



Westbreen Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Everyone seems to be enjoying the return to school thus far. I can continue to report that we have very settled classrooms and our new Foundation students are really enjoying making new friends while they develop some great learning behaviours. It has been wonderful to get out and about and see lots of smiling faces. Our Start Up program has been successful, reinforcing expected behaviours and classroom learning routines.

VALUABLES AT SCHOOL:

Students are encouraged to keep valuable items (such as electronic devices) at home. The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Any student who needs to bring an electronic device to school (such as a mobile phone or smart watch) needs to sign it in at the office in the morning and sign for its collection in the afternoon.

MANAGING AND ADDRESSING CONCERNS

It is pleasing, that within our school community, we have strong parent/carer involvement which is critical to a child's development and learning. The school is a busy place with great depth and breadth of programs. Staff work in teams and collaborate with parents in many aspects of school programs and activities. This communication between all stakeholders in a child's education is vitally important. As a staff we try to get things right, but unfortunately on occasions there may be concerns which may need to be addressed. At school we are committed to treating everyone respectfully and encourage effective communication between parents and the school. Staff need to be informed of any concerns you may have about your child's education. Teaching and Learning in our school, works best when parents and staff work together to solve any problems.

Classroom staff are usually best placed to resolve concerns or issues relating to student learning and specific student incidents in the teacher's class or group.

We also have Area Leaders who can provide support when students from other classes are involved. To make an appointment to speak at length with any staff member you can email individual staff members via Xuno to organise a suitable time convenient to both parties.



Our 2024 Area Leaders are:

- Foundation ~ Ms. Adria Quinn
- Levels 1 & 2 – (Grade 1 & 2) ~ Mrs. Olivia Villani
- Level 3 (Grade 3 & 4) ~ Mrs. Elisa Pannunzio
- Level 4 (Grade 5 & 6) ~ Ms. Maria Zarkadoulas

ABSENCES AND LATE ARRIVALS:

It is especially important that you let us know if your child is going to be away, via the Xuno portal. If you have not entered this information on Xuno before 9:30am you will receive an SMS notifying you that your child has not arrived at school.

A reminder that students who are late to school are required to have their parents escort them to the office to mark them as present. Being late is a great inconvenience to the class teacher and the rest of the class for whom instruction has begun. Your child may also miss teacher modelling and any instructions relayed about the learning for the day and how to complete specific class tasks.

2024 TERM DATES

- Term 1: Tuesday 30th January – Thursday 29th March
- Term 2: Monday 15th April – Friday 28th June
- Term 3: Monday 15th July – Friday 20th September
- Term 4: Monday 7th October – Friday 20th December

NEW PORTABLE

The Department of Education has confirmed relocatable building allocations for the 2024 school year. The department provides relocatable buildings to support Victorian government schools experiencing enrolment growth, ensuring students have access to facilities that meet their learning needs.

As a result of an analysis by DET and the VSBA (Victorian School Building Authority), and in response to our school's 2024 enrolment growth, the VSBA has allocated a relocatable building to our school in readiness for the beginning of Term 2.

Have a wonderful week.

Jason Kenny

Acting Principal

**TUESDAY 20th & THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
is INTRODUCING MY CHILD CONFERENCES
BETWEEN 3:30 & 6:40pm bookings can be made
through XUNO.**

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

1H	Ian	For always engaging in classroom discussions and asking inquisitive questions. Well done Ian!
1S	Zoha	For showing all of our school values and making friendly connections with her new classmates. Great work, Zoha!
1T	Alfie S	For always being a cooperative and hard working student. Keep up the
2F	Hunter S	For a fantastic start to Grade 2, demonstrating Westbreen values and always trying his best! Well done!
2L	Chloe M	For being a fantastic class member by demonstrating the school values. Well done Chloe!
2V	Fatima	For consistently demonstrating Westbreen values and making great connections to her learning.
34C	Sienna Taha	For showing a positive attitude to maths tasks even when it is tricky.
3 4H	Nate R	For a fantastic start to 2024. Welcome to Westbreen we're so happy to have you in 3/4H!
3 4O	Thomas	For working well, being respectful and having an amazing start to year 3.
3 4P	Shaliya	For consistently demonstrating our school value of Care and Compassion. You're a star!
3 4Z	Bhagyavi P	For being a wonderful helper and role model to her classmates and for consistently demonstrating all of our school values.
5 6D	Filza Q	For her care and compassion as she makes connections with her new classmates. Keep it up Filza!
5 6N	Nayaab N	For consistently demonstrating your leadership skills in our classroom. Great job Nayaab!
5 6W	Viruja	For always doing his best and being a fantastic role model to his peers! Keep it up Viruja!
5 6Z	Tyler Gill	For his enthusiastic nature and having a positive attitude in class. Keep it up!

Please note the above Students of the Week will be presented their certificate at assembly on Wednesday 21st February, 2024

CANTEEN NEWS



When ordering from the QKR app could you update your child's details to the correct grade as this does not update automatically.

Westbreen Community News

Hi everyone,

Can you believe it's Week 3 already AND summer has decided to turn up now school holidays have finished!

Just a reminder about how our Wednesdays run...

