Dear Parents and Guardians,

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 2015 school year - “Introducing My Child Conferences.” These conferences provide 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 that we all work in partnership with each other.

**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.

**Cyberbullying**
On the odd occasion I have had conversations with Parents regarding the use of the internet, mobile phones and technology in the Education process of their child. The fear of “cyberbullying” is a topic of high concern to Parents. Below are a few tips for Parents in an attempt to decrease the opportunity of “cyberbullying.”
• **Talk to your child** about cyberbullying before it happens. Work out strategies to address cyberbullying that you are both comfortable with, so your child knows what to expect if they do report their concerns to you.

• **Establish one or two other trusted adults** your child is comfortable to approach about their concerns.

• **Be aware** of what your child is doing online and explore it with them.

• Try to **locate the computer in a shared** or visible place in the home.

• **Discuss the kinds of sites** that are okay to explore and those that are not, and have clear rules about online activities.

• **Help your child to block** anyone who sends offensive content. Most social networking services allow users to block and report someone who is behaving badly.

**Healthy Children**

Please take the time to read the page “A Healthy Happy Child is a Good Learner”. The messages in this edition of the Newsletter included are basic lessons for all of us to learn from. Establishing good life skills and routines early have quite dramatic outcomes for our children and ourselves.

Have a wonderful week

*Tony Cerra*

Principal

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**School Banking Day Reminder.**

Don’t forget that **TUESDAY** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember our school earns $5 commission on every deposit made and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at **WESTBREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL.**
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK ENDING 26th February 2015

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<td>For trying her best when completing a narrative piece of writing. Well done.</td>
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<td>For embracing the Westbreen Way by following all of the school values.</td>
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<td>Sheruni F</td>
<td>For producing excellent writing pieces – in both informative and persuasive genres.</td>
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<td>Walaa K</td>
<td>For doing a fantastic job on her information report – keep up the good work Walaa!</td>
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PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Easter Raffle
Looking for donations for our Easter Raffle. ie: Chocolate eggs or bunnies, baskets or anything else related to easter. Raffle tickets will be sent home. One book of 10 tickets per family, extra books available from classroom teachers.

Parents and Friend meeting
Friday 6th March at 1:45pm This is a great way to get to know the school, other parents and be involved with your childs learning. Kids love and get excited when they see their parents/ guardians helping out at school.

Hot Dog Day
Thursday 19th March more information will come out soon.
WESTBREEN BEACH PARTY

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

Dinner: 5 - 6pm
Singing & Dance: 6:00 - 7:30pm
**FAMILY TIME**

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

Our activity for the week will be:

**PERSONALISED PAPER CLIPS**

**WANTED**

Wool/Knitting Yarn wanted for craft projects. Please see Miss Michelle or Colleen, our parent helper, if you have any wool or yarn to donate.

**THANK YOU**

A HUGE thank you to Miss Maria and her husband for donating all the fruit we used during Family Time this week. Everyone loved the fruit kebabs they made.
A Healthy, Happy Child is a Good Learner

**SLEEP** 10 - 12 hours each night

* A firm and consistent bedtime routine will help most children settle down to sleep.
* Toddlers need 10 - 12 hours of sleep. School children need 10 - 11 hours of sleep.
* A good amount of sleep helps children behave well and learn properly.

**ROUTINE** is important

* Routines are how families organise themselves to get things done.
* Try to be predictable so your children know they can count on you.
* Using pictures and star charts help children get used to routines, especially if you are finding this difficult.

**EAT HEALTHY** food and exercise

* For children to grow and learn they must drink water and eat a variety of healthy foods.
* Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.
* Walk and dance and run and swim and play to keep you healthy.

**COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY!** And arrive on time.

* Children from 6 to 17 yrs are required to be at school every day.
* Children who miss primary school days are more likely to drop out in high school and need extra help in reading, maths and general knowledge.
* Some of the best learning happens at the start of the day.
* Being 1/2 hr late every day means you miss 3 weeks of school a year!
SCHOOL PHOTOS INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE
16th March 2015

ONLINE & ENVELOPE ORDER INSTRUCTIONS FOR:
Westbreen Primary School: 16 March 2015

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order
Instructions (below) are followed.

SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SECURE ONLINE PURCHASE

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

STEP 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your 9 digit 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).

SIBLING/FAMILY PHOTOS
NO ENVELOPE REQUIRED IF ORDERING ONLINE

STEP 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your 9 digit school code [SYM TXF 14K]
- Online orders will be closed 2 working days prior to the day of photography.
- You can find your online order close off date on the top right hand corner of your sibling order envelope, which is 12/03/15.
- Orders can also be placed with a cash or cheque payment by returning a sibling order envelope up until the day before photo day.
- You can collect a sibling order envelope from your school office.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

STEP 1: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope. Please use black or blue pen.
STEP 2: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
STEP 3: Select your payment method using one of the following options;
- Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au
- Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change given.
- Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife with your name & address on back of cheque.
  o Allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised.
  o A $25 fee will apply to any dishonoured cheque payment.
STEP 4: Return your completed sibling order envelope to school the day before photo day.
The 27th Annual
BRUNSWICK MUSIC Festival
1-15 MARCH 2015
Sydney Road Street Party
1 MARCH 2015
Wassawumba

Music for the People | FREE EVENT
Saturday 14 March 2015 | 4 pm to 8.30 pm
Shore Reserve, corner Melville Road and
Reynard Street, Pascoe Vale South

Come and celebrate the closing of this year’s
Brunswick Music Festival with this free family
event.

Event program includes:
• MC: Captain Ruin
• Mesopotamia
• Lehenda Ukrainian Dance Company
• Oscar Jimenez
• Black Sea Dancers
• Noriko Tadano and George Kamikawa
• Outer Urban Projects
• Wassawumba
• Kylie Auldist and the Glenroy All Stars

Featuring: Kylie Auldist

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Moreland City Council
MULTICULTURAL ARTS VICTORIA
Extend OSHC at Westbreen Primary School

New Families – Enrol in After School Care

Enrol online – allow 24 hours
Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.

Enrol now, pay later
The annual enrolment fee per family of $20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn't matter if you don't end up using the service, because you won’t be charged.

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au

At After school Care the children and I had heaps of fun this week making some healthy and yummy snacks!
The boys and girls love using their energy and getting active with sports and cool playground fun.
I will be getting some more cool things and activities for you guys so feel free to share some suggestions or ideas with me.
Don't forget to bring your hats for the hot weather kids!

Looking forward to continuing the awesome fun!
- Aysun Kiris

Our Extend Superstar is.........Heavenjot K for drawing and creating lovely pictures for After School Care & also to take home to her parents.

Next week’s activities:
Monday 02nd March: Indoor Sports and games
Tuesday 03rd March: Outdoor Playground & Activities recommended by the children
Wednesday 04th March: Making quick yummy snacks with little Master-chefs
Thursday 05th March: Art & Craft Creations
Friday 06th March: Fun Free Fridays!
### February & March 2015

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**NOTICES SENT HOME**
- **Easter Event**
- **Meet the teacher forms**
- **AdvancedLife School photo envelopes**
- **Beach Party**

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