Dear parents and guardians,

2013 School Survey Results:

At the October school Council meeting I presented Council with a summary of our 2013 surveys and data results. As you may be aware the Department of Education conduct three surveys each year. Our Grade 5 and 6 students, our staff, and a random selection of our parents are asked to complete a survey in relation to their perceptions, feelings and attitudes to our school. These responses are confidential and are returned to the Department for analysis. Each school receives a report detailing their results of the various surveys. The reports compare our school’s responses to all schools in the State of Victoria. It also illustrates a three to five year trend of our results.

In summary the following facts are present:

Our Grade 5/6 Attitude to School Results:
- All eleven areas surveyed are above the State average.
- In 9 of the 11 areas the school is in the 90th to 100th percentile of State performance. The other two areas scored in the 80th percentile.
- Our greatest improvement areas are “stimulating learning”, and “student safety.”

I thanked our Grade 5 / 6 students for their maturity and participation in completing the survey. I was amazed at the level of discussion that occurred when the results of the survey were shared with our student body.
Parent Opinion Survey:
- Of the eighteen areas surveyed 17 were above the State average.
- Our greatest improvement area was “classroom behaviour.”
- The two areas that our Parents feel that we should focus on more is “Student Social Skills and Student Connectedness to their Peers.” At present we have a number of Programs within the school trying to address these areas.
  S.T.R.V.E. our social skills program, peer mediation program, student leadership program and our buddy program are all aimed at increasing our student body’s social skills and interaction with each other.

2013 NAPLAN Results:
- Grade 3 results.
  - In all areas (Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy) we performed higher than the State average. All areas showed substantial improvement than 2012.
- Grade 5 results.
  - Two of the five areas (Writing and Spelling) we performed higher than the State.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all families, students and staff who participated in completing and/or administering the surveys/tests. If you would like to view the data sets, please feel free to make an appointment at the School Office and I would be more than happy to discuss the surveys/results with you. Staff have commenced discussing the data gained from the survey’s/test and are investigating Programs that will engage our Students in the “life” of our school in order to maintain and continue the gains made this year.

Have a wonderful week

Tony Cerra
Principal.

GUS and his Grade 3 / 4 friends.

I like Gus because he’s smart and funny. Amina
When I was reading to Gus he wanted to play with a ball. Danyella
I love reading to Gus because he gets really excited. Plus, he sits on the beautiful mat. Gus is cute because when we first came in he saw a tennis ball. I really want a dog that is a Husky. Gus is cute! Ally
I like reading to Gus because he is awake when I read. Cecile
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK ENDING 14th November 2013

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<td>For his improved attitude in all learning areas. Keep it up!</td>
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How can you help your child to get to school on time?

**Tip 3:** Have you children lay out their school clothes the night before

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Prep Enrolment

If you are currently a member of the school community and have a child ready to commence school next year please call into the office to get a Prep Enrolment pack. Also, if you know of any neighbours or other families in the area who may be intending to enrol a child at Westbreen Primary in 2014 could you please advise the office.
MELBOURNE DJEMBE

On Tuesday 3rd December 2013, professional drummers from “Melbourne Djembe” will be coming to Westbreen Primary School. Students will participate in a one hour workshop which will cost $6. Notices for this incursion has been sent home. There will also be a dinner and performance event for the school community the same evening from 5.30-7.30pm. Westbreen students and a guest African performer will all be a part of the entertainment. Keep this date in your diary free!

Kylie

School Banking – Commonwealth Bank

Started this week so every Tuesday bring in your Dollarmites bank book to school - You can deposit any amount of money and receive a token every time you bank money.

2014 Planning

If parents have children starting school next year and have not contacted the school for an enrolment pack, please do so at your earliest convenience.

I/we wish to inform the school that my child/ren (Child/ren Name) ___________________________ will NOT be attending Westbreen Primary School in 2014. They will transfer to (Name of 2014 school ______________________________)
THE GOLDEN RULES

(How to use the internet safely)

4. NETIQUETTE
* Speaking in all caps is considered SHOUTING!
* Be polite
* Don’t give out your personal details
* Don’t say anything online that you wouldn’t say face to face. Just because you can’t see someone doesn’t mean that he/she doesn’t have feelings.

The Westbreen eSmart Team

HEALTHY LUNCH BOX RECIPE’S

Citrus & Berry Fruit Salad with Yoghurt

1. Combine 1 peeled chopped orange with some mandarin segments, a scattering of blueberries and 3 small hulled strawberries.

2. Swirl through passion fruit pulp and serve with a small tub of reduced fat vanilla yoghurt.
# October & November 2013

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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