Dear Parents and Guardian,

THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN HOME & SCHOOL:
Both Parents and Teachers want the same thing for our children – the best possible education. When we work together we can make a strong team. Here are some ways you can help the school provide the very best learning environment for our children:

- See that your child attends regularly
- Support the school in its efforts to maintain proper discipline and demonstrate our Values – RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, ACHIEVEMENT, CARE & COMPASSION, CO-OPERATION.
- Be aware of what your child is learning in school
- Let us know if your child has any problems outside of school that might affect his or her school work

If you have any concerns or questions about any aspect of our school program, share them with us. Your child’s teacher can give you the information you require.

Children who believe in their own worth are able to face the challenges of school. They are not afraid to make an occasional mistake. By letting your children know that you have confidence in them, you’re giving them the confidence and strength that will help them have a successful school experience.

The annual NAPLAN tests of English and Mathematics for our Grade 3 and 5 students are scheduled to take place from Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th May. The school is continuing to work with students in preparation for the tests. The Naplan tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. Naplan tests are one aspect of our school’s assessment and reporting process and do not replace the ongoing assessment made by our teachers about each student’s performance.

“Student Attitude to School”
Today our Grade 5 and 6 students will complete the “Student Attitude to School” survey. This is an annual Department of Education survey conducted to gain an overview of how our senior students perceive their learning progress and how the school caters for their overall education and wellbeing. As important as completing the survey is, the most important aspect of the survey is the discussions that occur between staff and students about the things we do well and areas for improvement. Similar surveys are conducted each year for staff and parents to provide DEECD with data on the organizational health of every school in the state.
“Upcoming Pupil Free Day ~ FRIDAY 29th April”

Friday 29th April is allocated to our third pupil free day for 2016. Staff will continue to develop their knowledge of a new process of teaching Writing. The day will be facilitated by Mrs. Ann Angelopoulos. Ann is a well-known respected Literacy consultant who has worked in a number of local and national schools.

Have a wonderful week

Tony Cerra
Principal

Congratulations to Mustapha T in 1/2 O in being nominated as this week NAB AFL Auskicker

We hope you have a positive experience with your one on one interview with Hamish.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK ENDING 27th April 2016

| 12B | Zain K     | For his great explanation of his retell drawings for ‘How the Koala Lost His Tail’. Well done Zain! |
| 12M | Kyochre V  | For being a responsible learner and putting 100% effort into everything she does. |
| 12O | Ezrah N    | For being helpful and co-operative in the classroom. |
| 12T | Hussin A   | For demonstrating our school values in the classroom. Well done! |
| 3 4C | Riki S     | For always putting in 100% effort into her work. Keep it up! |
| 3 4K | Waleed A   | For his excellent work in Maths and for explaining challenging Maths concepts to others. |
| 3 4Y | Kuzey D    | For displaying many persuasive techniques during our class debate on ‘Should people own a dog’. Well done Kuzey! 😊😊 |
| 5 6A | Youssef S  | For giving 100% toward his Maths. |
| 5 6D | Razan E    | For being a co-operative member of 5/6D and following all the school values. Keep up the Good work. |

PARENTS AND FRIENDS
NEWS
Mother’s Day Stall Thursday 5th May
Gifts from $1.00 to $10.00
Parents and Friends meeting Friday 6th May from 2:00pm all Welcome.
Cadbury Chocolate Drive Tuesday 17th May Please return your letter if you
DO NOT WANT CHOCOLATES
We would like to congratulate Anna Martucci for taking over the Parents and Friends President roll.
Hi Parents,

Well, it’s that time again. Interschool sports starts tomorrow! All games will go from 12:30pm to 2:00pm with the exception of the St. Francis game which will start at 12:00pm and finish at about 1:50pm.

Please note that your child will bring home a permission slip for all away games for you to sign, however if we are playing a home game then your child’s trip to Cole Reserve is classed as a local excursion, therefore no note will be sent home as this trip is covered by the local excursion form which you signed when you enrolled your child.

If you have any questions about the interschool sport program or the local excursion note please feel free to contact us.

All parents are welcome to attend the games to support our teams. See you there!

Yvonne Cuthill
Sports Co-ordinator
FAMILY TIME

Come and join us for Family Time next Wednesday in the Library 3.15-4.15pm.

Our activity for the week will be:

**INDOOR GAMES**

**All students are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent or adult carer**

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Westbreen Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8th September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please complete the permission form and return it to school.

Congratulations to Kim Tran from 5/6A who is the first Westbreen student to complete this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge.
WESTBREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT CLASSROOM REPS, 2016

As part of our Family Engagement Program we are running the ‘Westbreen Parent Class Rep’ program. This program will allow for stronger links between families and their child/s classroom. Similar to our student ‘Class Captain’ roles, you will represent the parent/family link for your child’s grade. The program is designed to increase communication, and allow you to have opportunities to make links with other families in your child’s grade.

**Examples of opportunities for Parent Classroom Reps**

- Classroom support with learning programs and activities
- Assistance with Excursions and Special Events
- Teacher support
- Contact with other families in your child’s grade
- Promoting events to other families
- Encourage communication, and develop links with classroom families

**Outings**
Throughout the year special social outings/events will be organised where all our ‘Parent Classroom Reps’ will come together to share thoughts and ideas, celebrate success and increase your networking opportunities. Feedback is always encouraged and very welcome.

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**Expression of Interest - PARENT CLASSROOM REP**

I ............................................ am interested in representing grade/s 1).........................
2).........................
3).........................
as their Parent Classroom Rep.

(Please note, Miss Michelle Brooksby will make contact with you to discuss this further)

**OR**

**Expression of Interest – CLASSROOM HELPER**

I ................................................................. am NOT interested in the role of Parent Classroom Rep but am happy for my contact details to be shared within the group of Classroom Helpers, and be contacted to help out in grade/s 1).........................
2).........................
3).........................

(Please see Miss Michelle Brooksby if you would like to help out but DON’T want your contact details shared)

***Please see Miss Michelle Brooksby if you would like to discuss any of this further, or if you have any questions relating to the Parent Classroom Rep Program***
**ESSENDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

**presents**

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‘A magical story with film and live music’

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**LOCAL CONTACT**

Oak Park Girl Guides
Ages 7-14

We meet at our hall
Cnr Station & Strachan Streets
Oak Park

Mondays 6.30 - 8.00pm

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Extend OSHC at Westbreen Primary School

This week the children and I at Before & After School Care made some amazing practical creations. We made simple and delicious Pizza rice cakes for the cooking activities, Minions colouring-ins, Indoor sports and games, outdoors and many more!

We will still be working on our 'Extend Journal' throughout this term too, so feel free to share any ideas you have or had with me kids.

Looking forward to continuing the awesome fun with you next week!

Aysun Kiris

Our Extend Superstar is: Lachlan H for always being the first one to help the Team Leader in packing up & for also creating a fantastic piece of work in the Extend Journal. Well done!

Next Week’s Activities:
Monday 25th April: Anzac Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 26th April: Making Origami
Wednesday 27th April: Outdoor fun
Thursday 28th April: Art & Craft Creations
Friday 29th April: Pupil Free Day (No School)
Rosehill Secondary College

OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 28TH APRIL 2016
4:30-7:30PM
PRINCIPAL’S ADDRESS 6PM

TOURS
TUESDAYS 8:30AM
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL, PH: 9337 2488

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 2016
9:15AM-2:30PM
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD’S ATTENDANCE.

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Years 7 to 9
28th April 2016

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**EDUCATION WEEK**

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