimed on the day. I also want to give a special thanks to the parent volunteers who supported the day, especially with setup and assisting throughout the event to ensure the day was a success; this was despite the extra hurdle of having to deal with an internet outage right up to the event start! Despite the obstacles, everyone worked together to ensure the event was a success for Team Westbreen.

A big thank you to the following parent volunteers:

Fariha- Parent of Marni, Mahmoud and Norah

Jonathan and Yuko- Parent of Cooper and Evelyn

Aysel Ilham-Pasevic- Parent of Meryem, Davud and Asiya Nur

Rhoda- Parent of Ahmad, Tannah and future WPS student, Amara.

Lucinda Tamburrino- Parent of Maddie and Harry. Also known as Chase, The Colour Fun Run Mascot

Atika Tik- Parent of Eliot and Ilena

Bonnie Churchill- Parent of Zoe

I'm thrilled to announce that the school has raised a total of \$25,484.66 for the event. Please note that this total does not include the deduction of costs associated with running the Colour fun run.

Don't forget to claim your prizes online, by October 31st!

MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER PUPIL FREE DAY
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL



Our Future School Leaders for 2025

Please find below the following process for selecting school captains and house captains for 2025. We kindly request that all families discuss with their children the importance of leadership and the role of each WPS member in shaping our school. This will be an exciting opportunity for our Year 5 students to participate in and embark on.

School Captains: (1 Boy & 1 Girl)

Week 3: School Leadership meets with Grade 5 students to outline the timeline for the School and House Captain processes.

Week 5 (Monday): Students display their A3 2025 School Captain poster outside Ms Kristy's office, outlining who they are and why they would make a great 2025 School Captain.

Week 5 (Friday): School captain candidates present their speeches to all Year 3 to Year 5 students in the Specialist Building. Students conduct voting back in their classrooms after the speeches.

Week 6: Top 3 shortlisted girl and boy candidates meet with Mr Nolan, Mr Lania & Mr Kenny to conduct interviews.

Week 7: School Captains for 2025 are announced to shortlisted students.

House Captains: (2 students per house)

Week 8: House Captain candidates present speeches to their House Group (Years 3-5). Voting will be completed in that session.

Week 9: House Captains for 2025 announced to students who went for all House Captain roles.

Week 10: On Wednesday, the 2025 school and house captains will be given their badges at assembly. We would also like to invite the 2025 school and house captains' families, the 2024 school and house captains, and their families to a thank you morning tea after assembly.

I wish all the students all the best in this process and leading the way in our school!

2024 Swimming Program

The Swimming Program has started this week for our Foundation, Grade 2 & Grade 5/6 students. Please find the timetable linked to Group 1.

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

Grades	Leaving School	Swimming Lesson Commences	Swimming Lesson Concludes	Arrive back at school
2V, 5/D, 5/6Z Girls	10.30am	11.00am	11.45am	12.15pm
FE, 2L, 5/6Z Boys	11.15am	11.45am	12.30pm	1.00pm
FA, 2F, 5/6W Boys	12.00pm	12.30pm	1.15pm	1.45pm
FS, 5/6N, 5/6W Girls	12.45pm	1.15pm	2.00pm	2.30pm

To assist in the changing processes, please ensure that all students' clothing is clearly labelled with their name, and that students are equipped with an appropriate bag to store their wet clothing.

We will soon share the schedule for Group 2: Grade 1, Grade 3, and Grade 4 students for Weeks 6-7 (Monday 11th November to Friday 22nd November – excluding Wednesday's).

Values Update

In the upcoming four weeks, we will celebrate and reflect on our school values from Weeks 3-7. I kindly ask all families to discuss school values with their children each week as we will also discuss and explore them at school. At WPS, these values are crucial to our ethos of learning together for life and being a part of Team Westbreen.

The school values for the upcoming weeks are as follows:

Week 3: Respect

Week 4: Responsibility

Week 5: Achievement

Week 6: Cooperation

Week 7: Care and Compassion

We will focus on the value of achievement each week, and students are encouraged to wear a colored accessory to school on Wednesdays to represent the value we are celebrating. Please remember that students must remain in full school uniform on this day, and the colored accessory should be an addition to the Westbreen PS uniform.

Term 4 Workforce Update

- Kylie Delacoe will be on leave for Term 4, and Simon Dooner will be taking over the music program. Simon is familiar to the students as he has filled in for teachers on leave throughout the year.
- Rachel Davies will be on leave during weeks 2 and 3. Emma Cornish will be taking over class 5/6D during this time.
- Eliza Pannunzio will be on leave during Weeks 4 and 5, and Anne Watson will be taking over 3/4P during this time. Anne has filled in for teachers on leave throughout the year.
- Christine Malis will be on leave for the first couple of weeks at the start of Term 4, and Eftihia Aresti has resumed in the Artspace during this period of leave.

