Dear Parents and Guardians,

Deputy Premier / Minister for Education Visit

As mentioned in last week’s Newsletter, The Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, James Merlino, along with our local Member for Pascoe Vale, Lizzie Blandthorn, and our Senior Advisor from the North Metropolitan Region, Margaret Bainbridge, all visited Westbreen yesterday. Minister Merlino spoke with our School Captains, Montana and Mahmoud and School Council President, Bridget Kille, about our wishes for our future school. The Minister was very positive about his Government’s pledge of a further $4 million, bringing the total rebuild of Westbreen to $5 million. The Minister said Westbreen is a high priority and if the Education budget allows we would receive those funds in this year’s budget in May. We will keep our fingers crossed and look forward to further confirmation in the coming months.

School Council Annual General Meeting

Just a reminder that our 2015 Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 16 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, and a copy of the Agenda and 2014 Annual Report will be issued to you.

Beach Party

Our permission notices for our forthcoming Beach Party to be held on Wednesday 25 March have gone home and we are delighted with the excitement of our students so far. If parents could return those permission notices and money as soon as possible this would be greatly appreciated by the Community Involvement Team. We also look forward to many families attending the evening party where your children will be able to show you what they have learnt during the day.

Photo Day

Don’t forget this Monday is our yearly grade and family photo day. Please ensure your child is in school uniform and have appropriate grooming tools if required.

Trevor Daly

(Acting Principal in Mr. Cerra’s absence)
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK ENDING 11th March 2015

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<td>Vaneeza A</td>
<td>For displaying all the school values every day, and for being an excellent role model.</td>
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Student Absences

When it is necessary for students to be absent from school, please ensure that on their return to school, a note is provided to the classroom teacher explaining their absence. Blank absence forms are also available from the office if you prefer to use these instead of a note.

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.

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.
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:

EASTER ACTIVITIES

**All students are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent or adult carer**

FOUNDATION WELCOME BREAKFAST

Our Foundation Students completed their first full week of school last week and to celebrate we held a special breakfast on Friday for all our Foundation Students and their families. Students were served a variety of cereals, toast and juice by their teachers, buddies, parent helpers and other staff. It was great to see so many of our students and their families eating breakfast together, introducing their friends to their families, and generally having a great time.

A huge thankyou to all those that helped out with the preparation for the day, and also on the actual day. It was a great success.
Interview with Ms. Jenna

(Reporters: Jacob and Vaneeza)

Q: What do you think of our school?
A: My dad went to this school and I think it has always had a friendly atmosphere. People have been motivated to learn.

Q: What area of teaching do you like most?
A: I really like Library because I love reading and writing is necessary for everything you need to learn.

Q: Why did you choose to be a teacher? What inspired you?
A: From working at Kumon because I love it when kids are able to do things that they weren’t able to do before.

Q: What university have you come from?
A: Melbourne University.

Q: Why did you choose that one?
A: It has a very good reputation for teaching and they send us into classrooms from the very start of the course.

Q: What is it like there?
A: It’s very big and it takes a long time to walk between classrooms. It’s very clean.

Q: What session do you like most and how long are they?
A: I like literacy classes but they’re really long sometimes (2-3 hours long) and I get really tired and hungry.

Q: Do you do any fun activities?
A: There are lots of clubs you can join and I like to share food with my friends at lunchtime.

Q: Are you in any of the clubs yourself?
A: I did join one of the clubs called the Pet Lovers Club but I had no time for any of the events.

Q: Do you like pets?
A: I love pets! I used to have a dog called Muffin but he died. Now I have a cat whose name is Cupcake.

Q: Did you ever get bullied at primary school?
A: Yes, I got bullied by some boys because I ran crookedly. I don’t like bullying! I think it’s immature!

