Dear Parents and Guardians,

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. There is a range of simple things you can do at home that will assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child. These include talking with your child about their day, hearing your child read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and having plenty of sleep.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education and the programs we offer for Parents willing to participate in the life of our school.

- Classroom Support
- Reading Support
- Literacy & Numeracy Activities
- Oral Language Program for Prep Students
- P.M.P for Prep Students
- Speech Pathology Support
- Library Support
- Administrative Tasks
- Canteen
- Parents & Friends Association – (Fundraising, Mother’s/Father’s Day Stall)
- General Gardening / Working Bees
- Vegetable Garden
- STRIVE program groups

Have a wonderful week

Tony Cerra
Principal
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**  
**WEEK ENDING 26th March 2014**

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<td>PA</td>
<td>Romaisa H</td>
<td>For working to improve her writing. Well done Romaisa!</td>
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<td>Brayden P</td>
<td>For always completing set tasks to the best of his ability.</td>
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<td>Michael G</td>
<td>For always putting 100% effort into everything he does in class.</td>
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<td>Wajiha A</td>
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<td>Arafat M</td>
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<td>Mohamed A</td>
<td>For his excellent contributions to our work on Persuasive Writing.</td>
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<td>5 6A</td>
<td>Lyla F</td>
<td>For her wonderful start at Westbreen Primary School.</td>
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<td>5 6C</td>
<td>Mia H</td>
<td>For displaying great sportsmanship and for an amazing catch during cricket practice!</td>
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**NudeFood**

This week's winners are 5/6C.

Well done and keep up the great work! 😊
Prep

Special Person Day

Wednesday the 2nd of April at 2:45pm

in the Prep Classrooms

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

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

The best place to spend your school holidays this AUTUMN is at PLANET SPORT!
Fun filled activities and multi sports for kids' ages 5yrs - 12 years

TWO FANTASTIC LOCATIONS:
Royal Park: State Netball Hockey Centre
Albert Park: Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre

Week ONE: Monday 7th April 2014 - Friday 11th April 2014
Week TWO: Monday 14th April 2014 - Thursday 17th April 2014

Drop off: 7:45am – 8:45am, Pick up: 4:30pm- 5:45pm

INFLATABLE DAY
FLOWRIDER
AQUATICS
GIANT INFLATABLE
ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
ZOO
ATHLETICS AT LAKESIDE
NETBALL
BASKETBALL
SOCCER
HOCKEY

Email: planetsport@ssct.com.au Phone: 9926 1618
Website: www.snhc.com.au or www.msac.com.au
Prep

Oral Language Program Celebration

Friday the 4th of April,
9:00–10:00am (Prep D)
10:00–11:00am (Prep A)
in the Multi-Purpose Room
(near the office)

Come along and join in the fun!
See what your child does during Oral Language Program.
THE GOLDEN RULES

(How to use the internet safely)

4. CHAT ROOMS AND ONLINE COMMUNICATION
   - Never meet with someone you met online, in real life
   - If you feel pressured by someone online ask for advice from your mum, dad, carer or teacher.
   - Only give your email address to people you know – never to strangers.
   - If someone or something disturbs you in a chat room, leave and find one that your parents have agreed you can use.

The Westbreen eSmart Team

TRASH AND TREASURE

is on

Tuesday April 1

Come along and find a bargain!

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

Any donations of toys, books, games etc. can be left outside Ms. Wileman’s room.
FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH

Everyone welcome

Vegetarian Halal

Saturday 29 March 2014
1 - 3pm
Fawkner Senior Citizens Centre
CB Smith Reserve,
77 Jukes Rd, Fawkner

For more information visit www.open-table.org

or call (03) 9240 1224

Everyone welcome – no need to RSVP
Extend OSHC at Westbreen Primary School

Our weekly recap
Last week the children and I really enjoyed playing poison ball in the hall, everyone was actively involved and having fun!
Kundana and Layan enjoy playing together and reading quietly.
Jordan and Tylah enjoyed playing cricket and making their own games up indoors.
Ayman and Amani love playing in the playgrounds, and so does Lachlan.
Everyone loves their yummy afternoon snack and fruits. Time is flying and we have already reached towards the end of Term.
Looking forward to some more fun and adventures next week!
- Aysun

Our Extend Superstar is ... Alex Q for having good manners at After School Care Program and listening to instructions.

Next week’s activities:

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Early Release session: 4 April
Please note After School Care WILL be available on the last day of term, Friday 4 April from 2.15pm. Book now for this Early Release session by contacting our office on 1300 366 437.

This will be charged as a separate session to the regular After School Care session, so parents have the option to book their child(ren) in for the Early Release session ONLY, or both the Early Release session and regular After School Care session.

If you would like to know what your out of pocket expense will be please contact our office.

ONLINE BOOKINGS: extend.com.au
CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
FAMILY TIME NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 2 April 2014

Join us for ‘FAMILY TIME’ next week where we will have an Easter Theme
We will be making Easter related cards and other Easter craft
There are even whispers that the Easter Bunny might leave some goodies for us

***A reminder that all students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian***

‘FAMILY TIME’ SPECIAL EVENTS

Maybe you have a recipe that everyone loves, or make simple jewellery, or can run a dance workshop, karate?????
Anyone with suggestions regarding special events or activities, or even a special skill they might like to share with our families, are encouraged to see either Michelle Brooksby or Paula Ainsworth. We would love to hear from you, and indeed get you involved in any future ‘Family Time’ Events.

How can you help your child to get to school on time?

Tip 6: Have your child go to bed 15 minutes earlier and get up 15 minutes earlier.

becomes
Autumn Working Bee
Friday 28 March 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Our first Working Bee for 2014 is set for tomorrow night and we are keeping our fingers crossed for pleasant weather. We have had a good rain to soften the soil today; so much of our work will be easier.

The projects we hope to achieve are:

1. Clearing an area near the blue water tank, placing down weed mat, covering with garden mix soil and planting succulent plants,
2. Clearing our four vegetable patches and refilling with new garden mix,
3. Placing more soil around the rock mounds and then a layer of softfall mulch,
4. Spreading more red river gum wood chips onto our feature gardens, and,
5. A general clean up around the school, before settling down for a sausage in bread.

We desperately require wheelbarrows to assist moving the soil, mulch and red gum!

From our 150 families we have only had 2 replies returned, so I am hoping that most of you are just not ‘note people’, but have placed the date on your calendar and will be attending tomorrow!

It’s a great night for students and parents, filled with a real sense of purpose and achievement.

LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU ALL TOMORROW.

Trevor Daly (On behalf of the Community Involvement Committee)
## March & April 2014

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

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**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

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