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 will not be attending our school in 2025, please email us at westbreen.ps@education.vic.gov.au with your child's name, 2024 grade, 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.

I hope everyone has a fantastic week, especially the students taking part in the swimming program and learning new ways to stay safe around water.

Justin Lania

Acting Principal

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	RESPECT (Red)
Week 4	30th October	RESPONSIBILITY (Purple)
Week 5	6th November	ACHIEVEMENT (Blue)
Week 6	13th November	COOPERATION (Yellow)
Week 7	20th November	CARE AND COMPASSION (green)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

FA	Bonnie B	For always being responsible for her learning and belongings.
FE	Ahmed A	For continuing to try your best at everything you do You are a Superstar Ahmed!
FS	Charlie H	For being a responsible class member by looking after his belongings and being a responsible learner.
1H	Saba T	For being a responsible and dedicated learner, who always strives to do her best. Well done Saba
1S	Beno M	For showing responsibility in the classroom by taking care of his belongings. Great work, Beno
1T	Johncy C	For being a responsible member of our class who takes pride & effort in all of his learning tasks.
2F	Adan F	For being a responsible class member of 2F and make good choices! Well done!
2L	Brooklyn G	For showing the school value of Responsibility by caring for her peers, listening to others and working hard to achieve in all areas of her learning. Keep up the amazing work Brooklyn!
2V	Fatima N	For always demonstrating responsibility towards her learning and the classroom space. Thank you for being such a responsible member of 2V.
34C	Anvika K	For taking responsibility for her own learning by organising the resources she needs and always putting in her best efforts.
3 4H	Kimara E	For always being a respectful class member and displaying responsibility by completing her classroom job with great enthusiasm.
3 4O	Brian P	For always showing the value of RESPECT towards his classmates and working area by cleaning up extra spaces without being asked.
3 4P	Thalia E	For taking responsibility for her learning and by setting herself achievable goals and taking care of her belongings. Well done!
3 4Z	Meenal F	For consistently showing Responsibility for her belongings and keeping her learning space neat and tidy. Well done Meenal!
5 6D	Leon P	For being a fantastic role model and encouraging others to do their best. Thanks Leon!
5 6N	Adam Y	For demonstrating your responsibility to our Foundation students during class time. Well done Adam!
5 6W	Ella S	For being a responsible member of Team Westbreen by owning her actions and taking charge of her learning.
5 6Z	Noor F	For upholding her class captain responsibilities and being a great role model for all students. Keep up the great work!

Please note the above Students of the Week will be presented their certificate at assembly on Wednesday 30th October, 2024

Family Time is back this week.....

Join us for board games and/or chalk art depending on the weather.
Join us in the Specialist building, entering via the double doors opposite 3/4Z.

Please note: all children are to be accompanied AND supervised by a parent/grandparent/carer.

LET THE SLIMING BEGIN....



Mr Blakey



**Our Fun Run Coordinators
Jono Anderson being slimed
by Fariha Khaled**



**Miss Williams
&
Mr Nolan**



Angelic from TheirCare



**Mrs Villani
&
Ms Lauren**



Miss Zoe





Some of our fabulous Parents & Friends Committee

Left to right—Lucinda, Fariha, Atika, Bonnie, Yulo, Jono, Aysel, Rhoda



Lovely Lucinda entertained the crowds as Chase the Cheetah!



Teachers turn to run!

I think Mr Lania & P & F volunteers are enjoying this a little too much....

FESTA ITALIANA A WESTBREEN PS

ITALIAN DAY ~ Wednesday 27/11/24

On Wednesday 27th 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.

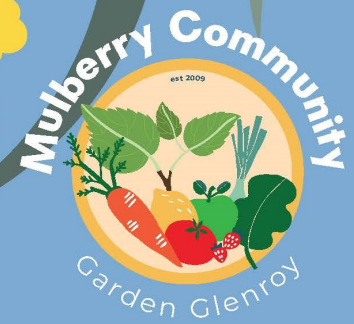
At lunchtime, students will all get to enjoy their lemon, strawberry, chocolate or vanilla *gelato*. The office staff has a full listing of ingredients of all 4 **gelati** if you require further information regarding the ingredients of any of the four **gelati**.

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^h 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



FREE EVENT

Mulberry Community Garden Glenroy

SPRING FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 27 OCT 2024

10AM - 2PM

Food | Live Music | Guest Speakers | Plant Sale
Market Stalls | Kids Activities | ...& More!



**FREE BAMBOO
CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP**

SIGN UP HERE



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 starting @ 9:00am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15*Breakfast Club	16*Breakfast Club *COLOR 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	