Dear Parents and Guardians,

I remember Tony placing an article about parental involvement in last year’s March Newsletter and I could not help thinking with the forthcoming Beach Party, how relevant it is to have parental support for our programs and their participation in the life of our school.

Here is a part of that article:

**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 best 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.

Our Beach Party incursion is only six days away and we still have over one hundred students who have not been able to gain their parents signature on the permission form that was given out two weeks ago, and return to school on time.

The incursion is planned and provided for everyone’s participation, and like any other incursion or excursion it sometimes comes with a cost. To make these extra-curricular activities successful and prices affordable, we rely upon everyone participating. If we continue to have poor responses to activities we organise for the broad education of your children, it becomes increasingly difficult to offer them in the future.

We don’t expect everyone to attend the after school performance, but the $10 incursion provides your children with a performance after the regular school assembly, a lesson with a band member to learn a new song and dance, and another rehearsal lesson in the afternoon. Those students who do not return their form will be combined and given alternative work. Could I ask anyone who has still not completed the permission form for their children to please do so and return tomorrow?
Annual General Meeting / 2014 School Council:

Last Monday the School conducted its 2015 Annual General Meeting, with the main item for discussion being our 2014 Annual Report. Copies of the Report are available from the school office and will be posted on our web site in Term Two. Following our Annual General Meeting the 2015 School Council met for their first meeting. As previously mentioned, the following parents and staff form our 2015 School Council:

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Have a wonderful week, and we look forward to catching up with many of you next Wednesday evening at the Beach Party in the Early Years Centre.

Trevor Daly

(Acting Principal in Mr. Cerra’s absence)

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK ENDING 18th March, 2015

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<td>For always be kind and complimenting his classmates on their work. Keep being awesome!</td>
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<td>For using class time effectively to complete set tasks. Well done!</td>
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<td>Jordan L</td>
<td>For working hard to improve his handwriting. Well done.</td>
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<td>Danella S</td>
<td>For putting lots of effort into her schoolwork, and for being a friendly and helpful class member.</td>
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A reminder that due to the Beach Party there will be **NO FAMILY TIME** next Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th} March.

"I was privileged to glimpse what can be achieved by a little boy who was surrounded by your talent, encouragement and positivity."

**MARIA (a parent)**

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**Music Theatre Boot Camp**

**Easter 2015**

Mon 6 April to Fri 10 April

9.30am to 3pm each day

Music Theatre Boot Camp is a fun and inclusive school holiday program exploring the skills of music theatre. The five day program is for primary aged interested in music, drama, dance and overall performance. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

We awaken the children to their own enjoyment of performance. By the end of the week everyone is playing a part in a scene with a song and dance performed for family and friends.

**LIMITED PLACES - BOOK NOW!**

More info at

www.musictheatrebootcamp.com.au

or call 9078 3676
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 made some cool Easter masks as well as having an Easter egg hunt soon, which will be really exciting and fun.
Indoor sports and activities are always played by the boys as they love getting active and working on their skills. The girls enjoy spending time using their imagination and getting creative with the colourful play dough, as well as creating their own cool games.
Don't forget to bring your warm jackets for the colder days and your hats for the sunny outdoors kids!
Looking forward to continuing the awesome fun!

• Aysun Kiris

Next week’s activities:
Monday 23rd March: Indoor Sports and activities
Tuesday 24th March: Making Nacho’s
Wednesday 25th March: Easter Colouring in/Drawing
Thursday 26th March: Pizza Sandwich’s
Friday 27th March: Last Day of Term 1 & After School Care!
DESTINATION ITALY

Ciao! Mi chiamo Angela Francavilla e sono l’insegnante dell’italiano / Hello! My name is Angela Francavilla and I am your child’s teacher of Italian at Westbreen Primary School.

I have returned to Westbreen Primary School after five years on maternity leave. I am very excited to be back to teach all the students at Westbreen how to speak Italian and learn about the Italian culture.

During my sessions your child will be involved in a range of listening, speaking, reading and writing activities that will assist them with learning the Italian language (at an introductory level) and also inform them about the Italian culture.

Students will participate in a 50 minute weekly session and I encourage all students to visit the website “Languages Online” (www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/italian/italian.htm) on a regular basis throughout their spare time to support my weekly sessions. As the students have been introduced to this site and it will be used on a regular basis throughout the year to support my lessons. This site as a range of listening, speaking, reading and writing activities that, focus on over 35 different topics. It’s also a great way for parents and other family members to learn the language with their child/children.

I also bring to your attention that this week is Multicultural Week. Students have been involved in varied activities throughout the week to deepen their understanding of cultural respect for everyone that calls “Australia Home”. The Victorian Multicultural Commission of Victoria has organised “free entertainment” at Federation Square on Sunday 22nd March, 2015 between 12pm - 6pm. There will also be lots music, food, dancing, films and activities for children. For further information visit multicultural.vic.gov.au or facebook.com/multicultural

One last event I want to mention to you all .....is the exciting Pinocchio Pantomime on at the moment. (Please see the attached flyer for details)

It is a live show suitable for children about the little Italian puppet/boy Pinocchio, which will be presented by a local company until the 28th March, 2015. Tickets are only $7. The performance will be in English, however the story of Pinocchio and Geppetto, la fata turchina (the blue/turquoise fairy) and il grillo (the cricket) is always so enjoyable and interesting in any language!

