Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been fantastic to be able to get around to all the classrooms during the past week and observe how quickly the children have settled and how well they have adapted to the classroom routines with their new teachers. It has been wonderful to see our new preps in the classroom and in the playground all so happy and engaged. It has also been really pleasing the way the older children have welcomed our prep children and our new children to the school and made them feel so special and welcome.

Well done everybody!

Traffic Hot Spots

- As most parents are aware, the traffic directly outside the school is extremely busy. I ask that all drivers adhere to the traffic signs and that patience prevails. It is extremely dangerous dropping children off while still in traffic. Please consider parking the car in a neighbouring street and allowing children to take a short walk to school. It is very important that Parents use “common sense” when picking up and dropping off students.

A reminder that the school car park is for Staff only. It is not a drop off zone.
Late to School and Early Dismissals:

- Students arriving at School after 9.10am and before 10.00am are required to report to the Office and obtain a Late Pass. Students arriving after 10.00am are required to report to the Office with a note from the parent explaining the lateness.
- Parents wanting to pick up students early are required to report to the Office and obtain an Early Dismissal Pass.

Have a wonderful week

Tony Cerra
Principal.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 6\textsuperscript{th} February 2013

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NUDE FOOD

Tuesdays and Thursdays are Nude Food days at Westbreen. We encourage our students to bring their food and drinks in reusable containers to help to reduce the amount of rubbish. Thank you for your cooperation.
Many thanks to our sponsors for their donations for last year’s raffle

Hoyts – Broadmeadows

CMS Meat - Hadfield

Woolworths – Broadmeadows and Hadfield

Pascoe Vale RSL

Glenroy RSL

Scroogies

The Meadow Inn

Coles – Campbellfield and Broadmeadows

Target – Broadmeadows

Kmart – Campbellfield

Kaman Family

Potenzi Family

Officeworks – Coburg

Bunnings – Coburg

Donna Rae

Café Stradina

Conquest Sports – Mitcham

All our wonderful parents who donated goods for our hampers

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL
For a number of years, we had a wonderful gymnastics program taken by Triskills Australia. We are very lucky to have secured a booking with them again for this year. Triskills will run a six-week program. Each grade will have a half-hour session with two qualified gymnastic teachers. This will mean more individual attention for students and also students’ skills levels can be further developed.

A permission note for the Triskills Gymnastic Program has been sent home with your child.

The six-week program will cost $36 per student.

**The Triskills has commenced and just a reminder that final has to be paid.**

A permission note for the Triskills Gymnastic Program has been sent home with your child.

Gymnastics is a very important part of all Australian government schools’ Physical Education programs, so **every student will be expected to attend.**

Karen Wileman
Keeping focus on the 2013 school year

As the kids settle into the new school year, did you remember to tick off ‘see the optometrist’ on your ‘back to school’ list? Many young people experience undetected vision problems as they often assume that how they see is normal.

It is estimated that 80% of learning is experienced through vision and so children with undetected vision problems can have trouble keeping up and as a consequence might become impatient, lose focus and start misbehaving or not enjoying school.

The most frequent vision problems experienced by children are those affecting the ability to see clearly and sharply. These include short-sightedness (blurred distance vision), long-sightedness (difficulty focusing up close) and astigmatism (the distortion of vision due to the irregular shape of the eye). These conditions can be very easy to correct, with a simple measure: glasses. Other vision problems need to be detected and addressed early to reduce risk of long-term vision concerns such as a turned eye (strabismus), or a so-called lazy eye (amblyopia). These conditions require management by an eye health professional, such as an optometrist. Untreated amblyopia can even lead to permanently reduced vision in the affected eye.

Incorporating regular eye examinations with an optometrist into your child’s health routine can give peace of mind and the best start to the school year – you don’t need a referral from a doctor and most consultations attract a Medicare rebate. For more information or to find an optometrist in your local area, visit www.optometrists.asn.au/victoria.

5 interesting facts about your eyes:

- Your eyes are made up of more than 2 million working parts.
- The human eye will focus on about 50 things per second.
- Your eyes actually ‘see’ images upside down and then they send these images to the brain where they are flipped around correctly for us.
- The human eye can distinguish about 2.7 million different colours and 500 shades of grey.
- The human eye can process 36 000 pieces of information every hour.

MUSIC NEWS

Music Tuition and Sales is offering music lessons in guitar, keyboard, drums, flute and clarinet.

The duration of the lessons is for half an hour during school time.

Refer to the attached information form.
### Notices Sent Home

- **Triskills 2013**
- **Music Information**

### February & March 2013

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