



# Westbreen Primary School

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# Newsletter

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## Dates to Remember

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Breakfast Club  
Canteen is open for lunches and snacks  
First day for Foundations students

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Breakfast Club  
No School for Foundation Students  
Family Time 3:15 to 4:15pm

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Breakfast Club

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Breakfast Club

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Meet the Teacher night

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

### February

Breakfast Club

No School for Foundation Students

Family Time 3:15 to 4:15pm

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Meet the Teacher

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Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2018

## Principals Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello and welcome to the 2018 school year. The entire team at Westbreen Primary wishes each and every member of our community a very healthy and safe 2018.

The school year has started extremely well and all students have settled into their new classrooms. Team Westbreen welcomes:

~ Ms. Rebecca Hay ~ Grade 1 teacher

~ Ms. Annie Forsyth ~ Integration Aide.

I am sure that you will make them very welcome.

We are very excited to have many new families starting with us this year, including our two classes of Foundation students who will enjoy their very first full day of primary school on Monday.

Parent support in the successful education and development of children is absolutely vital, and we look forward to a really positive and productive relationship with our families this year.

Please make yourselves known to your child's teachers and remember that we encourage you to make an appointment with them if you have any questions or concerns.

At Westbreen Primary School we have an extremely committed team of professionals who work together to make our school a great State Primary School. We have a wonderful and supportive 'learning community'. We also have an extremely strong Leadership Team, amazing teachers and a highly engaged learning community. The students are at the centre of everything we do and motivate us to deliver the very best learning environment for all.

**2018 Timetable: For a number of reasons we have changed our timetable for 2018.**

Students arrive at school	8.45am – 9.00am	School Grounds supervised by staff	
School Starts	9.00am		
Session One	9.00am – 9.50am		
Session Two	9.50am – 10.40am		
Session Three	10.40am - 11.30am		
Students eat lunch	11.30am- 11.45am	Eating time fully supervised by staff	
* First Recess break (45minutes)	11.45am – 12.30pm	Students play outside fully supervised by 3 staff members.	*change from 2017 30 minute recess is now 45minutes
Session Four	12.30pm – 1.20pm		
Session Five	1.20pm – 2.10pm		
*Second Recess Break (15minutes)	2.10pm – 2.25pm	Students play outside fully supervised by 3 staff members.	*change from 2017 30 minute recess is now 15minutes
Session Six	2.25pm – 3.15pm		
Students exit school grounds	3.15pm – 3.30pm	School Grounds supervised by staff	

**Introducing My Child Conferences:**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> marks the first round of meetings between families, students and teachers for the 2018 school year - “Introducing My Child Conferences.” These conferences give parents 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. Notices regarding these conferences were distributed to families on Tuesday and we require completed notices be returned to school at your earliest convenience but not later than Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Appointment times will be forwarded to you on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

**“School Assembly”**

I would like to remind all Parents that our weekly school assembly is held on Wednesday mornings at 9.05am. I welcome and encourage all Parents who wish to attend to do so. They are a great way to be informed of what is happening at School. A highlight of the Assembly is the celebrating of School successes including “Student of the Week”, student’s performances, and student work achievements.

**“Family Time” is back for 2018:**

“Family Time” will operate in the Senior Years Centre, every Wednesday afternoon from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Please see more about “Family Time”, further on in this Newsletter. I look forward to seeing as many Parents as possible.

If anyone has any questions regarding the start of the year or any aspect of our school, please feel free to contact either myself, Mr. Daly, your child’s teacher or the General Office. The General Office is open from 8.30am to 4.15pm daily.

Have a wonderful week!

*Tony Terra*

Principal.

