Dear Parents and Guardian,

This week teachers are involved in planning programs and undertaking professional development activities in preparation for Term 2 programs. The timetable for the week, and for planning week each term, enables teachers from each level to be released from their teaching duties for a full day to work with other team members. The specialist program for the week is re-timetabled to allow for this release and this then also allows our specialist teaching staff a day to plan.

Teachers meet as a sub school. For example, our Year 3 and 4 teaching team meet together to plan the content of the Curriculum and share ideas as to how it may be delivered and assessed. Following this, each team may reflect on their practice and consider successes and what activities perhaps didn’t meet the expected outcomes. Teaching practices are regularly reflected upon and reviewed during team planning meetings. This reflection is used to improve classroom teaching practices and engage children. It is this strong sense of teamwork, together with thorough program planning consistently across the school, that ensures high quality teaching and learning is occurring from Foundation Years (Prep) – Year 6. As usual our teachers will be meticulously prepared for Term 2!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT - THE SECRET INGREDIENT TO CHILDREN’S SCHOOL SUCCESS
Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as holding our school in high regard.

If you want the greater outcomes for your child, it’s important that you become involved in as many aspects of your child’s education as practical. The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Participating as a parent can be much broader than helping out in the classroom. If you are interested in getting involved in our school, please contact Ms. Michelle, our family Engagement Officer on 9306 9481 during school hours.

School Council ~ Annual General Meeting
Just a reminder that our 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 21st March at 7.00pm.

The main item for business is the presentation of our 2015 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 2015 Annual Report will be issued to you.

Have a wonderful week

Tony Cerra
Principal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK ENDING 16th March 2016

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<td>Joel B</td>
<td>For always contributing to class discussion and completing all set tasks in class. Keep up the good work!</td>
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HEADLICE INFORMATION SESSION

Are you interested in attending a Head Lice Information Session?

This session would be conducted by the Sharon Davey (Business Manager) whom is very experienced with Head Lice, Head Lice Inspection and information on ideas to eradicate and help control. (This is not a professional session but merely a free general information session to assist parents with treating of head lice).

If you are interested in attending an information session of this nature please notate your availability, sign below and return to the office ASAP so that we can endeavour to organise a time for this to take place.

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Childs Name Parent name/Signature

Suitable availability
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The National Young Leaders’ Day
March 2

Beep! Beep! Beep! My alarm’s tone was ringing in my head. I barely got a wink of sleep! I was so nervous the night before the National Young Leaders’ Day that I could not sleep at all. So that’s why I was so sleepy when it was time to wake up!

I reached school at 7:25 a.m. All the House Captains and School Captains got on to the bus at approximately 7:45 a.m. I was so excited and sleepy at the same time. When we reached there, I was so happy. Then the day started………

I was so moved by the stories of famous people’s childhoods. I learned to never give up and master the little things. Little things always add up! I got selfies and signatures from Nathan ‘Dubsy’ and Harry Baker. They taught me to never let someone tell you what you can’t do. Ms. Wileman bought us badges that have the Halogen Foundation’s logo on them.

What a great way to end Young Leaders’ Day!

Eleora Chinta

My leadership team and I were lucky enough to go to the National Young Leaders’ Day. We woke up very early and caught a bus and a tram to the Melbourne Convention Centre. We went there and listened to some inspiring stories about how the speakers grew up to be leaders. My favourite speaker was the guy who made paper planes and inspired the movie. I thought the movie was very good and his speech was very interesting. I would like to thank Ms. Wileman for taking me to this very interesting day and buying me a cool badge. I learnt a lot, about how to be a good, responsible and kind leader.

Danyella Sasic

The National Young Leaders’ Day is an event when a bunch of leaders from different schools listen to motivational speakers. Some of the speakers were Nathan ‘Dubsy’, Dylan Parker, Harry Baker and Kate Austin. They were talking about situations in their lives and how they made it through because they never gave up and had mind goals. If you have a goal, you have to start mastering the little because all of the small things add up over time. The first speaker was Nathan ‘Dubsy’. He was talking about becoming a man of focus and he was saying that it’s not easy but it’s worth it. The next speaker was Nathan Parker. He entered a paper plane competition and kept on going until he went all the way to the World Championships. He came third! After that he inspired the movie ‘Paper Planes’. He was saying that your story is different because of the choices you make in life. The small things you do make bigger choices. Try new things, even if they seem small. One of the best things of the day was travelling by bus and tram with friends. One of the trams stopped while we were on it. For some reason, Geetanshika (GG) was taking a photo of it, but it was fun. I had a really fun time.

Ayman El Haddad
INTERSCHOOL SPORTS REPORTS

On the 11th of March the mixed softball team played against St. Thomas More. It was our turn to play with the sun shining brightly over our heads. We batted first. Le Grand had a grand shot, so did Ayman. After we batted, we went out to field. Ayman, Le Grand, Hadi and I took very good catches and got the other team out. The scores were St. Thomas More 7 to Westbreen 3.

