



Westbreen Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello and welcome to the 2024 school year. We look forward to welcoming our Gr. 1-6 students back tomorrow (Wednesday 31st January) and our Foundation students on Monday 5th February.

The entire team at Westbreen Primary wishes each member of our community an extremely healthy, positive, and safe 2024.

Team Westbreen welcomes the following new staff members in 2024:

- ~ Mrs. Christine Biggs ~ Grade 3/4C
- ~ Ms. Rebecca Williams ~ Grade 5/6W
- ~ Mrs. Vicky Campanella ~ Grade 1T (Thursday & Friday)

We welcome back Signora Angela Francavilla ~ Italian (Wednesday & Thursday)

We welcome Ms. Effie Aresti back to Westbreen Primary this term replacing Mr. Michael Blakey while he is on leave during Term 1.

Mr. Cerra is continuing his leave this term, however, wishes all members a great beginning to the school year. I will be continuing in the Acting Principal role and Ms. Kristy Monaghan will be Acting Assistant Principal for Term 1.

We are excited to have new families starting with us this year. All students will begin the school year working through the school's "Start Up Program". The program allows students to become familiar with their rights and responsibilities as a member of their Grade.

Parent and Guardian 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. We will be conducting our "Introducing My Child Conferences" on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd February (3:30-6:30pm) where there will be an opportunity for teachers to update their records and gather personal information from you that will help your child/children at school. More details to come over the coming week.



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 staff, and a highly engaged learning community.

The students are at the centre of everything we do and motivate us to deliver the absolute best learning environment for all.

2024 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
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

School Newsletter ~ distributed electronically every Tuesday.

Our weekly school newsletter will be ***distributed electronically on a Tuesday***. It is a particularly important avenue of communication between the school and home. Each week there is significant information that is passed on to families via this publication as well as reports of upcoming events and activities that are happening around the school. It is essential that parents and guardians make sure that they read the newsletter each week and are aware of what is happening around the school and upcoming events.

Annual Privacy Information:

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child or fulfil those legal obligations.

For example, health information may be collected through the school nurse, primary welfare officer or wellbeing staff member. If your child is referred to a specific health service at school, such as a Student Support Services officer, the required consent will be obtained. Our school also collects information provided by parents and carers through the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

Our school may use online tools, such as apps and other software, to effectively collect and manage information about your child for teaching and learning purposes, parent communication and engagement; student administration; and school management purposes. When our school uses these online tools, we take steps to ensure that your child's information is secure. If you have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact us.

School staff will only share your child's personal or health information with other staff who need to know to enable the school to educate or support your child or fulfil a legal obligation.

When our students transfer to another Victorian government school, personal and health information about that student will be transferred to that next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of our students and assists that next school to provide optimal education and support to students.

In some limited circumstances, information may be disclosed outside of the school (and outside of the Department of Education and Training). The school will seek your consent for such disclosures unless the disclosure is allowed or mandated by law.

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners and all other staff at our school. This includes employees, agents, and service providers (contractors) of the Department, whether paid or unpaid.

TEAM WESTBREEN FOR 2024

Grade	Staff
Foundation Team	
Foundation – FA Room 1	Adria Quinn
Foundation – FS Room 2	Andrea Slade
Foundation – FE Room 7	Emily Browne
Grade 1 Team	
1 – 1H Room 4	Laura Hunter
1 – 1S Room 6	Soph Callaghan
1 – 1T Room 10	June Thomson / Vicky Campanella
Grade 2 Team	
2 – 2L Room 3	Lauren Scalzo
2 – 2V Room 5	Olivia Villani
2 – 2F Room 11	Kellie Fazzino / Jenny Van Vliet
Grade 3/4 Team	
3/4 -3/4H Room 16	Rebecca Hay
3/4 – 3/4P Room 13	Elisa Pannunzio
3/4 – 3/4O Room 17	Deidre Ochoa / Lisa Marino
3/4 – 3/4Z Room 12	Zoe Sakellaris
3/4 – 3/4C Room 18	Christine Biggs
Grade 5/6 Team	
5/6 – 5/6Z Room 14	Maria Zarkadoulas
5/6 – 5/6W Room 15	Rebecca Williams
5/6 – 5/6N Room 9	Ricky Nolan
5/6 – 5/6D Room 8	Rachel Davies

Specialist Team	
Italian	Angela Francavilla / Daniela Pegoraro
Art	Christine Mahlis
Science	Michael Blakey
Music	Kylie Delacoe
Social Skills	Karen Wileman
Library	Tamie Florence
Personalised Learning Team	
Tutoring Program	Kristy Monaghan
Student Support	Karen Wileman
Integration Team	Joanne Paull, Maria Taranto, Vikki Katelanis, Fil-iz Kaya, Nerida Riddell, Patricia Giacomazzi
Administrative Team	
Canteen	Bridget Kille
Community / Enrolment Facilitator	Kerry Parfett
School Nurse / Mental Health in Primary School Officer	Georgie Thorneycroft
Business Manager	Louise Roncon
Office Manager	Julie Cox
Outside School Care	TheirCare
Technical Support Staff	NDC ~ Neil Davey
Cleaning Team	Menzies International Pty Ltd ~ Nuch
Assistant Principal	Jason Kenny
Principal	Tony Cerra
TEAM WESTBREEN 2024	<i>421 Wonderful Students</i>

Have a wonderful week.

Jason Kenny

Acting Principal

Visual Arts

The art room always welcomes donations of clean, recycled objects that can be used to create amazing artwork. For example...

<p>newspapers</p>	<p>magazines</p>	<p>Old wrapping paper & cards</p>
		
<p>Old arts and craft/ tinkering/ haberdashery</p>	<p>cog & gears, for example, old watch parts, small objects from electrical devices</p>	<p>bottle tops – assorted sizes and colours</p>
		
<p>cereal boxes (big and small)</p>	<p>plastic bottles – various sizes</p>	<p>egg cartons</p>
		
<p>wool</p>	<p>CD's or vinyl records</p>	<p>paper towel tubes</p>
		

If you have any bits and pieces for recycling but you are not sure if they will be useful in the art room, please email Christine Mahlis through XUNO to confirm.

Please bring all recycled items in a bag and drop them off to the Art Room. Thank you, Ms Mahlis 😊

January 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1*New Years Day *School holidays	2*School Holidays	3*School Holidays	4*School Holidays	5*School Holidays	6	7
8*School Holidays	9*School Holidays	10*School Holidays	11*School Holidays	12*School Holidays	13	14
15*School Holidays	16*School Holidays	17*School Holidays	18*School Holidays	19*School Holidays	20	21
22*School Holidays	23*School Holidays	24*School Holidays	25*School Holidays	26*School Holidays *Australia Day	27	28
29*Pupil Free Day	30*Pupil Free Day	31*First day of Term 1 Grade 1 to 6 starting @ 9:00am				

February 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5*First day for Foundation 2024 *First day for Canteen	6*Breakfast club	7*Breakfast club *No Foundation students @ school	8*Breakfast club	9	10	11
12	13*Breakfast club	14*Breakfast club *No Foundation students @ school	15*Breakfast club	16 *Interschool Sport Grade 5/6 away	17	18
19*School Council meeting	20*Breakfast club	21*Breakfast club *No Foundation students @ school	22*Breakfast club	23	24	25
26	27*Breakfast club	28*Breakfast club *No Foundation students @ school	29*Breakfast club			