## **TEAM WESTBREEN FOR 2018**

<i><b>Teaching &amp; Learning Grade</b></i>	<i><b>Staff Member</b></i>
Foundation	Adria Quinn
Foundation	Kellie Fazzino
Grade 1	Michael Blakey / June Thomson
Grade 1	Rebecca Hay
Grade 2	Christine Mahlis
Grade 2	Deidre Ochoa
Grade 3/4	Elisa Pannunzio
Grade 3/4	Christopher Kloester
Grade 3/4	Yvonne Cuthill
Grade 5/6	Lorena Cosner
Grade 5/6	Effie Aresti
Grade 5/6	Maria Zarkadoulas
<b><i>TOTAL STUDENT ENROLMENT</i></b>	<b><i>283 Wonderful Students</i></b>
<i><b>Specialist Team</b></i>	<i><b>Staff Member</b></i>
Art	Kristy Monaghan
Music	Kylie Delacoe
Science	Christine Monaghan
LOTE (Language Other Than English) Italian	Angela Francavilla
Personalised Learning Program	Diane Baker Karen Wileman
Welfare Officer	Georgie Sweeney
Integration Aides	Lyn Bishop, Vikki Katelanis, Lee Kenny, Joanne Youl, Nerida Riddell, Maria Taranto, Kerry Parfett, Feliz Kaya, Annie Forsyth
<i><b>Administrative Team</b></i>	<i><b>Staff Member</b></i>
Principal	Tony Cerra
Acting Assistant Principal	Trevor Daly
Business Manager	Sharon Davey
Office Manager	Julie Cox
Library Technician /Family Engagement Program Co-ordinator	Michelle Brooksby
Canteen Manager	Robyn Wilson
Instrumental Music Program	Michael Gumley
Outside School Care	EXTEND
Technical Support Staff	Dion Dal Ben /Adam Robinson
Cleaning Team	Sandra Ali Nuch Lojko

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## WEEK ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018

<b>1 B</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>	For a great start, heroically stretching our learning into 2018.
<b>1 H</b>	<b>Whole Grade</b>	For making a fantastic, start to Term 1, 2018.
<b>2 M</b>	<b>Whole Grade</b>	Congratulations on a great start to 2018. Together we will stretch and grow our fantastic elastic brains.
<b>2 O</b>	<b>Whole Grade</b>	Congratulations on a great start to 2018. Together we will stretch and grow our fantastic elastic brains.
<b>3 4C</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>	For great start to Term 1 2018.
<b>3 4K</b>	<b>Whole Grade</b>	For their hard work in week one.
<b>3 4P</b>	<b>The Whole Grade</b>	For a wonderful start to the year. Looking forward to learning new things together.
<b>5 6A</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>	Here is to a fantastic year – stretching our abilities to the maximum.
<b>5 6C</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>	Looking forward to seeing you all stretch above and beyond!! Congratulations on a great start!
<b>5 6Z</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>	For a fantastic start to 2018 cannot wait to stretch our wings and soar to new heights together!

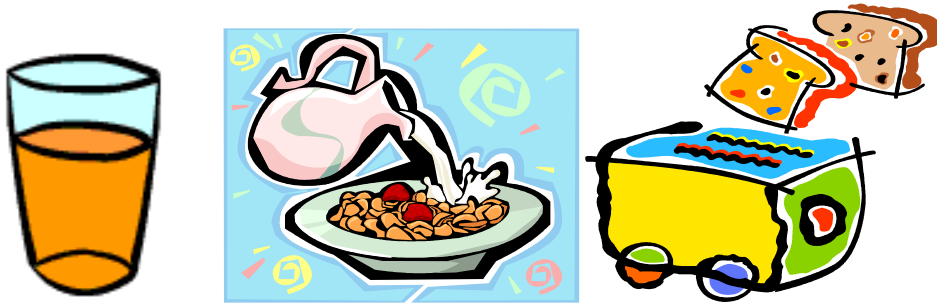
## Music Program



-This year we are excited to be offering Guitar, Keyboard, Drum kit & Singing lessons as part of the instrumental music program at Westbreen. Lessons will commence next Friday the 9th of February for all students who have returned their note. To enroll please return the music program note (handed out to each student) to the office or enroll online at

<https://melbourneguitaracademy.com/schoolprograms/>

# Breakfast Club



Our first Breakfast Club for 2018 will commence on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Breakfast will be served every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from our beautiful new canteen from 8:15am until 8:45am for everyone to come and have something to eat. There will be the usual cereal, toast, fruit salad, juices as well as other good stuff available. This is a great opportunity for you to ride or walk to school with Mum or Dad, Sister, Brother, Grandparent and a great time to enjoy breakfast with school friends.