Ciao, ciao per adesso (bye, bye for now) – Signora Angela
Script provided by NODA Pantomimes. Written by Stephen Duckham.
Supported by Hobsons Bay City Council Ticket Information

**Show dates:** March 6 - March 28 2015  
**Running time:** Approximately 2 hours (including a 20 minute interval)  
**All Tickets:** $7.00

To book tickets online, choose a performance on the calendar below, or call (or SMS) 0425 705 550.  
[Ticketing Policy (Terms & Conditions)]

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**Foundation Students’ Special Person Day**

**Thursday the 26th of March at 2:45pm**  
in the Foundation Classrooms

Students will make a short presentation about a special person in their life. Family members are invited to attend.
DONATIONS FOR PETS HAVEN

Our school is a collection point for the Pets Haven animal shelter in Woodend. The volunteers there rescue and rehome unwanted domestic animals, especially dogs and cats.

If you have any donations of the following items, they may be left in the boxes outside Ms. Wileman’s room, near the Main Office.

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For more information on Pets Haven go to [www.petshaven.org.au](http://www.petshaven.org.au)

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10% off your next purchase when you mention your school or kinder and use the code word “Books are cool”

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – TERM 2**

To book a place for our after school activities come in store or book online

- **Art Journaling** April 28th-May 19th Tuesdays 4-5:30pm (4 weeks)
- **Collage** June 2nd-June 23rd Tuesdays 4-5:30pm (4 weeks)

For more information go to our website and click on Activities and Clubs under categories

**Story Times Tuesday @11am**

Get your mothers group together and join us for a story and an activity. Story time runs during the school holidays and is suitable for kids 2+
THE NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS’ DAY
Melbourne Convention Centre

Last Friday, our School Captains and House Captains represented Westbreen at the National Young Leaders day. There were five speakers including Mike Martin, Bindi Irwin, author Andy Griffiths, Paralympian Dr. Jessica Gallagher, Coen Ashton and two musical acts. The speaker I liked the best was Dr. Jessica Gallagher because she found some good things out of some bad news. When she was twelve, she was told that she had a rare disease that would eventually make her blind. Jessica loved sports and her dream was to become an athlete. Hearing this news didn’t stop her from following her dreams. She decided to become a Paralympian. There are tests you have to do to confirm that you have some sort of disability or it wouldn’t fair for other competitors. Jessica missed out on the 2008 Beijing Olympics because her eyesight was too good, so she was disappointed. After six months Jessica finally became a Paralympian. She was Australia’s second female Winter Paralympian and the first woman to win a medal at the Vancouver Games in 2010.

I learned a great quote from Jessica: “You’ll never fall off your bike unless you stop pedalling”. Vaneeza 5/6O

The National Young Leaders Day was held on the 13th of March at the Melbourne Convention Centre. School Captains and House Captains represented Westbreen P.S. There were five speakers on the day. There was Mike Martin, Bindi Irwin, Andy Griffiths, Dr. Jessica Gallagher and Coen Ashton. My favourites were Bindi and Andy. One of the things I enjoyed most has to be listening to the speakers and hearing their stories. I also enjoyed watching the dance group Kstar perform. Sheruni 5/6A

My favourite part was when Bindi Irwin came on stage and told us her story. She also talked about leadership. Thank you to Ms. Wileman and Mrs. Georgie for taking us. Matisse 5/6A

I really enjoyed listening to Coen Ashton speak. It was a really sad thing that happened to him but he is a great role model for other kids. He raised money for charity even though he was sick. Now he is better. Everything is possible, even if you’re sick. Hatice 5/6A

Mike Martin taught me a lot of inspiring things about being a leader. Bindi was amazing and she is a wildlife protector. She taught me that you can do anything, no matter what colour your skin or how smart you are. Bindi wants to follow in her father (Steve Irwin)’s footsteps. One quote she gave us was: “Knowing what’s right doesn’t mean much unless you do it.” That quote was like gold! Mahmoud 5/6A

Bindi Irwin spoke about her dad (Steve Irwin) and how she wants to follow in his footsteps. All the speakers did great speeches. I learned a lot about leadership. My favourite speaker was Bindi Irwin. Karim 5/6A

Jessica Bindi Andy Coen
Friday March 20

is the

National Day of Action
Against Bullying and Violence.

Show your support by wearing

orange to school that day!

Orange wrist bands, badges, rulers, pens and key rings will be on sale for a gold coin donation.

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Tuning in to Kids

“Emotionally Intelligent Parenting”

A 6 week parenting program

Tuning in to Kids will help parents:
• Be more aware and accepting of emotions in themselves and their child
• Develop skills to help their child name emotions
• Have more empathic responses to their child
• Share more of the emotional aspects of life with their child
• Use Emotion Coaching when solving problems
• Know when not to use Emotion Coaching
• Develop their own emotional self-care and anger regulation skills.

When:  Term 2 - 2015: starts Tuesday 21st April 2015 for six consecutive weeks
Time:  10.00am to 12.00pm
Where: Dianella Community Health, Broad Insight Group - Corner Rosebud Crescent & Sorrento Street, Broadmeadows
Cost:  This program is free. Registration is essential.
Eligibility: Residents of Hume and Moreland
Facilitators: Wendy Khalil, Social Worker
Bronwyn Pitt, Psychologist
Child care: Unfortunately we are unable to offer child care.
Contact:  Counselling Intake on 9302 8803
Registration closes 31/03/15
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
WESTBREEN BEACH PARTY

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH
Dinner: 5 - 6pm
Singing & Dance: 6:00 - 7:30pm
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