



5/6 UNIT NEWSLETTER

TERM FOUR

Welcome back to Term 4! We have a jam packed term ahead full of fun school activities and learning for our students. Be sure to mark the important dates into your calendar!

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ONGOING REMINDERS:

UNIFORM POLICY & HATS

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform/colours. Students **must not wear** branded tracksuits, leggings or jumpers with logos such as Nike or Adidas.

We ask that all items of clothing are named and to check the lost property for any missing items. Please ensure hair longer than shoulder length is tied up. School uniform must also be worn on excursions. Sun Smart hats are back this term too!

XUNO & NOTES

Payment and **parent approval** for school programs including sport, incursions and excursions will all be via **XUNO**. Contact the school if you are having trouble accessing this.

Please call the office if your child is or will be **absent** from school. Alternatively enter on XUNO or provide a note upon their return explaining reason of absence.

IMPORTANT DATES

October

WEEK 3 - RESPECT WEEK

Monday 21st Oct: Swimming Program (Mon/ Tues/ Thurs/Fri)

WEEK 4 - RESPONSIBILITY WEEK

Monday 28th Oct: Swimming continues (Mon/Tue/Thurs/Fri)

November

WEEK 5 - ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

Monday 4th Nov: Pupil Free Day ~ Assessment & Reporting

Tuesday 5th Nov: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

WEEK 6 - COOPERATION WEEK

WEEK 7 - CARE & COMPASSION WEEK

WEEK 8

Wednesday 27th Nov: Italian Day ~ Whole School Event

December

WEEK 9

Tuesday 3rd Dec: Gr 5/6 Shark Tank Expo

Wednesday 4th Dec: WPS ART GALLERY

Friday 6th Dec – Pupil Free Day ~ 2024 Planning

WEEK 10

Tuesday 10th Dec – Year 6/7 State-wide Orientation Day

WEEK 11 – Last Week of School

Monday 16th Dec: Year 6 Graduation TBC; Reports distributed to families

Tuesday 17th Dec: 2025 Step Up Day

Wednesday 18th Dec: Year 6 Celebration Day

Thursday 19th Dec: Class Parties

Friday 20th Dec: Last day of Term 4 –

Early Dismissal ~ 1.15pm

See weekly Newsletter for additional upcoming events using our school website:

<https://westbreenps.vic.edu.au/>

LIBRARY

Students will attend weekly Library sessions. Our library is filled with a variety of fiction and non-fiction picture books and novels. All students need to have a library bag with them each week in order to borrow. We encourage students to borrow up to four books. Lost or damaged books will need to be paid for.

Library Timetable	
5/6Z	Thursday
5/6W	
5/6N	
5/6D	

HOMEWORK

Students receive weekly homework on Monday and it is asked that it is returned by Friday every week. This consists of activities to reinforce work completed in the classroom and spelling words to practise in readiness for their spelling test on Friday. It is vital that students read for at least 15-20 minutes daily. Teachers may ask students to complete parts of their project at home throughout the year. Other homework tasks will be altered to ensure projects are successfully completed by the due date. **If students are absent on a Monday, it is their responsibility to collect the weekly homework.**

CURRICULUM AREAS

LITERACY

This term, students will expand their knowledge of Narrative style texts that include: Play scripts, Personal Narratives and Poetry. They will continue to build their ICT skills for publishing. Students will continue to engage with a variety of texts for enjoyment and watch weekly kids' news 'Behind the News'.

Our mentor text this term is 'The City of Ember' by Jeanne DuPrau; which focuses on themes of hope, perseverance, and the search for truth. This novel will link closely with our literacy unit as it uses creative and descriptive language students can replicate within their writing. We will be further analysing the text using reading comprehension skills: summarising, clarifying, questioning and predicting. Students will also extend their personal vocabulary with a growing list of spelling words to add to their writing. We encourage students to keep record of unknown and interesting vocabulary to learn fortnightly for their spelling words.

NUMERACY

In Maths this term, the 5/6 students will explore number patterns with a specific focus on Number and Algebra. They will continue to create sequences involving whole number, decimals & fractions. Students will expand knowledge of measurement and geometry. This will involve

measuring and calculating volume and capacity, transformation of 2D shapes and exploring locations using grid references including Cartesian plane. Students will also work with maths in real world situations throughout the Money and Financial unit which includes percentage discount on sale items.

INTEGRATED

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS – Money makes the World go Round

In **Levels 5 and 6**, students explore the importance of economic and financial decision-making in everyday life. They consider the concept of opportunity cost and examine why decisions about the ways resources are allocated to meet needs and wants in their community involve trade-offs. Students examine the choices made by consumers and businesses arising from the concept of scarcity. The limited resources available means that unlimited needs and wants cannot be met, so choices about what to purchase and how goods and services are produced and distributed must be made. Students consider factors influencing these choices and the strategies that help with these decisions, as well as the effect of consumer and financial decisions on individuals, families, the community and the environment. Students consider the nature of work, and the influences on the way people work in today's society, and potential influences in the future. Students identify particular enterprising behaviours and capabilities and why they are important in everyday life. The emphasis in Levels 5 and 6 is on personal, community or regional issues or events, with opportunities for concepts to be considered in national, regional or global contexts where appropriate.

SPORT

Westbreen continues to encourage a number of opportunities for physical activity. Students will have the opportunity to participate in Swimming program and a range of sporting programs that will increase children's interest and participation in sport. In Term 4, students will also practise skills used for softball and cricket and bat tennis.

SPECIALISTS PROGRAM

Specialist Program Timetable

CLASS	ITALIAN	PERFORMING ARTS	VISUAL ARTS	SOCIAL SKILLS	SCIENCE
TEACHER	<i>Sign.a Angela</i>	<i>Mrs Delacoe</i>	<i>Ms Mahlis</i>	<i>Ms Wileman</i>	<i>Mr Blakey</i>
5/6Z	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
5/6N	THURSDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	TUESDAY
5/6D	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY
5/6W	THURSDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY

Please be advised that due to staff absences, Specialist Term Overviews are not included in this newsletter. We apologise for any inconvenience.

WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A GREAT TERM 4!
 THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS AND FAMILIES FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT THIS YEAR!
 THE 5/6 TEAM