Dear Parents & Guardians,

Introducing My Child Conferences:

Tuesday 25 February and Thursday 27 February we will be conducting our “Introducing my Child Conferences.” These conferences allow parents and teachers to introduce themselves to each other and discuss learning expectations for the year. The conference is for many parents, the first contact that they have had with the school. At Westbreen we believe that the partnership between parents and staff is of vital importance. I look forward to meeting as many Parents during the two days.

Notices were distributed to students on Tuesday, please return completed notices with preferred times to school by next Tuesday 18 February. Appointment times will be forwarded to families on Thursday 21 February.

Every day counts – school attendance

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher early as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

A notice published by the Department reinforcing the message of “EVERY DAY COUNTS” in included with this week’s Newsletter.
Caring For Sick Children:

Every endeavor is made to care for children who are feeling unwell or injured at school. We always have staff members timetabled for yard duty and for First Aid duty during morning and afternoon recess breaks. Our staff are committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all children and we are indeed fortunate to have staff Level 2 First Aid qualified.

We also require the support and cooperation of ALL families in keeping children at home when they are ill or injured and ensuring they have recovered fully before returning to school. We have had a number of children being sent to school still suffering the effects of illness and thus needing to contact parents first thing in the morning to take these children home to be properly cared for. We are not equipped to care for children who arrive at school still obviously suffering from illness, and require parent support in ensuring these children remain at home until they have recovered. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Medications at School:

From time to time students require medication to be administered at school. If this is the case, parents must provide the medication (including Panadol) to the office, along with written consent clearly indicating the dosage to be given.

Have a wonderful week

Tony Cerra
Principal.

ROAD SAFETY

It is wonderful to see that the majority of parents who are dropping off or picking up their children, are doing the right thing and making sure that they cross the road at the lights. However, there are still a few parents who are risking their children’s health and safety by not following this road safety practice. Please ensure that your child crosses the road to school, preferably at the West Street/Pasco Street traffic lights with the added guidance of the Moreland Council Crossing Supervisor.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK ENDING 12th February 2014

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PARENT & FRIENDS NEWS

Easter raffle tickets are going home on the 27th February selling at $1.00 each.

We are after some Easter egg donations for our raffle and the raffle will be drawn on the 2nd April. P & F Meeting tomorrow at 1:30pm.

CANTEEN NEWS
NEW FOOD

3 Fish Fingers and 6 Potato Gems $3.00 and
5 Fish Fingers and 10 Potato Gems $5.00 Starts Monday 17th February 2014
FAMILY TIME

Wednesday 26 February 2014

Calling all Westbreen Master Chefs

Join us for some ‘Food Fun’, we will be making some yummy treats to share for afternoon tea

***A reminder that all students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian***

Nude Food

This week’s winners are 1/2T.

Well done and keep up the great work!
Westbreen Primary School is holding a CASUAL DRESS DAY on Tuesday 18th February

$2 DONATION

All money raised will go to people and animals affected by the Victorian bushfires.

(Wear SunSmart clothes/hat and sensible shoes No make-up)

HUGE GARAGE SALE

at

98 South Street Glenroy on Saturday 15th February & Sunday 16th February from 8am large amount of household items are for sale
**Tomato Pizza Squares**

- 2 slices of soft bread
- Enough fresh tomato sauce or tomato paste to cover bread
- 2 slices of tomato cut into quarters
- 2 Slices of cheese
- Little bits of basil

**You**’ll also need:
- Sharp knife
- Oven
- Oven tray
- Baking paper

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180°C (170°C fan-forced)
2. Spread tomato sauce onto each slice
3. Cut each slice of bread into four squares
4. Cut the tomato slices into fours
5. Cut the cheese into eight small squares to fit each bread square
6. Top the bread squares with tomato slices and the cheese
7. Pop into the oven for around 10-12 minutes or until the cheese starts to bubble
8. Remove from oven, add a little sprig of basil to each square, cool through and pack into lunch box for the morning

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**Extend OSHC at Westbreen Primary School**

