Dear Parents and Guardians,

School Review

Mid Term Three we completed our school self–evaluation in preparation for our school review day which was conducted late Term 3. As has been previously communicated the school review is a key component of school accountability. It is designed to provide an expert, independent analysis of current school performance and practice and to advise us on the goals for student outcomes and appropriate key improvement strategies that will help shape the school's new strategic plan. Schools undertake different types of review to reflect their particular needs. This year at Westbreen we have completed a Peer Review. To ensure a high quality standard across the system, all peer reviews are conducted by a panel of at least two peers (school principals / accredited reviewers) and are facilitated by an externally accredited reviewer.

The school self-evaluation process involved analysing all available data for the last four / five years (Strategic Plan 2010-2014). We used evidence from a range of sources including:

- Student achievement including teacher judgements in the VELS and AusVELS
- NAPLAN results
- Student Attitudes to School, Parent and Staff opinion surveys
- Student voice

Please return this form to the school office ASAP:

CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO WESTBREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2015

Child / Children’s Name/s: __________________________________________

2014 Grade/s: ______________________________________________________

Transferring to: ___________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: ________________________________________
The process looked at what we have achieved in the areas of Achievement, Engagement, Wellbeing and Productivity. School review followed directly on from school self-evaluation and the review panel and the school leadership team worked together. We will be provided with advice on improvement strategies that will help shape the school’s strategic plan for the next four years.

It is with a great deal of pride, positiveness and enthusiasm I include the following quotations from our Peer Review Report which is to be lodged with the DEECD:

“Westbreen Primary School has made considerable advances in the past five years. There is much to celebrate in some of the school’s achievement data, in its parent and student opinion data and in the fact that it is now attracting higher Prep enrolments due to its improved perception in the community. The school reviewer first visited the school in 2010 in another capacity and has been most impressed by the transformation that has occurred since then. While the school has benefited greatly from strategic investments in its buildings and grounds, the major impact has been in the sense of optimism that now pervades the school. There is a school-wide belief that is reflected in the demeanour of the staff and students that this is a good school and that its students have every opportunity to do well.”

“The panel was impressed by the school’s Professional Learning Team (PLT) structures which have greatly improved communication and accountability amongst staff and the panel gained a sense of high levels of mutual support, cooperation and a strong commitment to improved teaching performance amongst staff. The School Improvement Team (SIT) structure which operates alongside the PLTs, provides further ways for staff to be deeply involved in processes to improve all aspects of school life. Strong, well informed and committed leadership is often a characteristic of an effective school and such leadership is apparent at a number of levels at this school.

Student engagement figures based on the Student Attitudes to School Survey indicate that students are very much engaged with their school and their learning. The popular “STRIVE” program has had an impact as have the myriad other programs and activities the school offers to engage students with their learning. The school’s extensive Student Leadership program and the status it is accorded, gives students a genuine sense of participation in improving their school.”

“The school has well established protocols and policies for managing student wellbeing issues and has a core of caring people who work with students who need support. School wide programs to promote the schools values of respect and resilience would seem to be effective given the very positive results on the Student Attitudes to School Survey Wellbeing factor. In the Student Relationship factor Classroom Behaviour ranks very highly as does Student Safety and both are important indicators of school climate. The reviewer observed orderly, well behaved, respectful and happy students in his visits to classrooms. The tone of this school is excellent.”
Part of the review process also involved an audit process to ensure we met all the requirements of the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA). This audit process was successfully completed and endorsed by ourReviewer Mr Peter Gannon.

**Hats! Hats! Hats!**
This is a timely reminder that the school hat is a compulsory part of the school uniform during term four. Please ensure that the hat is labelled clearly with your son’s or daughter’s name and is included on a daily basis in the school bag. It is really important that as a school community we encourage our children to support our “Sunsmart” policy.

Have a wonderful week

**Tony Cerra**
Principal

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**WEEK ENDING 15th October, 2014**

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**MUSIC LESSONS**

Music Lessons will be commencing in Week 2 (this week) and 3. The due date for all notes are due back by the 30th October and If you are paying upfront fees is also due by the 30th October. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Michael on 0405 018 708.
Extend OSHC at Westbreen Primary School

Weekly recap

At After School Care this week the kids and I had an awesome time making our own mini chocolate cup cakes, they took charge and did a fantastic job cleaning up and making their own decorated cup cakes to eat. We love seeing new faces and kids joining into the service so welcome and come on board to the fun!

Our children are excited to colour in and make cards for our ‘Magic Moments Foundation’ and I am honoured to help and support too.

Also don’t forget to bring your hats for outdoors kids.