“Ammar

“Wow, Patty! What a save!” we all shouted. Last week we played cricket against St. Thomas More. We tried really hard and have really improved our skills. Unfortunately we lost, 76 to 136 runs but we all had fun. We would like to thank Miss Yvonne for coaching us.

Humza and Zac

FAMILY FUN TIME MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Jamie needed to buy 4 dozen eggs for his mother at the market. Each dozen cost $4.00 each. If Jamie had $20 to spend how much change would he get back?

Rachel bought her friends 3 ice creams at the canteen. Each ice cream cost Rachel $2.50. How much money did Rachel spend?

Oliver had $10 pocket money that he wanted to spend at the toy shop. There were three toys he saw that he wanted to buy, they were a boat for $6.50, a car for $3.50 and a plane that cost $7.50.

What toys could he afford to buy at the toy shop?

IT’S FAMILY FUN TIME!

Animal Trivia

What is the name for a baby goat? ________________

What is the name for the hair surrounding the male lion’s face? ________________

Is a dolphin a mammal? ________________

What is a group of lions called? ________________

What is the largest ‘big cat’ in the world? ________________

What is the tallest animal in the world? ________________

A ‘doe’ is what type of animal? ________________

The answers will be in next week’s newsletter. GOOD LUCK!!!!!
OAK PARK SAINTS BASKETBALL CLUB
LOOKING FOR PLAYERS

Oak Park Saints Basketball Club is currently looking for players to fill teams for the Winter Season. Games are played on Saturday mornings predominately at Broadmeadows Basketball Centre and training is held at either Oak Park Primary or Strathmore Secondary College.

We are looking for a few players for each of these age groups:

Under 8 Boys and Girls - born 2009 / 2010 (This is a fun environment modified rules to cater for this age group) &


Please contact Sue Foley, email: sue.foley@optusnet.com.au (ph: 0439989949) if you are interested in joining or would like more information.

Extend OSHC at Westbreen Primary School

The children at Before & After School Care made some amazing creations this week, such as cool superhero foam characters of free choice, beautiful imaginative drawings and pictures, played an exciting game of soccer tournament and dodge-ball, musical freeze as well as many more. Our 'Extend BSC & ASC Journal' book is looking fantastic so far so keep up the good work everyone and let's continue working on this together throughout the year.

Don't forget to wear your hats when outdoors and to 'Slip, Slop Slap' on your sunscreen.

Looking forward to continuing the awesome fun next week!

Aysun Kiris

Next Week's Activities:
Monday 21st March: Indoor Soccer Tournament
Tuesday 22nd March: Making Slimy Slime
Wednesday 23rd March: Outdoors
Thursday 24th March: Last day of Term 1!
Friday 25th March: Good Friday (Public Holiday)
Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is now open for 2016

1. You must register by filling in the 2016 Participation form and keep a record of your reading on the Challenge website. (Children will be given a user name and password to use once they have returned the participation form.)

2. Between March and 8th September:

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* Challenge books in the Westbreen Primary School library have special 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.

**FAMILY TIME**

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

**All students are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent or adult carer**
MUSIC LESSONS AT WESTBREEN

Are you looking for a fun and engaging hobby for your son or daughter?
Are you tired of your child playing video games and would rather they experience an activity that will give them real life rewards and lifelong musical skills.

Do you want your child to be part of a program that will increase memory capacity, develop social skills and build their self esteem?
Is your child creative or has a flair for performance but lacks the confidence to realise their talents?

IF YOU HAVE SAID YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS THEN ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN MUSIC LESSONS IS THE ANSWER!

Learning an instrument is not only an incredibly fun and engaging hobby but has many additional benefits including; increased memory capacity, improved handeye coordination, better social & communication skills and the development of stronger self confidence. At Westbreen we are lucky enough to be offering Guitar, Drums & Keyboard in our instrumental music program this year. If you want to nurture your child’s creative side and give them a medium for self expression consider supplementing their education with music lessons.

“I have so much fun in guitar lessons, Michael teaches me lots of really cool songs”
-Liam, 8

“I enjoy drums lessons because they are really fun and I learn a lot with our teacher Michael”
-Marcus, 7

“I really enjoy Keyboard lessons, Michael breaks everything down and makes it easy to understand.”
-Sienna, 10

ENROL YOUR CHILD IN THE MUSIC PROGRAM TODAY!
Forms are available at the office.
Westbreen Primary School is holding a CASUAL DRESS DAY is on Tuesday March 22.
All money raised will go to the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.
$2.00 donation
IF YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE CARD YOU HAVE TO FILL OUT A FORM EVERY YEAR TO CLAIM for Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund. Forms are available from the office

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
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**NOTICES SENT HOME**
- Grade 3/4 Excursion
- Hot Cross Bun orders
- Interschool Sport for grade 5/6
- Camp Deposit

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