Dear Parents and Guardians,

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance:

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015. The money will be allocated to eligible schools through school’s core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

The end of the EMA direct payment to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

The School Council recognises the importance of balancing between the total amounts requested to parents and providing the very best learning environment for our students. We are pleased to advise that 2015 marks the second year of no increase to the total amount charged to parents. This means that our 2015 Essential Items Fee will remain at $120.00 and a voluntary donation (1 per family) of $25.00. The School Management team is currently in discussions with our Book Pack distributors in order to finalise 2015 Book Packs. We anticipate the cost of the book packs to be approximately $60.00. A notice will be issued early November to all families regarding our Teaching & Learning Payments for 2015. The total amount of approximately $205.00 equates to less than $1.00 per school day, per child for the school year.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, I encourage you to make an appointment via the school office to discuss your situation with me, Mr Cerra.

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**Visiting Classrooms:**

When I visit classrooms it is really pleasing to see the way our children apply themselves to their learning and take a real interest in the integrated units of work being studied each term.

It is most satisfying to see the children focussed and engaged in their learning. Our children have a real desire to absorb new information and this is fostered and developed due to the careful, considered planning undertaken by our teaching teams.

Each week teachers meet as a level to plan the content of the curriculum and share ideas as to how it may be delivered and assessed. The following week they may reflect on their practice and consider successes and what activities perhaps didn’t meet the expected outcomes. Teaching practices are regularly reflected upon and reviewed during team planning meetings. This reflection is used to improve classroom teaching practices and engage children.

Have a wonderful week

*Tony Cerra*

Principal

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**WEEK ENDING 22\textsuperscript{nd} October, 2014**

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<td>For being a responsible and respectful member of Westbreen P.S.</td>
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<td>Branden M</td>
<td>For making a great effort with his reading this week. Well done!</td>
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<td>Mishary G</td>
<td>For his enthusiastic participation in reading groups.</td>
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Vietnamese rice paper rolls

Ingredients

- 12 x 22cm round rice papers
- 1 Lebanese cucumber, cut into short thin strips
- 1 small red capsicum, cut into short, thin strips
- 1 large carrot, cut into short thin strips
- 1 small avocado, cut into short thin slices
- 50g snow pea sprouts, ends trimmed
- 3/4 cup coriander leaves
- 3/4 cup mint leaves
- 55g unsalted roasted peanuts, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp Maggi Sweet Chilli Sauce
- 1 1/2 tbsp soy sauce
- 3 tbsp fresh lime juice

Method

These rice-paper rolls can be made a few hours in advance. Simply cover with damp paper towels, plastic wrap, and refrigerate.

To make the dipping sauce, combine all sauce ingredients in a bowl. Set aside.

Place all the ingredients for the rice paper rolls on a bench. Half-fill a large bowl with warm water. Dip one wrapper in the water for 20 seconds, or until it is just soft. Drain off excess water and place on a clean surface. Place a few pieces of each of the remaining ingredients on the wrapper, about 3cm (1⅛ in) from the base. Fold up the bottom of the wrapper. Fold in the sides and roll up to enclose filling. Place on a tray and cover with damp paper towels.

Repeat with the remaining wrappers and filling ingredients. Serve rice-paper rolls with the dipping sauce.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Next P&F meeting is Friday 7th November at 2pm in the community room.

P & F are looking for donations for our end of year raffle. If you can assist with a donation that would be greatly appreciated.

Any family with outstanding money from Cadbury Chocolate Drive could you please send your money back to school ASAP. NO CHOCOLATES CAN BE RETURNED

Looking for mums or dads of Grade 6 children to help out with the Grade 6 Graduation Lunch. Please contact Bridget via the office if you can help.

Thanks Bridget.
Natural Disasters, nature's wrath. 
You can’t escape their destructive path.

It could be a tornado touching down. 
With its winds twirling around.

Lifting everything that's in its way. 
Praying we live, to see the next day.

Maybe a strong earthquake with its loud roar. 
The aftermath looks like we are in a war.

Buildings tumble and fall to the ground. 
Piles of concrete start to mound.

Then the tsunami that's sure to come. 
Arrives with a loud, loud hum.

Water takes everything in its path. 
As nature shows its true wrath.

Then the storm gets so strong, now a hurricane has been born.

With winds topping 150 miles an hour, 
mother nature shows its power.

All the rain has now caused floods. 
With the streets becoming walls of mud.

Then there is the avalanche, a giant wall of snow. 
Anything in its path becomes its foe.

Last but not least is the volcano that blows. 
A giant river of lava, down the mountain it glows.

Now is the time for us all to prepare. 
Mother nature is not one to dare! –
Extend OSHC at Westbreen Primary School

Weekly recap

This week the kids and I made some awesome Christmas cards for the fund raiser foundation that Extend is combined with. We had the opportunity at After School Care to create our special and lovely cards, some cool colouring in pictures and also we are very excited in being part of “Magic Moments Foundation”.

On Thursday the children got to be little Master-chefs and did some pretty amazing Mini Vanilla Cup Cakes!

Sport activities are popular as usual and it’s good to see the boys encouraging each other in working as a team.

Don’t forget to bring your hats for outdoors kids.

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

Our Extend Superstar is....... Tylah B for helping the Team Leader water the plants and trees, Well done Tylah!

Next week’s activities

Monday 20th October: Indoor sports and activities
Tuesday 21st October: Outdoor playground and fun as usual
Wednesday 22nd October: Art & Craft Activities/Colouring in for Extend-a-Hand
Thursday 23rd October: Making quick and delicious Pizza Sandwiches
Friday 24th October: Fun Free Fridays.

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