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

Next week’s activities
Monday 13th October: Indoor sports and Games
Tuesday 14th October: Outdoor playgrounds and fun
Wednesday 15th October: Art & Craft Activities
Thursday 16th October: Making yummy Jelly & Drawings for our ASC Book
Friday 17th October: Fun Free Fridays.

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

Are you ready to Share Christmas?

Term 4 sees the launch of our Extend-a-Hand annual Project and we would love your children to be a part of it. We hope to empower and inspire our children by asking them to ‘Share Christmas’.

Extend is teaming up with Magic Moments Foundation by participating in the Basket Brigade Program to help families in need. The Basket Brigade Program raises funds throughout the year in order to put together gift baskets for families in need with items including food, necessities, and even toys.

Extend is honoured to be given the opportunity for the children in our programs to hand-craft the Christmas cards that are placed inside these baskets. We’ve named this the Share Christmas Project.

Until Wednesday 12 November, children who attend any Extend service can contribute to the Basket Brigade by making cards for families. We encourage you to speak with your child (ten) about this worthy cause so that they can get excited and involved in our Share Christmas Project.

Thank you for your support in a wonderful cause.
‘One Goal, One Community’ Day

The World Game comes to Fawkner
Celebrating our Multiculturalism and Diversity through Football

Federal Member for Wills, Kelvin Thomson MP, together with SBS and the Melbourne City College of Football at John Fawkner Secondary College, is proud to invite all members of our local community to the ‘One Goal, One Community Day, the World Game comes to Fawkner—Celebrating Multiculturalism and Diversity through Football

When: Saturday 18th October from 11am to 1:30pm.
Where: John Fawkner Secondary College, 51 Jukes Road Fawkner
11am Kick Off - One Goal, One Community Cup
SBS All Stars & Former Socceroos
Vs
John Fawkner Secondary College XI
12:30pm Free Junior Football Clinic with former Socceroos

For local boys and girls and primary school students, with Craig Foster and David Zdrilic (Please register your interest and year level by contacting either
John Fawkner Secondary College on 9359 1166
john.fawkner.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au or Mr Thomson’s Office on 9350 5777 or
Anthony.Cianflone@aph.gov.au

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2015 NETBALL COMP

SVNC

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY NETBALL?

Are you 8yrs old by the 1/1/2015? If so, you can join SVNC! We are taking registrations NOW for 8 years through to Open Age, girls and boys for the 2015 Season.
- Part of the VBCCACNAI Competition
- Playing at Clifton Park Netball, Aberfeldie
- Saturday afternoon games from 12pm
- Commences 16th March 2015
- Training at St Vincent’s Primary School
- Also offering Net Set Go program for 6-8yrs

Register NOW by completing the registration form on our website. Registrations close 18/11/14
Grading Day U11 & over, Early December TBA
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
For all enquiries, call Tracy on 0419 200 671
or email admin@stvincentsnetball.com.au

www.stvincentsnetball.com.au
‘MELBOURNE WALKS TOGETHER’
Oct 25th 1.00pm State Library, 328 Swanston St, Melbourne.

Welcome to Australia’s annual ‘Walk Together’, celebrating cultural diversity and inclusion. Family friendly parade from the State Library to Treasury Gardens, with entertainment from speakers and performers. Celebrities joining us on the day include: Tom Ballard as our MC, Father Bob, Wesa Chau (2010 Young Victorian of the Year), Meshel Laurie (Nova), Florelie Escano, Thando Sikwila (The Voice), Krishool (The Voice) and Navid Foroughi (Afghan Idol). Walkers are invited to wear national costumes and bring instruments to join in the festive fun.

The Bluestone Cottage is turning 150 and we’re having a party to celebrate!

Please join us.
There will be displays, activities, afternoon tea and birthday cake.
Bring along friends and family and learn more about Coburg’s history.

Where: 82 Bell Street, Coburg (next to the Moreland Municipal Offices)

When: Sunday, 19 October 2014, 2-4pm

Contact:
Email coburg_historical_society@yahoo.com.au
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CoburgHistoricalSociety
or PO Box 295 Pascoe Vale South 3044

This organisation is supported through operational funding by Moreland City Council’s Community Grants Program.
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

Clam of Fortune Promotion

We’re rewarding regular savings by sharing the Dollarmites latest find, precious prizes from the ancient Clam of Fortune.

- 40 GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 Slip N’ Slide Double Wave Riders

Entry into the promotion is a little bit different to those we have run previously. For every School Banking deposit made during the competition period, the student will receive one entry into the competition (up to a maximum of 6 entries). So the more they save, the more chances they have to win a prize. Competition period: 20 October — 30 November 2014.

For more information, or to view the full competition terms and conditions, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers
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**NOTICES SENT HOME**
- **CERES excursion for Grade 3 to 4**
- **Graduation Bears Grade 6**
- **WOORABINDA CAMP**

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