Dear Parents and Guardian,

Our weekly school newsletter is a very important avenue of communication between the school and home. Each week there is significant information that is passed on to families via this publication as well as reports of upcoming events and activities that are happening around the school. It is essential that parents make sure that they read the newsletter each week and are aware of what is happening around the school and upcoming events.

**Introducing My Child Conferences:**

Next week commences our first round of meetings between families, students and teachers for the 2016 school year - “Introducing My Child Conferences.” These conferences provided parents with an opportunity to provide valuable background information that pertains to their children’s learning. It is also an ideal starting point for the communication of expectations and goals for the learning and teaching year. It is important for our children that we all work in partnership with each other.

Tomorrow confirmed appointment times will be sent home with the youngest child in each family.

**STUDENT ART GALA EVENT in 2016:**

Each year staff evaluate all learning programs and events on offer to our school community. The 2015 evaluation process concluded that our school should recognize and celebrate all students learning styles. As a result of this finding, we have introduced Science as a specialist program (taught by Mrs. Monaghan), introduced a specialist English Additional Language (EAL) program (taught by Ms. Kristy) and continued our commitment to specialist Art (taught by Mrs. Quinn), Italian (taught by Mrs. Francavilla), Music (taught by Ms. Kristy) and Physical Education (taught by classroom teachers and/or Learning Teams) programs. Throughout the year our students have varied opportunities to showcase their talents in the above specialist fields. Community sporting events, special cultural days, open days, showcasing students work and achievements, class presentations at our weekly assembly and our school concert.

In order to continue our commitment in giving our students every possible opportunity to recognize and celebrate their preferred learning style, school council has approved the bi annual rotation of a School Concert and Art Gala Event. Hence, 2016 and every ‘even’ year, our school community will come together and celebrate the Arts domain. Every odd year 2017, 2019 etc. a school concert will be performed to allow our students to showcase their musical talents. In additional to this rotation, annual events like our open days, cultural events, and community based sporting events and the introduction of celebrating Science will continue.
I am confident, and staff are excited about the new direction, and believe that it will only strengthen our commitment to ensuring that our students are at the forefront of our thinking.

More details regarding this year’s Art Gala event will be communicated to our community in coming months.

**It’s Not Okay To Be Away – Reporting absences:**

Attendance rates in primary and secondary schools are an important issue under focus when looking at weekly attendance rolls and the broader yearly attendance patterns. There are a variety of reasons why children need to be absent from school. The slogan “It’s Not Okay To Be Away” does not only refer to truancy issues in schools. It is important that we are notified of absences and the reasons for the absences. This is best done by providing the classroom teacher with a note outlining the reason for the absence. There are also times when a child may be late arriving at school or may need to leave early to attend an important out of school appointment. It is important that parents sign their children in and/or out of the school for these appointments. The register for signing children in or out of school is located on the counter at the General Office.

Have a wonderful week

*Tony Cerra*

Principal

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**PARENT AND FRIENDS**

Hot Dog Day Thursday 17th March Order forms will be sent home on Friday.  

Easter Raffle: We are still looking for donations for our Easter Raffle ie Easter Eggs, Chocolate bunnies or anything to do with Easter.

Raffle tickets for Easter have been sent home if need more tickets you can get them from the office. Raffle closes on Wednesday 16th March 3:15pm and will be drawn on Thursday 17th March.

Hot cross buns order forms have been sent out please return money and form by 18th March and delivery is on the 24th March.

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Just a reminder that the School grounds are a non-smoking area and also 4 metre from the school gates

THANKS for your cooperation
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 24th February 2016

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<td>To all the Super Stars in FV for settling well into school and shining bright.</td>
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<td>For the improvement he has shown in his handwriting. Keep up the good work.</td>
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<td>For her super informative helpful and lively contributions to classroom discussions.</td>
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<td>For fantastic, neatly presented homework. Well done!</td>
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<td>For always trying his very best and always following our school values.</td>
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<td>For always trying his best and not giving up! Well done!!</td>
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<td>For huge improvement with listening to others and actively contributing in class.</td>
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<td>Tenisha T</td>
<td>For giving 100% in every set task and trying her best.</td>
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The Friendship Seat

During the week Shereen, Fatima, Natasha and Jihad all helped Miss Mahlis with ‘The FRIENDSHIP SEAT’.

With the Friendship Seat, if there is a student who has no one to play with or hang out with, a grade 5 / 6 student or peer mediator will ask if ‘You Are Okay’ or need a friend.

As you all know, “The Friendship Seat’ is already painted green and blue. It would be greatly appreciated if students do not peel off the letters…If you see someone in the school grounds doing this, please tell them not to.

By Shereen 5/6 A
THIS WEEKS FAMILY FUN TIME MATHS PROBLEM!

1/ The school is having a paper plane throwing competition. The person who throws their paper plane the longest distance wins.

Oscar won the competition but made his mum guess how many metres he flew his plane. Here are the clues from Oscar:

- It flew more than 10 metres.
- Less than 16 metres.
- It is an even number.
- If you add the two digits together it equals 15.

How far did Oscar’s plane fly? _______________________________

2/ Use the four digits below to make the largest and smallest number possible

2, 7, 3, 8 ________________________, ________________________.

FAMILY TIME FUN THIS WEEK

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

**BISCUIT DECORATING**

Our activity for the week will be:

**All students are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent or adult carer**
2016 Photo Day
Envelope and Order Instructions

Dear parents and students,

Westbreen Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 7/03/2016
School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

ONLINE ORDERING
Your child’s school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Step 1: Easy Access Link: Click on this link if you are using a supported device: Click Here
- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [SYM TXF 14K]
- Step 2: Enter your student’s details
- Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)
- Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS
No envelope required if ordering online

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [SYM TXF 14K]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 3/03/2016
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE
ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.
Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.
Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au
Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances
Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque
Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a $25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries in regards to your child's school photo order.
info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team
NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY
FRIDAY MARCH 4
2016

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Extend OSHC at Westbreen Primary School

This week at Before & After School Care the children made yummy chocolate mini cupcakes! Everyone got to design their own toppings with chocolate flavoured icing; which they absolutely loved!

We will continue to work on our Extend BSC & ASC Journal book daily so keep up the good work kids and your always welcome to share any ideas with me.

Don’t forget to wear your hats kids when outdoors.

Looking forward to continuing the awesome fun next week!

Aysun Kiris

Our Extend Superstar is:..... Ellie M for settling well into Before School Care and always having a positive attitude. Well done Ellie!

Next Week’s Activities:
Monday 1st March: Outdoor Playground
Tuesday: Indoor Sports & Activities
Wednesday: Painting
Thursday: Art & Craft Creations
Friday: Fun Fridays Free Choice!
# February & March 2016

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## School Holidays
- 3rd to 9th March
- 3rd to 9th April