Mrs Wilson and I look forward to seeing many happy & hungry faces!  
Ms Georgie



## **FAMILY TIME AT WESTBREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

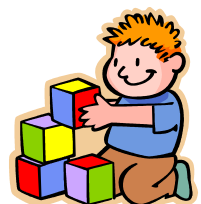
**‘FAMILY TIME’** at Team Westreen! It’s been fantastic to see everyone enjoying Family Time with their families over past few years. So come one, come all, and join us for Family Time once again in 2018 every

**WEDNESDAY 3.15PM – 4.15PM**

We invite all students to bring along a parent, grandparent or adult carer and share some time together involved in our weekly activities. Little brothers and sisters also welcome. The only condition of entry is that the student is accompanied by a parent, grandparent or adult carer, and that the students will participate, with their families, in the nominated activities for that week. Bringing electronic devices to Family Time is not encouraged unless it directly relates to the activity for that week.

No prior notice is required and you may use the whole hour or just part of the time. So come along for some fun family activities. Don’t forget to check the Newsletter each week to see what our weekly activity will be

**We also enthusiastically encourage anyone with suggestions regarding special events or activities, or even a special skill they might like to share with our families during Family Time to please see either Michelle Brooksby or Colleen Martin. Colleen Martin is the parent of Cassie and Thomas, and co-ordinates all of our Family Time sessions. We would love to hear from you, and indeed get you involved in Family Time Events.**



## FAMILY TIME

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

Our activity for the week will be

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\*\*All students are welcome, must participate in the activity and **must** be accompanied by a parent or adult carer\*\*

## Westbreen Community Group



Please join us at our meetings where parents and relatives come together to discuss new ideas for and from the community of Westbreen

### Key group contacts

Deb Clarke (parent of Ben & Christopher)

Anna Martucci (parent of Nicholas)

Laura Muller (parent of Jacob & Luca)

Rosemary Pisano (parent of Andre)

Brad McBride (parent of Dexter & Duke)

Miss Michelle Brooksby – Family Engagement Facilitator

We will meet on Thursday March 8, 2018 at 2.30pm to discuss ideas, goals and plans for Team Westbreen for 2018. Meeting dates for Terms 2, 3 & 4 will be published in future newsletters.

**The Westbreen Community Group are always working towards  
'Fundraising and Social Events bringing the wider Westbreen Community together'**

## NOTICES SENT HOME

- ◆ **Meet the Teacher**
- ◆ **Canteen List**

### December 2017, January & February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <sup>th</sup> 	29 <sup>th</sup> Pick up of Books for all Grade 12: 12:00pm to 3:30pm 	30 <sup>th</sup> Start of Term 1 for 2018 	31 <sup>st</sup> 	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club Foundation Students first Day New Canteen opens for business	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club No School for Foundation Students Family time 3:15 to 4:15pm	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club	10 <sup>th</sup>
11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club	13 <sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher night 3:30 to 7:00pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club No School for Foundation Students Family time 3:15 to 4:15pm	15 <sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher night 3:30 to 7:00pm	16 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club	17 <sup>th</sup>
18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club School Council	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup> Breakfast Club No School for Foundation Students Family time 3:15 to 4:15pm	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup> Breakfast Club	24 <sup>th</sup>
25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club No School for Foundation Students Family time 3:15 to 4:15pm	1 <sup>st</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> Breakfast Club	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club Foundation students go full time	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club Family time 3:15 to 4:15pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Welcome breakfast for Foundation Families	9 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club	10 <sup>th</sup>