Q: Do you have a favourite book?
A: Yes! It’s ‘Matilda’ by Roald Dahl. I’ve always loved reading!
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is now open for 2015

1. You must register by filling in the 2015 Participation form and keep a record of your reading on the Challenge website. (Children will be given a password to use once they have returned the participation form.)

2. Between March and 11th September:

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* Challenge books in the Westbreen Primary School library have stickers that identify them as Premier’s Reading Challenge books.

3. If you are in Foundation, Grade 1 or Grade 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.
Grade 3 4 M like autumn

Autumn is fun because you can jump on the leaves.  **Sundas**
The leaves change colour and fall down from the trees.  **Alizeh**
Autumn is cooler and I like to drink hot chocolate.  **Benjamin**
You can hear the leaves crunch when you jump on them.  **William**
I like autumn because it isn’t too hot or cold.  **Ben**
Autumn is nice because the leaves fall down.  **Jihad**
I like to pile up the leaves and jump on them.  **Abeerah**
The days grow shorter and the nights are longer and I love to sleep.  **Jacob**
The trees have many colourful leaves.  **Dulni**
Autumn is nice and I like to jump on the leaves.  **Soulaf**
The leaves change colour.  **Ayman**
I like jumping in the leaves.  **Mert**
The leaves change colour and blow in the wind.  **Jemil**
In autumn I like to jump on the red and gold leaves.  **Maya**
I like autumn because you can rake up the leaves and jump in them.  **Iliyas**
Autumn is fun because you can fly a kite in the wind.  **Jaxon**
I love autumn because I can jump in piles of leaves.  **Mekala**
I like autumn because it is beautiful and sunny.  **Zak**
I like autumn because you can jump on the leaves.  **Alyah**
The leaves change colour and you can go to the park and make things out of leaves.  **Palak**
Autumn is when the leaves fall down and some animals go to sleep.  **Hanin**
When you jump on the leaves they make a big noise.  **Jaclyn**
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 and I made some really yummy sweet biscuit toppings. Everyone all joined in and took charge of being little Master-Chefs and working as a team together. They got the chance to decorate their names with different types of Chocolate icing and were happy to eat them straight away! Indoor sports and activities are always popular with the boys as they love getting active and using their skills.
We will be making more yummy and cool stuff with the kids in the upcoming weeks so feel free to share your 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:........... Huy N for helping the Team Leader with packing up tables and chairs back into the ASC room. Great job Huy!

Next week’s activities:
Monday 16th March: Making Nacho's
Tuesday 17th March: Indoor Sports
Wednesday 18th March: Painting/Art & Craft Creations
Thursday 19th March: Margarita Pizza Sandwich’s
Friday 20th March: Fun Free Fridays!
Westbreen Primary School is holding a **CASUAL DRESS DAY** is on **Tuesday March 24**

All money raised will go to the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal

$2 donation

(Wear Sunsmart tops and sensible shoes. No make-up)
CLASSROOM BIRTHDAYS

If you wish to send a food treat to school when it is your child’s birthday, please send something that the students can easily pick up from a container with their fingers e.g. cupcakes, Tim Tams, slices, cookies, pikelets etc.

If whole cakes are sent to school, they must already have been cut up into slices.

For the safety of all students, please do not send candles to school.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Merri Community Health Services offers a Social Work Service

Monday-Friday, from 1-3pm, 93 Bell St, Coburg.
There is no need to make an appointment, just go to reception.
Anyone needing information, referral and/or one off social work assistance can use the service, and it’s free.

http://mchs.org.au/services/services-for-adults/social-workservice-duty/

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS AT DOCKLAND

Bring a picnic blanket and hamper to Yarra's Edge, Docklands and watch a free movie screening under a starry night. The site opens at 7pm and the movie begin 8:30pm.

The event also includes
Made in Melbourne short film screenings each week celebrating local talent, a free return ferry service from Federation Square (departing at 6:30pm from the Riverside berth) for the first 120 guests, and free bean bag hire to the first 100 guests!

