Dear Parents and Guardians,

**MID YEAR REPORTS ~ THREE WAY CONFERENCES:**
Tuesday June 24th June is allocated to our Three Way Conferences and as such students do not attend school on this day, but are encouraged to attend the “Three Way Conference.” On Tuesday 10th June, a notice regarding the organisation of this day was distributed to the eldest child of each family. I ask Parents to complete Section 1 of the notice and return it to school by next Monday 16th June. These Conferences play a very important role in the communication between Parent, Teachers and Students, regarding the learning that has occurred to date and future learning plans. I encourage all parents to attend the Conference session. Student Reports will be distributed to families on Friday 20th June with your appointment time/s.

**The School Yard**
Primary school playgrounds are without exception quite amazing places. At Westbreen we have around 225 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 teachers 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.

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 teacher intervention becomes necessary in order to help sort out the problem.
Teachers 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 teachers are there to listen to such difficulties and to provide support. Whilst as teachers we do not encourage the “telling of a thousand tales”, there are definitely instances where we need to be alerted to specific problems. 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 teaching 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.

Thank You to the KAMAN family.

A special thank you to the Kaman family for donating a number of potted plants. Your efforts in supporting our school, is very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful week

Tony Cerra
Principal

DON’T FORGET Tuesday 24th June Three Way Way Conferences
Pupil free day and also LAST DAY OF TERM 2 FINISHING AT 2:15P.M.
Extend OSHC at
Westbreen Primary School

Our weekly recap
After having a long weekend, we were back at After School care to continue to explore and try new activities and games. The kids loved painting pictures and interacting together as a team with one another. Yummy and healthy afternoon snacks were provided as usual. I love observing the kids playing altogether at the playgrounds and using their imaginations for their games. I have also made a folder/portfolio for OSHC children with their photos to use this and put in any materials they have created at or would like to show parents.

Don’t forget to bring your warm jackets!

Looking forward to seeing you all next week and continuing the fun!

Aysun Kiris

Next Week’s activities:
Monday 16 June: Indoor Activities
Tuesday 17 June: play dough fun
Wednesday 18 June: Art & Craft
Thursday 19 June: Nachos
Friday 20 June: Free Choice Fridays

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
**Arancini**

**Ingredients**

- 1L (4 cups) chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 brown onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 330g (1 1/2 cup) SunRice Arborio Risotto Rice
- 40g (1/2 cup) shredded parmesan
- 4 eggs
- 180g (2 cups) dried (packaged) breadcrumbs
- 150g (1 cup) plain flour
- 100g mozzarella, cut into 1.5cm pieces
- Vegetable oil, to deep-fry

**Method**

Place the stock in a medium saucepan over high heat and bring just to the boil. Cover and reduce heat to low. Hold at a gentle simmer.

Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook, covered, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until the onion is soft.

Add the rice to the onion mixture and cook, stirring, until the grains appear slightly glassy. Add a ladleful (about 125ml/1/2 cup) of the simmering stock to the rice mixture and stir constantly with a wooden spoon until the liquid is completely absorbed. Continue to add the stock, 1 ladleful at a time, stirring constantly and allowing the liquid to be absorbed before adding the next ladleful, for 20 minutes or until the rice is tender yet firm to the bite and the risotto is creamy. Stir in the parmesan. Set aside for 2-3 hours to cool completely. Add 2 eggs and stir until well combined.

Place the breadcrumbs on a large plate. Place the flour in a bowl. Crack the remaining eggs into a separate bowl and use a fork to lightly whisk. Use wet hands to shape 2 tablespoons of the risotto mixture into a ball. Press your thumbs into the centre of the ball to make an indent. Place a piece of mozzarella in the indent, then mould the risotto mixture around the mozzarella to enclose. Repeat with the remaining risotto mixture and mozzarella to make 28 balls.

Roll the risotto balls in the flour and shake off any excess. Dip in the egg, then in the breadcrumbs, pressing to coat. Place on a large plate. Place in the fridge for 30 minutes to chill.

Add enough oil in a large saucepan to reach a depth of 5cm. Heat to 190°C over medium-high heat (when the oil is ready a cube of bread will turn golden in 10 seconds). Add risotto balls to the oil and cook a few at a time, turning occasionally, or 4-5 minutes or until golden. Use a slotted spoon to transfer to a plate lined with paper towel.
FAMILY TIME

As Term 2, 2014 comes to an end we will be having a ‘loom band’ bracelet making session during our last Family Time for the term.

Please join us Wednesday 25 June 2014

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

‘FAMILY TIME’ SPECIAL EVENTS

Maybe you have a recipe that everyone loves, or make simple jewellery, or can run a dance workshop, karate????? Anyone with suggestions regarding special events or activities, or even a special skill they might like to share with our families, are encouraged to see either Michelle Brooksby or Paula Ainsworth. We would love to hear from you, and indeed get you involved in any future ‘Family Time’ Events.
Westbreen Primary School’s
UNIFORM-FREE DAY
Tuesday June 17th

$2 donation

All money collected will go to assist research to prevent cot death (S.I.D.S.).

Please choose appropriate clothing and shoes to wear on this day. No make-up.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Hot Dog Day on Thursday the 26th June

orders have to be in by Wednesday 25th June
To support our “Anti-Bullying” policy at school, many students are wearing the orange “Stand up for a Bully” wristbands or pins. Many students missed out on them when we sold them last term. I have a new supply now.

The orange wristbands and pins will be available each morning before school from Ms. Wileman’s room.

A gold coin donation is all you need!

Bully Zero Australia Foundation: Parents Forum

We are very pleased to announce that Bully Zero Foundation Australia is running a parents’ forum at our school on the evening of Thursday June 26 at 7:00 p.m. It will be led by Oscar Yildiz and Dean McGowan.

Oscar Yildiz has twice been Mayor of Moreland, is a Justice of the Peace, a teacher and a passionate educator for the Bully Zero Australia Foundation.

Dean McGowan is a Police Inspector in the Moreland district.

Both are very experienced presenters and are heavily involved in educating students and parents about the dangers of all types of bullying – particularly when it involves digital devices e.g. mobile phones, computers.

Our school works very closely with both the Zero Bullying Australia Foundation and the Alannah and Madeline Foundation (eSmart Program) to teach our students how to keep themselves safe (especially when using the internet), how to deal with bullying behaviour and the ways to report it.

To keep our children safe we need to maintain the strong relationship we have between our school and your home. Hear from the experts, ask the questions you want answered and come away from the evening with a much better knowledge of how to protect your child from bullying.
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