Dear Parents and Guardians,

Planning 2016

Thank you to those families who have already notified the school of changes in their school placement for 2016. The planning process associated with the development of class structures and class groups is now in progress.

In establishing classes the following criteria is taken into account:

- the children’s individual learning capabilities.
- the known social, emotional, and physical stages of the individual child.
- friendship groupings (Determined by a Socio-gram which is filled in by the student. The aim of this exercise is to ensure that all students be placed with at least one friend from their socio-gram. If this is not possible due to educational needs parents will be consulted.)
- balancing the number of males and females in each class.
- the nature of English as an additional language learners and other special needs in each group.
- creating classes which have similar educational and behavioural profiles.
- allowance for anticipated growth in class numbers.
- compatibility of sub-groupings.
- the children’s ability to cope with change.

For those Parents, wishing to have input into the placement of their children for 2016, all requests are to be made in writing and should be based on Educational Grounds. All written requests must be received by tomorrow Friday 23 October, 2015 and addressed to Mr Cerra.

I remind Parents if they are aware that their child/children WILL NOT be attending our school in 2016, could they please fill in the form attached to this week’s newsletter and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Likewise if parents have children starting school next year and have not contacted the school for an enrolment pack, we would appreciate it greatly if they would do so at their earliest convenience.

Have a wonderful week

Tony Cerra
Principal
# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**WEEK ENDING 21\textsuperscript{st} October 2015**

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<td>For working hard during class time, and completing all her work.</td>
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<td>For the great effort she has made in writing her narrative. Well done Eman!</td>
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<td>For her magnificent improvement in reading and her awesome contributions during reading groups.</td>
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<td>Sunpreet G</td>
<td>For putting a lot of effort into all of her school work. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>For always supporting and encouraging her peers. Well done!</td>
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<td>Jaxon K</td>
<td>For trying really hard to be on time this week. Well done! Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Aaron M</td>
<td>For always trying his best. Keep up the good work Aaron!</td>
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<td>5 6A</td>
<td>Sinan G</td>
<td>For showing improvement in his reading comprehension.</td>
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<td>Jacob M</td>
<td>For showing an excellent attitude to his school work this week. Great job!</td>
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**CHILDREN NOT RETURNING TO WESTBREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2016**

Please return this form to the school office ASAP:

Child / Children’s Name/s: ____________________________________________

2015 Grade/s: _______________________________________________________

Transferring to: ___________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________________________
CHECK this OUT!!! OUR BLOGS HAVE GONE MOBILE!

WHAT YOU NEED...

QR Code Reader (Qrafter, i-nigma, FancyQR, Qrafter Pro). If you do not have one, you can easily download one for free from your IOS (apple app store) or android app store.

FIRST AID IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM - ST JOHNS AMBULANCE AUSTRALIA (VIC) INC.

Westbreen Primary School First Aid Program - Thursday 22 October 2015

The St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program will deliver free First Aid training to 150,000 Victorian Primary School Students in 2015 at no cost to schools or parents. In 2014, the second full year of operation, the St John First Aid in Schools Program trained 180,000 primary school students. By 2017, St John Ambulance aims to train 200,000 students each year.

The knowledge and skills gained in our First Aid in Schools Program will develop First Aid awareness in school children and contribute to building a more resilient community. This learning is age-appropriate and integrates with the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) curriculum.

The St John Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program consists of three modules:
- Module 1 (45mins) - Prep to Year 2
- Module 2 (45mins) - Year 3 to 4
- Module 3 (45mins) - Year 5 to 6

This free Program is delivered by St John Ambulance Professional Trainers, teaching primary school students on the importance of First Aid and what to do in an event of an emergency.
Our first Breakfast Club for Term 4 will be held on Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} October. Breakfast will be served from the canteen from 8:15am until 8:50am for everyone to come and have some breakfast. There will be cereal, toast and juice available. This would be a great opportunity for you to ride or walk to school with Mum or Dad, Sister, Brother, Grandparent etc and they too can enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee when they get here. Looking forward to seeing many happy & hungry faces!
Ms Georgie

**FAMILY TIME**

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

We will be making
Salt dough Ornaments

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

PRESENTS: CHRIS DAICOS

“BUILDING RESILIENCY IN ADOLESCENTS”
A PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Date: Thursday 29th October
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Venue: NOLS, Niddrie Campus
19 Peters Street, Airport West
(A light supper is provided)

According to adolescent psychologist, Andrew Fuller, resiliency is the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life.
The resilient young person has:
- Social competence
- Problem-solving skills
- Autonomy
- A sense of purpose and future

Chris’ presentation provides practical strategies to assist parents to help their children to develop these characteristics. It will provide an opportunity to identify and learn about the positive factors that build resilience. It will enable parents to consider ways of increasing and maximizing the protective factors for adolescents.

As a trained social worker and teacher Chris has extensive experience in working directly with children and adolescents in schools. Her work has involved counselling students and their parents individually and in groups.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL BY WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2015
PH: 9375 8400

This is a FREE event sponsored by SFYS

DAY FOR DANIEL
Friday October 30
Our students will be participating in a range of activities to promote child safety.
Family fun night

Children’s Week
Games tournament
6.15 pm, Tuesday 27 October
Glenroy Library

Children’s Week is an annual event celebrating the right of children to enjoy childhood. What better way to celebrate childhood than to play games with your family? We will play a combination of games like Dominoes, Pictionary, Celebrity Head and others. To end the night we will have a paper plane flying competition. Come along and join in the fun!