**Our weekly recap**

Last week we had lots of fun both inside and outside in the sunshine! We drew a mural of our families, which we will finish and display next week! Keira got very creative with pipe-cleaners and LEGO – building an incredible town hall. We had time to play outside on both playgrounds, and on Tuesday Lachlan helped make yummy pizzas for afternoon tea on English Muffins. We decorated biscuits with wacky faces, and Jordan had fun playing Snakes & Ladders outside. The kids are doing a great job at remembering their hats so we can go outside – keep it up! - Alicia

**Our Extend Superstar is ….. Lachlan H**

For being very helpful and extremely enthusiastic to participate in activities!

**Next week’s activities:**

**Monday 17 February:**
- Finish mural and Outdoor Game

**Tuesday 18 February:**
- Octopus and Colouring in

**Wednesday 19 February:**
- Musical chairs and Origami

**Thursday 20 February:**
- Celebrity heads and Outdoor Game

**Friday 21 February:**
- Hot Potato & Shadow Tag

**ONLINE BOOKINGS:** [extend.com.au](http://extend.com.au)

**CALL OUR OFFICE:** 1300 366 437
You are invited to attend:

“KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE”

on

Thursday March 6th

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Camberwell Girls’ Grammar

2 Torrington St. Camberwell

$15 per person at the door (no EFTPOS)

The presentation will cover:

- Simple measures to create a fun, educational, positive and safe online experience
- Understand the real-life dangers and responsibilities
- The importance of a parents’ or teacher’s role in keeping children safe online
- The “grey” area between school and home
- SOCIAL NETWORKING * THE LAW ONLINE * IDENTITY PROTECTION
- CYBER-BULLYING * SEXTING * ONLINE GAMING

The presenter is Brett Lee. He worked as a Queensland Police Officer for 22 years, 16 of those as a Detective (mainly in the field of child exploitation). In his last five years of service he was a specialist in the field of undercover internet child exploitation investigations.

He is now a leading international speaker on the topic of digital compliance and internet safety.

To book a place: email rick@criticalagendas.com.au (include your name and tickets required) or Freecall 1800 638 012
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

**Why it’s important**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

**Getting in early**

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

**What we can do**

The main reasons for absence are:

- **Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

- **It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.**

- **“Day off!” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.**

- **Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au
Boys & Girls

IF YOU ARE AGE 8 TO 12 YEARS OLD IN 2014 & WOULD LOVE TO PLAY AUSSIE RULES FOOTY, REGISTER TO PLAY AFL JUNIOR FOOTBALL WITH THE COBURG DISTRICTS FOOTBALL CLUB.

Comparsion: E.D.F.L
Season: APRIL to AUGUST
Game Days: SUNDAY
Home Ground: COLE RESERVE
Street: Cnr. CUMBERLAND & KENT ROAD
Suburb: PASCOE VALE
Registration Day: SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2014
  10:00am to 12:00pm
Registration Fee: $180-
Training Starts: WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2014
  5:00pm to 6:00pm
Junior Contacts: STUART LEEDS  0413 77 33 44
                 ALLAN CHANDLER  0417 394 001
Email: cobbdistricts@optusnet.com.au

Girls & Boys

IF YOU ARE AGE 5 TO 12 YEARS OLD AND YOU WOULD LOVE TO LEARN HOW TO TRAIN AND PRACTICE THE SKILLS OF AUSSIE RULES FOOTY

AFL Auskick at Coburg Districts is for you!