Mar 13th – Frozen

WESTBREEN BEACH PARTY

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH
Dinner: 5 - 6pm
Singing & Dance: 6:00 - 7:30pm
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 TXF14K]
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 TXF14K]
  *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.
Open Evening
Thursday 30th April 2015  4.30pm-7.30pm
Principal's Address 6.30pm in the College Library

Open Evening provides prospective students and their parents the opportunity to see students participating in normal classroom activities, broader school activities and view the work of Key Learning Areas. There will also be time for parents to speak to teachers and current students. A Principal's address will be held in the College Library and guided tours will operate throughout the afternoon and evening.

Glenroy College proudly invites prospective students and families to attend our Open Morning & Evening Event on Monday 4th May, 2015.

Session 1: Monday 4th May, 9.30am – 11am
There will be an opportunity to go on a guided school tour and see learning taking place. This tour will be followed by a general information session in our café where you will learn more about our teaching and learning programs* and policies. You will also be given an opportunity to meet our teachers, current students and their families.

Session 2: Monday 4th May, 4.00pm – 5.00pm
A general information session will be held in the café where you will learn more about our teaching and learning programs* and policies. You will also be given an opportunity to meet our teachers, current students and their families.

*The Glenroy College Acceleration Program recognises high achieving students and provides them with the opportunities to accelerate and enrich their academic studies from Year 7 to Year 12. Additional information will be provided at the Open Morning and Evening.

All Students and Parents are welcomed.

Please indicate which session you would like to attend by either calling the office by Thursday, 30th April on 9304 0400 or by email: glenroy.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
If you cannot attend and would like more information as well as a school tour at another time, please contact Ms Allouche on 9304 0400.
We look forward to meeting you.

Every Wednesdays at 9.30am we run tours. Bookings, however, are essential.
Visit our website for more information and enrolment enquiries:
www.glenroycollege.vic.edu.au
120 Glenroy Road, Glenroy VIC 3046
P (03) 9304 0400 F (03) 9300 3001 E glenroy.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
OPEN DAY
19 April 11 am – 1 pm
Principal’s Address 11 am

Tours every Wednesday 9 am
ph: 9376 1622
www.mountalexandercollege.vic.edu.au

Secondary School - How can parents help?

Workshop for parents and students of year 6 & 7

This is a 90 minute interactive workshop and will include activities and information on:

- Adolescent change & development...what's happening to their brains?
- Balancing time between school and social
- Organisational skills - finding a system that works
- Managing and Planning homework - be in control!
- Attitude - the power of positive communication with your teen
- Understanding HOW they learn

Facilitator- Angie Wilcock
Angie is a highly regarded Australian specialist on transitions in education. She has appeared on both radio and TV and works with the Generation Next team, offering support to professionals and parents Australia-wide on understanding and coping with adolescent change. She is a published author with a strong background in teaching, as well as being a mum of two sons. Her sessions are a mix of humour, anecdotes, information, real-life parenting...but above all, strategies to support families during this very critical phase of education and personal development. Her book, 'The Transition Tightrope', supports parents in understanding this new phase of education....and life!

So, come along to the session:
Date: March 11th 2015
Time: 6:00pm - 7:45pm
Place: Essendon Kellor College
Niddrie Campus
Open Learning Space
Peters St, Airport West
RSVP: 9375 8400
# March & April 2015

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## School Holidays

- **5th** - 11th April
- **12th** - 18th April

## Special Events
- **13th** First day of Term 2 starting at 9:00am
- **16th** Family time 3:15 to 4:15

### Contacts
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- Fax: 9304 1391
- Email: westbreen.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
- Website: [www.westbreenps.vic.edu.au](http://www.westbreenps.vic.edu.au)

### Useful Links
- OSHC: Extend
- ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
- CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437

### Notices Sent Home
- Beach Party
- **LAST DAY OF TERM 1 FINISHING AT 2:15PM**

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