



# Westbreen Primary School

## Newsletter

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## Principals Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello and welcome to the 2019 school year. The entire team at Westbreen Primary wishes each and every member of our community a very healthy and safe 2019.

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

- ~ Mr. Jason Kenny ~ Assistant Principal
- ~ Ms. Vivienne Weate ~ Foundation
- ~ Mr. Ricky Nolan ~ Grade 5/6N

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 three 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.

**“When schools, homes and communities agree that they are stronger together than apart, STUDENTS will be able to THRIVE ACADEMICALLY and PERSONALLY”**

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.

**NO CANTEEN ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
CANTEEN WILL START ON WEDNESDAY  
6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

## Dates to Remember

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Breakfast Club 8:15 to 8:45  
Foundation Students first day of school

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Breakfast Club 8:15 to 8:45  
Foundation Assessment day  
Family Time 3:15 to 4:15

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Breakfast Club 8:15 to 8:45  
Interschool Sport Home

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Breakfast Club 8:15 to 8:45

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

Meet the Teacher Night  
3:30pm to 7:00pm

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

Breakfast Club 8:15 to 8:45  
Foundation Assessment day  
Family Time 3:15 to 4:15

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Meet the Teacher Night  
3:30pm to 7:00pm

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## **2019 Timetable:**

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.
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.
Session Six	2.25pm – 3.15pm	
Students exit school grounds	3.15pm – 3.30pm	School Grounds supervised by staff

### **Introducing My Child Conferences:**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> marks the first round of meetings between families, students and teachers for the 2019 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 today along with this Newsletter, and we require completed notices to be returned to school at your earliest convenience but not later than Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Appointment times will be forwarded to you on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

### **“School Assembly”**

I would like to remind all Parents and community members that our weekly school assembly is held on Wednesday mornings at 9.05am. I welcome and encourage all Parents and Community Members 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 2019:**

“Family Time” will operate in our Library, 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. Kenny, 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.

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## **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 recent years. So come one, come all, and join us for Family Time once again in 2019 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 do 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.**



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## FAMILY TIME

Come and join us for Family Time next Wednesday  
Our activity for the week will be

### **Calendar Colouring**



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

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## PLAYGROUP

A reminder that Playgroup starts tomorrow in the school hall. The Songbird program returns during playgroup sessions on the following dates this term, February 22, March 8 & 22, April 5. Keep an eye on our newsletter for further information on what our Playgroupers' are up to.

Please contact Fadwa our Playgroup co-ordinator on 0423 660 620 or see Miss Michelle for information on how to enrol your pre-school children.

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## VOLUNTEERS

As always, if you can spare some time this term we would love your help in and around the school. Volunteers must have their 'Working with children' card to be eligible to join us. Please see Michelle if you require assistance with obtaining this card.

Specific classroom, program and school needs will be published in the newsletter in the coming weeks. Please see Michelle if you would like to be part of our volunteer program and /or to discuss this further.

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# *The Book Swap*



***Just a reminder that the Book Swap is still in operation, and is now near the library, outside Miss Michelle's office. Below is a description of how the 'Book Swap' works.***

***Please speak to Michelle Brooksby if you have any questions or feedback in relation to the 'Book Swap' program.***

'The Book Swap' is one way our students can get access to a wide range of fun and exciting reading materials without the expense of purchasing costly books. The way it works is, when you take a book from the tub to take home, you replace it with one of your own books. You can choose to keep that book, or you can take it home to read for as long as you like, and then bring it back, and exchange it for another book.

Please be aware that once books are placed in the swap tub, they become the property of the book swap program and will not be returned to the original owner at any stage. Any books placed into the book swap program should have names crossed out or removed.

The 'Book Swap' will operate on an honour system and we trust that the entire community at Westbreen will benefit from having access to a wider range of exciting books to read.

Recycling and Re-using at its best!



## NOTICES SENT HOME

➤ **Introducing My Child Conference notice**



### January, February & March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <sup>th</sup> 	28 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup> Book Payment day 	30 <sup>th</sup> First day of Term 1 2019 Grade 1/2 Foundation Assesment Day 	31 <sup>st</sup> Foundation Assesment Day	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb Foundation Assesment Day	2 <sup>nd</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> First day for Foundation Students for 2019 Breakfast Club 8:15am to 8:45am NO CANTEEN	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club 8:15am to 8:45am No Foundation Students at School Family Time 3:15pm to 4:15pm CANTEEN starts today	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club 8:15am to 8:45am Interschool sport Home	9 <sup>th</sup>
10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club 8:15am to 8:45am	12 <sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher Night 3:30pm to 7:00pm	13 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club 8:15am to 8:45am No Foundation Students at School Family Time 3:15pm to 4:15pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher Night 3:30pm to 7:00pm	15 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club 8:15am to 8:45am Interschool sport Away	16 <sup>th</sup>
17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club 8:15am to 8:45am School Council	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club 8:15am to 8:45am No Foundation Students at School Family Time 3:15pm to 4:15pm	21 <sup>st</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup> Breakfast Club 8:15am to 8:45am Interschool sport Home	23 <sup>rd</sup>
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