Dear Parents and Guardian,

I hope everyone enjoyed our long weekend, enjoyed the weather and also had the chance to reflect on the significance of Anzac Day. Congratulations to our School Captains (Alex and Geetanshika) and Mrs Edwards who planned and co-ordinated our Anzac Day ceremony at this week’s assemble. This ceremony was a real reflection of the significance of this important day.

Although ANZAC Day has become synonymous with community activities and ‘football blockbusters’ it is important for those of us lucky enough to live in a very peaceful and stable Australia that we remind ourselves of the significance of ANZAC Day. It is not a day to glorify war but to remember the ANZAC spirit which was born more than a hundred years ago and still live in Australia today. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who fought, endured, suffered and died for their country in various conflicts over many decades. Lest we forget.

The School Yard

Primary school playgrounds are without exception quite amazing places. At Westbreen we have 262 children between the ages of five and twelve who happily share the schoolyard whilst participating in quite an incredible range of games and social activities. Our grounds are supervised between 8.45am and 3.30pm, but the children largely take responsibility for the negotiation of their social and recreational play environments. The main role of the yard duty teacher is to ensure that the safety and security of the children is maintained, however this is virtually impossible to achieve without the support of the children themselves.

Helping children deal with the many and varied situations that arise in the playground is a very important aspect of your child’s development, with the staff consistently demonstrating strategies for dealing effectively with conflict.

In addition, many of our school programs strive to develop children’s skills in working cooperatively, making considered opinions, respecting the rights of others, and taking responsibility for their actions. Examples of these programs include:
• The Buddy program
• Peer Mediators
• STRIVE – Support Trust Respect Involve Value Encourage each other
• Stop Think Do the Right Thing initiative

We are, however, dealing with young children and occasionally conflicts develop to the point where the children do not have the necessary strategies to deal with them. It is on these occasions that staff intervention becomes necessary in order to help sort out the problem.

The staff at Westbreen do an excellent job in this area, modelling appropriate strategies whilst dealing with children’s concerns. Occasionally however, staff do not get to hear about an issue – with children taking the day’s problem home to their parents.

If your child comes home with concerns that have arisen as a result of conflict with another student, it is certainly appropriate to discuss possible solutions to the problem. It is also important to remind your child that staff are there to listen to such difficulties and to provide support. It is important that you as a parent let us know of such situations as soon as possible – with open and honest communication between the home and the school being absolutely critical to the effective management of such issues.

In closing, I would reiterate that we value the combined effort of a professional and caring staff, effective and proactive school programs, and an extremely supportive and caring parent community. This has created a Team Westbreen school community in which children consistently display extremely mature social skills. We deliberately conduct our tours for prospective Foundation (Prep) and new families during normal school programs.

It is important for all school families and potential school families to view the school as it operates on a “normal” day and see the greatness of our School.

**Accessing our Weekly Newsletter**

Please make sure you access and read the school newsletter each week. The newsletter is a vital source of communication and each week includes:

1. Diary of events to come
2. Principal’s report
3. School news
4. Community news

With the wealth and variety of programs and events around the school each week it is important to remain informed. Please stay in touch and access the newsletter each week. A hard copy of the newsletter is distributed to the eldest child each Thursday.
and our website (www.westbreenps.vic.gov.au) has the current, and the previous 10 issues.


Tomorrow 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

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 27th April 2016

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<td>For putting lots of effort into improving his writing. Well done Omar!</td>
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<td>Aayan A</td>
<td>For doing an amazing job with his reading. WELL DONE!</td>
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<td>1 2B</td>
<td>Bibi F</td>
<td>For always being a respectful and responsible class member.</td>
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<td>For his enthusiasm in all learning areas and his eagerness to always do his best.</td>
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<td>Aamena R</td>
<td>For her fantastic story of Snow White.</td>
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<td>Issa E</td>
<td>For writing a fantastic persuasive piece. Keep up the great work!!</td>
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<td>Andy H</td>
<td>For showing great responsibility and look out for his fellow classmates.</td>
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<td>Ryan T</td>
<td>For maintaining a positive attitude towards his learning. For think ‘I will Try’ instead of ‘it’s too hard’.</td>
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<td>Nour K</td>
<td>Welcome to Westbreen Primary School</td>
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<td>5 6A</td>
<td>Aya A</td>
<td>For participating actively during Writing sessions and helping new student Nour settle in to class.</td>
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<td>5 6D</td>
<td>Senar B</td>
<td>For using class time wisely and doing her best to complete all her work. Keep it up Senar!</td>
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WESTBREEN PRIMARY
OPEN MORNING
Wednesday 18 May

9:00am - 9:30am
School Assembly

9:30am - 11:15am
Open Morning for
Parents/Carers/Family &
Community members
to visit our classrooms

11:15am – 12:15pm
Morning Tea / Brunch in the staffroom

ALL WELCOME!

For further information, contact:
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In 1/2T we used alliteration to write interesting sentences about book characters.

Aurora and an adorable alligator ate an apple.
NATHANIA
The dragon danced with a didgeridoo.
JACKSON
Goldilocks went to the goldfish shop and got a goldfish.
CARLA
Beautifu Belle went to the ball.
TALIA
The dragon devoured his dinner.
DARWOOD
Tigers tumble, tigers tickle, tigers tiptoe all together.
TANMAYEE
The wicked wolf went to Wonderland.
JASMAN
The wild wolf went to the woods.
ZIMMERMANNI
Belle was busy with a baby.
THOMAS
The dangerous dragon did a dance.
TUGAY
The wolf went on a walk whispering wild words.
ISSA
The pretty princess painted a pink perfect purse, then another princess came and painted a purple purse. Then they painted a pink and purple purse together.
AAMENA
Dragons dislike dainty doughnuts and dangerous dinosaurs.
HAMZA
The Gruffalo was grumpy because the gorilla ate his grapes.
ZACH
The dangerous dragon did a dance.
BRAYDEN
Kings kicking keys knew a koala had a knife.
JACOB
The dangerous dragon dropped doughnuts on the dinosaur.

MUBASHIR
The wicked witch was waving her wand.

ISABELLA

The pretty pink princess went to her perfectly pink garden and painted a perfectly pink purse. Then a perfectly purple princess came and painted a perfectly purple purse.

RAMEEN

The annoying alligator ate an aeroplane.

HUSSIN

The clown with a cloud made a cat with a cage.

MOHAMED

FIVE STAR WORK FOR 1/2T

The dangerous dragon did a dance
(by Tugay)
Multicultural Dinner

“The food that brings us together”

Date
WEDNESDAY 18th May

Time
5:30 – 7:30pm

Location
Early Years Centre
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

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.
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:
MOTHERS DAY ACTIVITIES

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

Extend OSHC at Westbreen Primary School

This week at Extend BSC & ASC the children did heaps of fun activities and games! We made beautiful Mother's Day cards and small gifts, had an awesome game of indoor soccer and dodge-ball, we all had a mini party with delicious sweet treats, played a fun game of musical freeze, and many more.

Don't forget to also wear your jackets in these upcoming cold weather kids and continue doing a fantastic job working on our 'Extend Journal Book.

I will be away on Annual Leave this week, the team leader in charge will be Annie Forsyth, so if you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to continue sharing them with her.

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

Aysun Kiris

Next Week's Activities:
Monday 2nd May: Indoor Sports & Games
Tuesday 3rd May: Making Slime
Wednesday 4th May: Outdoor play
Thursday 5th May: Art & Craft Creations
Friday 6th May: Fun Fridays! (Children's choice)
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**EDUCATION WEEK**

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