Auskick Centre: COBURG DISTRICTS AUSKICK CENTRE
Centre Location: COLE RESERVE
Street: Cnr. CUMBERLAND & KENT ROAD
Suburb: PASCOE VALE
Day of Operation: THURSDAY
Time: 4:30 pm to 5:30pm
Commencing: 24th APRIL 2014
Register Online @ aflauskick.com.au
Registration Day: MONDAY 31th MARCH  4:30pm to 5:30pm
Centre Contact: STUART LEEDS
Contact Number: 0413 77 33 44
Email: auskickcdfs@hotmail.com

Volunteers:
Coburg Districts Auskick Centre will be looking for various levels of volunteer assistance for the upcoming 2014 season. Anyone who may be able to assist in any way please contact :
STUART - 0413 77 33 44      ALLAN - 0417 394 001
2014 Movies in the Park
A free community event for all the family

Labyrinth (G)
Friday 14 February
Bain Reserve
Merlyn Street
Coburg North
(Melways Ref: 17 G6)

Monsters University (G)
Friday 21 February
CB Smith Reserve
Jukes Road
Fawkner
(Melways Ref: 17 J2)

FREE sausage sizzle and roving entertainment from 8 pm
Film screened at nightfall (approximately 9 pm)
For more information phone 9240 1111 or visit moreland.vic.gov.au

MUSIC FOR THE PEOPLE
4 PM – 8.30 PM
SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2014
SHORE RESERVE, PASCOE VALE SOUTH

LIVE WORLD MUSIC
KYLIE AULDIST
AND THE GLENROY ALL STARS

LOTek
GATOR QUEEN
LA DESCARGA
MC EE'DA
BRAHIM

WORKSHOPS
KIDS ACTIVITIES
FOOD STALLS
CRAFT STALLS
FREE EVENT!

GETTING THERE
TRAM 55, STOP 42
MELVILLE ROAD / REYNARD STREET
BUS 512
MELWAYS REF: 29 C2

FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE 9240 1111 OR VISIT MORELAND.VIC.GOV.AU
Dental Services

Emergency
Emergency dental treatment is available at the Brunswick clinic for all current pension card and Health Care Card holders.

When clients contact the Brunswick site on (03) 9387 6711 the dental condition will be assessed and treatment arranged if required. The cost of treatment varies according to your circumstances but is usually $25.50 per visit.

Staff will ask the client four or five questions to quickly work out what the dental condition is. This information will be used to assess the treatment needs, and arrange an appropriate appointment if required.

Please note that at times there is a high demand for emergency services and patients may be transferred to The Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne.

General Dental Services
General adult dental services are provided.

Clients who wish to have general dental treatment will need to present with a current Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card, to the Brunswick site in person, to place their name of the waiting list.

Waiting lists will vary depending on the client’s age and dental requirements.

Who can use the service?
If you are over 18 years of age and hold a current Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card, you are eligible to go on a waiting list for general dental care.

Non card holders will need to access the private sector.

What type of care is provided for adults?
- Dental check-ups and advice
- Dental sealants to prevent decay
- Teeth cleanings
- Fillings
- Extractions
- Denture services

How much does it cost?
- The treatment fee is $25.50 per visit, up to a maximum of $102.00 per course of treatment
- Acrylic dentures will cost no more than $61.50 per denture

Children
The Early Childhood Oral Health Program, is for children aged 0 – 6 years, as well as primary school children from grade prep to grade 6. This focuses on prevention of oral disease and provides dental treatment.

No waiting period is required.

Type of care provided
All general dental treatment is provided including:
- Dental check-ups and advice
- Dental sealants to prevent decay
- Teeth cleaning
- Fillings

How much does it cost?
- The service is free for your child if you hold a current Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- Non-concession card holders pay a fee of $30.50 per child, per course of treatment, which includes a dental examination and all general treatment

Teens
Brunswick provides a range of dental care services for children and adolescents. No waiting period is required.

Teen Dental Vouchers
Merri Community Health Services accepts your Medicare Teen Dental Voucher. Medicare Australia will automatically send eligible teenagers or their families/carers, a voucher for a preventative dental check, each calendar year.

Please bring your voucher and your Medicare card with you to your appointment, and advise reception that you have a teen dental voucher, when booking the appointment.

Type of care provided
All general dental treatment is provided including:
- Dental check-ups and advice
- Dental sealants to prevent decay
- Teeth cleaning
- Fillings

How much does it cost?
The service is free for your child if you hold a current Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card. Non card holders will need to access the private sector.

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11 Glenlyon Road, Brunswick 3056
(03) 9387 6711
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