Register online: childrensactivitiesMCL.eventbrite.com.au
Romsey Primary School 150th Anniversary Open Day

Saturday October 24th from 10.00am – 4.00pm

All past students, families and staff of Romsey Primary School are invited to our 150th celebration at the current school site in Station Street, Romsey. Visits to the old school will be available, and there will be displays, demonstrations, a mini market day, and gourmet bar-b-cue lunch on the day. An official ceremony will be held at 2.30pm. Other activities in Romsey over that weekend include a special screening of Dusty at the Mechanics Institute with an old time supper afterwards on Saturday evening, a special World Children’s Day activity program at Sydney Seymour Cottage (hosted by the Romsey Lancefield Historical Society) on Sunday and a family picnic day at the old school site also on Sunday. Some of the local cafes, restaurants and hotels will be offering special deals for those attending the Open Day at Romsey. All good reasons to come along and catch up with old acquaintances!

For further information visit the Romsey Primary school website www.romseyps.vic.edu.au or call 03 5429 5099. Email your attendance to romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
The Mobile Planter Box Crew

You might have noticed some changes happening in the gardens around the school! Thanks to the grant we received from the Lord Mayors Fund earlier this year we now have 5 new planter boxes and a weekly session for a small group of student from across the year levels. The students are learning about growing plants, garden maintenance, harvesting, worm farms, composting and cooking. The group is being run by Diana, a local horticulturist, supported by Lisa from Merri Community Health Services, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Mahlis.

This is a great time of the year to grow vegetables in your own garden; Diana has shared her tips for gardening if you want to try this at home.

DIANA’S TIPS FOR EDIBLE GARDENS

It is now the perfect time to plant:

- Tomatoes
- Zucchini
- Eggplant
- Capsicum

How to grow your own vegetables!

1. In your garden, dig in 1 bag of compost or manure per square metre or 1 big spade of for each plant before planting.
2. Space plants 90cm apart otherwise they will get whitefly and other diseases
3. Mulch with straw about 5cm deep

Watering your vegetable!

Water regularly - but not too much when they are young (about 1 cup every 3 days).

When the plants are about 60cm tall, start watering every day, give them about ¼ water can.
Always remember to water AROUND the plant, not straight at the stem else it could rot.
**The Mobile Planter Box Crew**

This week the Mobile Planter Box Crew moved from the garden into the kitchen to learn how to make dips using ingredients inspired from around the world. The students loved learning to make these dips, especially the taste testing at the end. They rated the dips as 10/10! These dips are really simple and fun to make and eat with the whole family!

**Recipes**

**Dips of the World**

tbsp – table spoon
tsp - teaspoon

### MUNCHY MIDDLE EAST

**HOUMMOUS**

**Ingredients**
- 2 x 400g Chickpeas – (keep some of liquid)
- 4 tsp Tahini – (stir well)
- 2 garlic cloves – crushed
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 6 tbsp olive oil
- 3 ½ tbs squeezed lemon
- Paprika, coriander or parsley to decorate

**Methods**
1. Whisk tahina and lemon juice – or put in food blender
2. Add other ingredients, blend together

Serve with pita or fresh vegetables

### DEADLY KOORI CREATION

**CINNAMON MYRTLE YOGHURT DIP**

**Ingredients**
- 1 cup plain yoghurt
- 1 clove of garlic (minced)
- ¼ cup chopped macadamia
- ¼ cup parsley (chopped)
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon myrtle

**Methods**
1. Mix all together

2. Serve with fresh veg or wattle pitta chips

Indigenous herbs from www.bushtuckershop.com

### AUDACIOUS AFRICAN DIP

**Ingredients**
- ½ cup olive oil
- 3 tbsp za’atar
- 3 cloves of garlic (minced)
- 1 bunch coriander/cilantro

**Methods**
1. Mix all ingredients together

### AWSOME ASIAN DIP

**Ingredients**
- Cup sour cream
- 1 tbs tbsp sweet chilli sauce
- 95g tin tuna in oil POUR OFF EXCESS OIL (Italian style, or lemon pepper)
- 3-4 mint leaves (chopped)
- 8-9 lemon thyme leaves (chopped)

**Methods**
1. Drain oil from tuna
2. Mix all ingredients together
Spring Working Bee  
Friday 30 October  
3:30pm – 5:30pm

Our Spring Working Bee for 2015 is set to go in two weeks and we would love to catch up with as many parents who can spare a couple of hours to assist us in making our school environment safe and eye-catching in preparation for our annual Foundation (Prep) Transition month.

We need to place more soft fall mulch under playgrounds, plant more shrubs/plants, general weeding and sweeping of walkways, and finish off with a Sausage Sizzle BBQ.

*If you can spare the time, please fill in the form below and return to school as soon as possible.*

**SPRING 2015 WORKING BEE**

We are able to attend the Working Bee on Friday 30 October:

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(If you live close by and you have a wheelbarrow, rake or broom, please bring them along as they are very useful with the transporting and spreading of mulch!!)

**I am able to bring (circle):** wheelbarrow / whipper snipper / rake / broom / shovel / secateurs / other: ______________________________
Extend OSHC at Westbreen Primary School

At After School Care this week the children had heaps of fun making their own Origami boxes. We also made some yummy Pizza Sandwich's, which the children all missed and loved making as well as eating!

We are still working on our Extend-a-hand Place mats project for 'Meals On Wheels so keep up the fantastic effort everyone.

Also don't forget to always wear your hats when outdoors and to 'Slip Slop Slap' on some sunscreen kids.

Looking forward to continuing the awesome fun next week!

Aysun Kiris

Next Term’s activities:
Monday 26th October: Mini Cupcakes
Tuesday 27th October: Musical dance & freeze
Wednesday 28th October: Art & Craft Creations
Thursday 29th October: Indoor Sports & Activities
Friday 30th October: Fun Fridays!
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