



Westbreen Primary School

Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

31st Oct to 2nd November
Swimming
Friday 2nd November
Breakfast Club
Monday 5th November
Breakfast Club
Tuesday 6th November
Melbourne Cup Day
Public Holiday
Wednesday 7th November
Breakfast Club
Gymnastics
Family Time 3:15 to 4:15pm
Thursday 8th November
Gymnastics
Friday 9th November
Breakfast Club
Monday 12th November
Breakfast Club
Tuesday 13th November
Italian Day
Wednesday 14th November
Breakfast Club
Family Time 3:15 to 4:15pm
Gymnastics

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Principals Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

Planning for 2019

Thank you to those families who have informed the school that their children will not be returning next year. This does help considerably with forward planning. Thank you also to those families who have presented to me, in writing, any relevant information pertaining to the placement of their children for next year. I do however need to reiterate it IS NOT a “pick your class teacher or pick your class group” option but rather it is an opportunity for you to provide any relevant social, emotional and educational information that you would like the school to take into account when the class groups are being formed.

The information that has been presented to the school is summarised and taken into consideration when teachers are forming the 2019 class groups. Every effort is made to take into account all possible factors.

Our Staff consider the following Classroom Organisation guidelines when determining classes:

‘Purpose’

The school aims to provide a comprehensive and challenging learning program for all children. Classes should be formed in such a way as to make best use of human and physical resources in order to meet the school’s educational aims.

Broad Guidelines

Children may experience different forms of classroom organisation during their seven years at primary school. These may include classes of similar aged children, composite classes (two years in the same class), or multi age grouping (more than two years in the same class).

When forming classes the following is a summary of the criteria considered:

- Student numbers and individual educational and personality needs
- Mixed academic ability
- Gender balance
- Positive friendship groups

After the full seven years at school, children should have been grouped with many others within their year level.

It is with this air of enthusiasm and optimism that we embark on the preparation for yet another happy year at Westbreen Primary School.

Parent Payment Policy and Implementation.

At last month’s School Council meeting, Council ratified the schools new Parent Payment Policy and Implementation. This document along with 2019 Book Lists will be distributed to the school community via students on Wednesday 7th November. In summary the Policy defines what schools can and can’t charge for, more importantly our policy sets out the process that Parents/ Families can follow if they are facing financial hardship and the support that Westbreen can provide during this time. School Council is



very conscious of finding the balance of ensuring that any cost incurred to families during the school year is kept at minimum and providing the very best educational environment and programs for our students. As a result School Council have agreed to keep our Essential Student Learning Items charge for 2019 (school fees) at \$120.00 as it was in the previous four years.

Have a wonderful week

Tony Cerra
Principal.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

WEEK ENDING 31st October 2018

F A	Adam Y	For putting lots of effort into sounding out words. Well done Adam!
F F	Jayden H	For continuing to improve his writing and creating great sentences!
1 B	Vihanga J	For working hard to improve his writing. Well done Vihanga!
1 H	Hatem A	For making a great improvement to his writing. Well done.
2 M	Duke G	Having such a great attitude to school and learning and always giving 100% in all he does! You're a star!
2 O	Izyan A	For his thoughtful answers during class discussions.
3 4C	Sabriana M	For using great vocab in her writing to keep the reader engaged. Well done!
3 4K	Stephanie A	For showing great improvement with her reading and writing. Well done!
3 4P	Maryam I	For writing a well structured informal letter to a friend. Well done.☺
5 6A	Aziza J	For her positive contributions in class.
5 6C	Issa E	For always making the right choices. Keep it up!!
5 6Z	Hana H	For the energy she brings to the classroom.

UPCOMING EVENT!

WESTBREEN P.S ART SHOW

TUESDAY THE 27th OF NOVEMBER

3.30-7:00PM

WELFARE WORDS

DIABETES AUSTRALIA- CLOTHING COLLECTION.

Students, Families & Staff

Pre-loved Clothes Makes All the Difference

We would like to provide your school with money for donating unwanted clothing.

Diabetes Victoria, the leading charity and peak consumer body working to reduce the impact of diabetes, has supplied our school with diabetes donation bags for students and staff to fill with unwanted clothing.

Diabetes Victoria will give the school 30 cents a kilo for all pre-loved clothing that is donated. This money would be paid to the school to spend on essential items that may be needed in the school community. Diabetes Victoria will be sending a truck to pick up and weigh the bags on Monday, 12th November.

Our clothing collection service has helped fund educational programs for children and adolescents living with diabetes for over 20 years. By donating pre-loved clothes to Diabetes Victoria, you are supporting those living with diabetes in your community and provide funding into research for finding a cure.

Diabetes Victoria estimates that there are currently 435,000 people living with diabetes in Victoria- more than 323,000 registered with the National Diabetes Services Scheme and 125,000 with undiagnosed Type 2 Diabetes. Everyday more than 80 Victorians develop the disease.

