Dear Parents and Guardians,

The School Yard

Primary school playgrounds are without exception quite amazing places. At Westbreen we have 247 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
- 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 does 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 9 issues.

Have a wonderful week

**Tony Cerra**

Principal

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**Westbreen Primary School**

**Playgroup**

**Coming soon**

We are excited to announce that Westbreen Primary School will once again have it’s own Playgroup, commencing on Friday May 15, 2015. All families are welcome with children aged 0-5. Our Playgroup will be operating on Friday mornings 9.15 to 11am. To register or request further information, please contact either Ms Michelle Brooksby at school or email Fadwa, our Playgroup Co-ordinator on aa-alachkar@hotmail.com
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 29th April 2015

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<td>For participating in class discussion and sharing great ideas.</td>
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<td>For working hard to show the School Values every day.</td>
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<td>For always giving 100%. Keep up the good work.</td>
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<td>For settling into 5/6A well and for being a marvelous mathematician, successfully placing fractions on a number line.</td>
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<td>Khadija A</td>
<td>For being a hard-working and friendly class member – keep up the good work.</td>
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INTERSCCHOOL SPORT 24TH APRIL

On Friday the 24th of April, the Westbreen Netball mixed played against Corpus Christi. Once we got off the bus and into the school, we were nervous but excited to play our first match of the season. It wasn’t too warm but the sun was shining and that made it a bit harder to shoot our goals. Overall the team showed great teamwork and the final scores were Westbreen 23 to Corpus Christi 3, we won our first game of the season. We would like to thank Miss Yvonne for coaching us.

On the 24th of April, our Westbreen Girls netball team played against Corpus Christi. The mixed team played first and did really well. It was then the girls turn. We got started and we did really well on our blocking and passing skills. The finishing scores were Corpus Christi 11 and Westbreen 0 unfortunately we lost but it was a good and fair game!

Thanks to my team for the support and Miss Yvonne for coaching us.
The 1/2s are learning about wild animals this term. As part of an introduction to this unit 1/2B made paper plate wild animals. They shared their work and some facts they had learnt about wild animals at assembly this week. They also entertained everyone with their brilliant dancing to ‘The Lion Sleeps Tonight’. Well done 1/2B!

PARENT & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Mother’s Day Stall on 8th May Gifts from $1.00 to $7.00
If you can help on the stall please be in the hall at 9am

Up Coming Events

Hot Dog Day 19th June 2015
Bunning Sausage Sizzle 19th July 2015
Team Westbreen continues to work tirelessly to stop bullying in our school and to teach students strategies to deal with issues with other students. As well as participating in Social Skills lessons, our students will be attending an interactive show coming to school called ‘The Power of One’ on Wednesday May 20. There is a performance for the Grade Foundation – 2 students at 1 p.m. and a performance for the Grade 3-6 students at 2 p.m.

“The Power of One” deals with the serious issue of bullying and will teach students ways to empower themselves so that they don’t become victims of bullies. The cost is $5 per student.

This performance has been organised by Westbreen’s Students Engagement and Wellbeing Team.

All students are expected to attend this very important performance.

Parents are most welcome to attend the performances.

Karen Wileman
AUSTRALIA BOUND INCURSION

Sally Anne, Phillip and Chris performed ‘Australia Bound’ at Westbreen Primary school this week.

The Grade 3-6 students went to the hall to see a performance. It was called Australia Bound. While we were there we learnt lots about Australia and the Anzacs. Lilly 3/4C

FAMILY TIME

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

We will be making ‘Mother’s Day’ surprises

Shhhhhhhhhhh

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

As I sat eating my half-cold meat pie, I noted something very unusual on the scoreboard.

The footy scores looked like a pair of multiplication equations. I couldn’t believe my eyes so I decided to check. In two very quick gulps I disposed of my pie and took my trusty calculator from my pocket.

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Is it a score? Yes, because 7 goals are worth 42 points, plus the 7 behinds equals 49 points. And it is a multiplication equation because $7 \times 7 = 49$.

Is it a score? Yes, because 3 goals are worth 18 points, plus the 9 behinds equals 27 points. And it is a multiplication equation because $3 \times 9 = 27$.

Amazing!

What a discovery! That night, after the football replay, I spent many hours searching for other examples.

Can you discover them?
Extend OSHC at
Westbreen Primary School

HAVE YOU SAVED THE SERVICE MOBILE NUMBER IN YOUR CONTACTS?
Did you know you can contact your service directly? If you are running late or need to speak with our staff directly, you can contact the service mobile number which is switched on during the service operation hours. Please visit your service to save this number in your contacts for easy access. Note: for all admin related enquiries please contact our office on 1300 366 437.

At After School Care we will be making some cool things for our Mother’s Day, as well as more fun activities weekly so feel free to share your ideas with me kids!

Also don’t forget to bring your hats & warm jackets for these upcoming cold weather.

Looking forward to continuing the awesome fun next term!
- Aysun Kiris

Next week’s activities:
Monday 04th May: Indoor Soccer & Football
Tuesday 05th May: Art & Craft Creations
Wednesday 06th May: Mother’s Day Cards & Pictures
Thursday 07th May: Masterchef Cooking
Friday 08th May: Fun Fridays! (Variety of Activities)
School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their YouthSaver account. In just one term, over 958,000 School Banking deposits were made around Australia. It's a fantastic result that's seen thousands of Australian children begin their savings mission.

Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items

To help keep students on track with their savings mission in Term 2, we've released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.

Invisible Ink Martian Pen
Intergalactic Rocket

You could win a 5 nights’ family trip to California's Disneyland

Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to California's Disneyland.

For more information visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

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MISSED OUR OPEN DAY?

SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE

Wednesday and Friday at 9:20 a.m.
By appointment

Niddrie Campus
Peters Street, Airport West
Ph: 9375 8400

East Keilor Campus
Quinn Grove, East Keilor
Ph: 8331 0109

ESSENDON KEILOR COLLEGE
Email: essendon.keilor.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
www.ekc.vic.edu.au

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**NOTICES SENT HOME**

- **Interschool Sport**
- **The Power of One**

**NAPLAN FOR GRADE 3 & 5**

**EDUCATION WEEK**

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- 2nd Breakfast Club
- 3rd NO FAMILY TIME TODAY MSO excursion
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- 5th Sport away
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- 7th Queens birthday Public holiday
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