Dear Parents & Guardians

**School Council Annual General Meeting!**
Just a reminder that our 2015 Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 16th March at 6:30pm.
The main item for business is the presentation of our 2014 Annual Report. This meeting is open to all members of our community. If you are interested in attending please contact our Office next week, and a copy of the Agenda and 2014 Annual Report will be issued to you.

**Ministerial Visit**
We have just received notification of a visit to Westbreen Primary School next Wednesday at 11:45am by the Deputy Premier/Minister for Education, Mr. James Merlino.
Minister Merlino will be met by our School Captains who will welcome him and his party, before Mr. Daly and School Council President, Bridget Kille, will conduct a tour of the present school facilities, before a light morning tea, where Minister Merlino will reaffirm Government commitment to election commitments.

**Every day counts – school attendance**
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.
There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.
Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:
- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.
Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.
Meet the Teacher Nights:
Tonight concludes our first round of meetings between families, students and teachers for the 2015 school year - “Meet the Teacher Night.” These meetings 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. I thank all families who supported this round of meetings and all Staff for their professional manner in conducting the meetings.

Beach Party
As part of our Community Involvement program, we have been planning and preparing for our Beach Party, which will take place on Wednesday 25 March, the final week of Term One. Notices are going home tonight and we would love to see everyone’s support for this exciting event. Our temporary sand beach will be going in tomorrow afternoon next to the junior playground, and this will be timetabled grade by grade from next Tuesday. If anyone has banana lounges or beach chairs, old spades and beach buckets, which can be used by students on the beach, please see Trevor Daly.
Please take the time to read the Party invitation. We look forward to not only your children having a fun time at the morning show and during their dance and song lessons, but also attending the after school dinner and/or the evening show.

Trevor Daly
(Acting Principal in Mr. Cerra’s absence)

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

EASTER RAFFLE

Any donation of Easter eggs, bunnies or baskets would be appreciated – please leave at the office. A book of Raffle tickets has been sent home and extra books are available from classroom teachers. Tickets must be returned by Tuesday 24th March with the raffle being drawn on Wednesday 25th March.

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING

The first meeting will be held tomorrow Friday 6th March at 1.45pm in the Community Room. Come along and meet other parents, new fundraising ideas are always welcome.

HOT DOG DAY

Will be held on Thursday 19th March – don’t forget to return your child’s order in by the Wednesday 18th March.
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**WEEK ENDING 4th March 2015**

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<td>For always doing her best and never giving up. Keep up the great work.</td>
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<td>For trying hard with all of his work. Well done Musa!</td>
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<td>For making a great improvement in her work habits. Keep up the good work.</td>
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<td>Matisse D</td>
<td>For displaying the school values on a daily basis. Well done.</td>
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<td>Jacob M</td>
<td>For showing great perseverance and concentration during maths.</td>
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**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:

**CLOCK MAKING AND DECORATING**

**All students are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent or adult carer**
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.
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 this week the children made some pretty interesting and cool Planes from different colours, some were colourful and some were decorated by hand. The boys love getting physically active with their own sports games and activities, the girls join in too but love colouring in Disney Princess’s and drawings of choice. We also made yummy Lime and Raspberry Jelly. Everyone enjoyed them and had fun!

Don't forget to bring your hats for the hot weather kids!

Looking forward to continuing the awesome fun!

- Aysun Kiris

Next week’s activities:

Monday 09th March: Labour Day (Pupil Free Day)
Tuesday 10th March: Indoor games & Activities
Wednesday 11th March: Margarita Pizza Sandwich's
Thursday 12th March: Plane Creations
Friday 13th March: Fun Free Fridays!
St Francis de Sales
Oak Park School Fete
626 Pascoe Vale Road
(no parking onsite or at McDonalds)

Saturday 21 March
11am – 4pm
Market stalls, Delicious food, Devonshire Tea,
Face painting, Kids activities, Amusement rides, Cake stall, Plant stall and lots more…

EARLY BIRD Wristbands $20 til 6th March.
Unlimited rides all day! http://www.trybooking.com/GEBP

Come along and enjoy the fun!
More details: www.sfoakpark.catholic.edu.au

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1
These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball

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 these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

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

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day!
Hadfield Netball Club are currently looking for girls aged between 11 and 14 to play

In our Under 13 & 15’s Team on Saturday’s

Please contact Kathryn on 0419 357 154 or Email hadfieldnetball@gmail.com

Net-Set –Go

An introduction to netball for children aged 5 to 10 years

Starting Monday 16th March 2015 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Hadfield Sporting Club Martin Reserve Box Forest Road Hadfield.

If you are interested please contact Maureen on 0425 714 294
treasurer.hadfieldnc@gmail.com

Fees are $55 (10 sessions).

“Interested participants can register online at MyNetball. Click on NETSETGO, search club “Hadfield” and complete your child’s details.”
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**NOTICES SENT HOME**
- Easter Event
- Advancedlife School photo envelopes
- Beach Party

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
- Labour Day: 8th March
- Easter Event: 24th March
- School holidays: 20th April to 1st May

**Contact Information**
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- Fax: 9304 1391
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- Website: www.westbreenps.vic.edu.au
- Online Bookings: extend.com.au
- Call our Office: 1300 366 437