We are all role models for the next generation; every act we perform today can help us shape a better tomorrow. By donating pre-loved clothes to Diabetes Victoria you are supporting those living with diabetes in the community and also helping the environment by reducing landfill using our brand new degradable bags.

Diabetes Victoria & Westbreen Primary School thanks you for helping us make a positive difference. Items that can be donated are: CLOTHES, SHOES, BAGS, BLANKETS.

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO STORAGE RESTRAINTS AT SCHOOL, CLOTHING BAGS TO BE

DROPPED OFF FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER (ONLY)

AND WILL BE COLLECTED BY THE DIABETES VICTORIA TRUCK ON MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER.

If you have more items than what fits in the bag please feel free to use bags from home.

Thank you for your support.

Georgie Thorneycroft ☺

Student & Family Support Officer



FAMILY TIME

Come and join us for Family Time next Wednesday

Our activity for the week will be

COLORING COMPETION

****All students are welcome. Students must participate in the weekly activity and must be accompanied by a parent or adult carer****

WESTBREEN COMMUNITY GROUP **UP COMING EVENTS**

Me on a Mug- Personalised Mugs

We will be holding a Personalised Mug Fundraiser this term.
More information will be sent home shortly.

Election Day BBQ

We will be holding a Fundraising Election Day BBQ on 24th of November. The BBQ will be held here at Westbreen Primary School. We will be asking for Volunteers to assist on the day. Please keep the date free.
More information will be sent home shortly.

End Of Year Raffle DONATIONS NEEDED

We will be holding an end of year fundraising raffle to be drawn at our Multicultural Event on the 7th of December and would appreciate any donations towards our prizes. Donation Ideas – Gardening Items, Toiletries, Toys, Books, Games, Clothing, jewellery, Sporting Equipment, Vouchers, Food Hamper items (Please ensure that items have a current use by date).

If you know of any businesses that would like to contribute prizes, please see Deb Clarke or Michelle Brooksby for an official donation request letter. All donations will be acknowledged both in our school newsletter, and via a formal thank you certificate. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please leave any donations with your name at the general office by November 30th.
Raffle Tickets will be sent home Friday the 16th of November.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT SO FAR THIS YEAR





Parent Update

Extend-a-Hand Activities What's been happening..

Learn

The children have been learning about weather systems and cycles, the impact of drought, and who really provides our food.

Science Project: Watering Effect on Plants.

Helping children understand the meaning of drought through experimenting how plants react to being under watered, watered correctly and under watered. Stay tune for some fascinating before and after shots.

Aid

Extend has partnered with [GIVIT](#) to help raise funds for our farmers and their families.

Extend has kick started this fundraising drive with a \$2,000 boost. Please help us raise as much money as possible. Some ideas include:

- Hold a gold coin donation day at your school and dress up as a farmer or farm animal
- Hold your own cake stall or lemonade stand to help raise funds
- Share the fundraising link <http://blog.givit.org.au/Extend-a-Hand/> on your social media pages

Appreciate

The children have created hand written letters of gratitude and encouragement to the farmers and their families.

These letters are wonderfully touching. Stay tuned for our photo gallery which will show case some of the letters we have received.

Donate today!

Visit Extend's donation page via [GIVIT](#) and participate in this fantastic cause!

If you have any questions feel free to speak to the Service Coordinator at your service.

NEW FAMILIES

Enrol at extend.com.au.
Visit our FAQ page for answers to common questions.

BOOKINGS

Make your bookings or cancellations online at extend.com.au

50% OFF FEES

The Child Care Rebate is NOT income tested.
Find out more at extend.com.au



NOTICES SENT HOME

- **Italian Day 2018**
- **Gymnastics Program**
- **T-20 8-a-side Cricket**
- **Grade 6 windcheaters for 2019**
- **Graduation Gifts for Grade 6.**

October & November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 th 	29 th PUPIL FREE DAY NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL 	30 th Sporting Schools Cricket 5.0 	31 st Breakfast Club Family Time 3:15 to 4:5pm 	1 st Nov	2 nd Breakfast Club	3 rd
SWIMMING 2018						
4 th	5 th Breakfast Club	6 th Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday 	7 th Breakfast Club Family Time 3:15 to 4:15pm	8 th	9 th Breakfast Club	10 th
GYMNASTICS						
11 th	12 th Breakfast Club	13 th Italian Day 	14 th Breakfast Club Family Time 3:15 to 4:15pm	15 th	16 th Breakfast Club	17 th
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18 th	19 th Breakfast Club School Council	20 th	21 st Breakfast Club Family Time 3:15 to 4:15pm	22 nd	23 rd Breakfast Club	24 th Electio n Day BBQ
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25 th	26 th Breakfast Club	27 th Art Show 3:30pm to 7:00pm	28 th Breakfast Club Family Time 3:15 to 4:15pm		30 th Breakfast Club	1 st Dec
GYMNASTICS						
2 nd	3 rd Breakfast Club	4 th	5 th Breakfast Club Family Time 3:15 to 4:15pm	6 th	7 th Breakfast Club	8 th
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