Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term Four, I trust that you have all had a wonderful Term Three break and were able to spend some quality time with your children. Term Four has started extremely positively with all classes settling in well. Students are investigating the following Concept during Term Four:

- **Environment**
  
The focus for each grade level is as follows:

  - **Junior School**
    - **What Lives in the Garden?**
      
      At Foundation Level students observe and describe life cycles, habitats and ecosystems and the requirements necessary for survival of plants.

    - **What Lives in the Garden? Mini-beasts**
      
      At Levels One & Two students observe and describe life cycles, habitats and ecosystems and the requirements necessary for survival. They learn to generate questions about their observations.

  - **Middle School**
    - **The 4R’s**
      - (Reduce, Re-use, Rethink, Recycle)
      
      At Levels Three & Four students explore the relationships between living things in a range of different environments. They develop an understanding and formulate strategies of reducing waste which are put into practice by reusing, rethinking and recycling.

  - **Senior School**
    - **The World in Crisis – Natural Disasters**
      
      At Levels Five & Six students explore how humans and natural disasters have affected different environments of the world. They identify the way humans and natural disasters impact on ecosystems and inhabitants. Students use their knowledge of the Earth as part of the solar system to consider solutions to past, current and future challenges.

Please take the time to discuss your child’s learning journey nightly, as often learning is reinforced when children share their daily learning.
Reminders:

**PUPIL FREE DAY: FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER ~ FIRST FRIDAY of TERM FOUR:**

This Friday 10 October is allocated to our third Pupil Free Day for 2014. Staff will be involved with four other local primary schools to continue discussing, reviewing and planning the teaching of Mathematics. The day will be facilitated by Mr Michael Ymer. Michael has been working with our school for the last 12 months and is an experienced mathematics teacher/consultant who has been involved in numerous Victorian State initiatives in mathematics.

**SUNSMART IS BACK:**

Students are required to wear hats this Term. Sun smart hats are sold through our Uniform Shop or the General Office. The Uniform shop is open on Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 9:30am.

**WALK to SCHOOL MONTH:**

By now your child should have delivered an information letter regarding the VicHealth Walk to School Month. We are participating in this program with the aim of encouraging all our students to walk to and from school every day in October, and to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing. We realise many of you live further away from school and rely on driving, but we are hoping you might get involved by parking in the school surrounding area and walk your child to the gate. Not only will this teach children healthy habits, but it will go towards achieving the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for children each day. Walking to and from school can also reduce the traffic congestion, parking difficulties and the associated environmental impacts. We look forward to everyone joining in and making this a fun and healthy month!

**REGIONAL ATHLETIC FINALS:**

Six Westbreen students represented the Glenroy District in Athletics Field Events yesterday at Meadowglen International Athletics Track. We are very proud of all our students, but we give special congratulations to Mia H, Christopher A, Sinan G, Daniel E, Karim K and Matisse D for making it so far and further developing their physical and leadership qualities. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the three mothers who transported and supported the children on the day. This was much appreciated by all.

Have a wonderful week

*Tony Cerra*

Principal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK ENDING 8th October, 2014

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<td>For her great leadership skills. Great job at directing the class. Well done!</td>
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Cohealth are providing limited dental checkups at your child’s school
This limited examination for your child is **free**

*Please complete the Cohealth consent form sent home with your child and return by*

**Friday 10th of October 2014**

*We will be visiting the school from*

**Wednesday 15th of October 2014**

We provide a full range of general dental care **free** at our clinics below if required

*Niddrie 8378 3566    Kensington 8378 1670    Footscray 8398 4100*
CONGRATULATIONS

PA  Isabella  PD  Aaron  1/2B  Cameron
1/2M  Mohammed  1/2T  Keira

All deserving winners of our STRIVE family KITE project

P-2 KITES

Thursday October 16, 2014 (TERM 4, Week 2) at 2.15pm will be our Kite Assembling Day. This is when we will be constructing all the kites so that they are ready for our kite flying day in the following weeks.

****PARENT ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED FOR THIS DAY, PLEASE SEE MICHELLE IF YOU CAN HELP US OUT****

Kite Flying Day will be determined at a later time when we can gauge the perfect weather conditions for this special event. Parents are welcome, and will be encouraged to attend and participate in this event.

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO WESTBREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2015

Please return this form to the school office ASAP:

Child / Children’s Name/s: _______________________________________________________

2014 Grade/s: _______________________________________________________________

Transferring to: _____________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________________________________
PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to Term 4, 2014

A HUGE thank you to all of our families who have been able to commit to supporting our teaching and learning programs, and various other areas of Team Westbreen throughout Term 1, 2 & 3 2014.

The ‘Parent Volunteers Timetable’ for Term 4, 2014 will remain exactly the same as the timetable in place at the end of Term 3, 2014. If your availability and/or preferences have changed, please see Michelle Brooksby so that she can alter days and times to suit you. Your partnership in learning is very much appreciated by the students and staff at Westbreen Primary School.

Anyone not already on our ‘Parent Volunteers Timetable’, who would like to be, are most welcome to contact Michelle Brooksby to discuss your preferences.

Chicken quesadillas

This simple version of the quesadilla is open for you to add your favourite ingredients. A quesadilla is essentially some type of meat with cheese, folded into a tortilla and cooked. You can make it your own.

Ingredients

- 4 tortillas
- 6 tbsp cream cheese
- 3 shallots
- 2 cups cooked chicken, sliced or shredded
- 2 cups mozarella cheese

Method
1. Lay out the tortillas on the bench. Mix the cream cheese with the shallots. Spread equal amounts on each tortilla.
2. Top with chicken and cheese. Fold in half.
3. Heat a frying pan or a contact grill. Spray the pan or grill with canola oil and grill. Turn halfway through.
4. Cut into wedges and serve.
Weekly recap

Welcome back to Term 4 and another week of awesome fun at After School Care. The kids and I made scrumptious mini cup cakes with our very own yummy toppings. Pizza Sandwiches are a great way to use leftover bread and to turn it into something delicious as well as fun with the kids! New sport equipments and games will be provided by Extend, and I have also chosen some cool Art & Craft things for the children to do and use at the service. Our After School Care Scrap Book is still in progress and adding up every week so don’t forget to share your ideas with me kids. Looking forward to seeing you all next week and continuing the fun! – Aysun

Next week’s activities

Monday 06th October: Indoor sports and Games
Tuesday 07th October: Outdoor playgrounds and fun
Wednesday 08th October: Art & Craft Activities
Thursday 09th October: Making yummy Jelly & Drawings for our ASC Book
Friday 10th October: Pupil Free Day (No ASC).

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
School Banking Day Reminder:

☑️ Remember School Banking is every Tuesday.

☑️ You can bank as much as you like every week, School Banking is about frequency not value.

☑️ Every time a student makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmite reward item shown below.

2014 Rewards

2014 reward items include:
- Handball
- Scented Pencils
- Penguin and Dolphin Keyrings
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Tin Moneybox
- Swimming Bag
- Projector Cup
- Sea Streamers
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