Firstly, Assembly – we invite you to come and join us at our weekly assembly in the Specialist Centre after the bell goes at 9:00am. There are seats available at the back of the Specialist Centre for you to use and get you out of our extremely unpredictable summer weather. **Well done to school captains, Ella & Oscar**, for doing such a great job of leading their first assembly last Wednesday. We encourage all of our families and community to join us for the fun each week, which may or may not include jokes from Mr Kenny. Mr Kenny did try out some new Dad jokes he sourced over the holidays, but due to the “mixed” response, I believe he is really hoping our students will help him out by putting some, new & funnier, jokes in his mailbox, which is now located in our school office. Come on kids, don't let us down!

Secondly, Chat & Chew – you are invited to come into our staff room after assembly to join myself, and any other available members of Team Westbreen, for a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit and a chat. It's not formal, just a casual way to meet other members of our community, as well as members of Team Westbreen, as they come and go.

Thirdly, Family Time – The current weather forecast is looking fine for Wednesday afternoon so we are planning to do some ball activities out on the basketball courts. If the weather changes and is not fine, we will be in the Specialist Building doing some arts & crafts. We would love for lots of families, including younger siblings, to join Aysel and myself from 3:15pm to 4:15pm for some artistic fun! I hope you enjoy the photos from last week's Chalk Art.

Please note: all children that attend Family Time need to be supervised by their parent, grandparent or carer.

To our new families, Assembly, Chat & Chew and Family Time are great ways to meet other members of our Westbreen community and for your children to make some new friends.

Look forward to seeing you throughout the week.

Kerry Parfett
Community & Enrolment Facilitator



Nude Food

Tuesdays and Thursdays are Nude Food days at Westbreen.

We encourage our students to bring their food and drinks in reusable containers to help to reduce the amount of rubbish.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Here are two of our students who have Nude Food.

Each week the class with the most students with Nude Food receives a certificate at assembly and they also get to have the Nude Food Dude in their classroom for the week!

CSEF APPLICATIONS

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the cost of school trips camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means—tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125.00 for eligible primary school students. Payment are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application from this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 93069481 and ask for an application form or we have some in the stand at the front office.

Check with the school office if you are unsure and please return completed forms to the school as soon as possible with your card so we can photo copy your eligible card.



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 😊



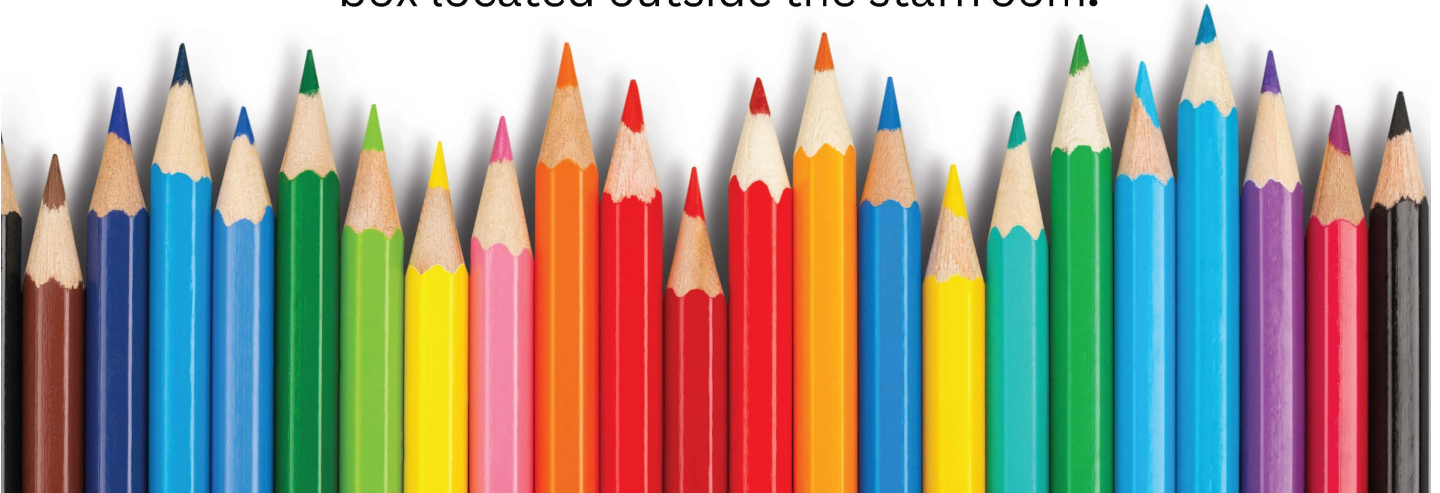
The Pencils Project

Collects preloved pencils, pencil cases/their contents and repackages them to kids in need in Australia and overseas.

Please consider donating your preloved items:

- Pencil cases
- Pencils (coloured/grey lead), Twistable crayons
 - Rulers, Erasers, Sharpeners, Scissors
 - Glue sticks, Blu-tack, Adhesive tape
- Texas/Markers, Highlighters, Pens (working only)
- Exercise books/Scrapbooks/Colouring books (even partly used)

Donations can be dropped at Westbreen Primary School, in the box located outside the staffroom.



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SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY
FROM 9.30AM -11.30AM

FREE LUNCH PROVIDED
OPPOSITE 125 GLENROY RD GLENROY

REGISTER:



@mulberrygarden



@MCGG

www.mcgg.com.au



IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN PLAYING NETBALL IN 2024?

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY CLUB
AIRPORT SAINTS

Ages available: Net (5/6yo), 11&U, 13&U, 15&U

Email airportsaints@gmail.com
or call 0417030047
or visit Airport Saints webpage
for more information

PRE-SEASON TRAINING:
U8,10,12 GIRLS
MONDAY 5PM

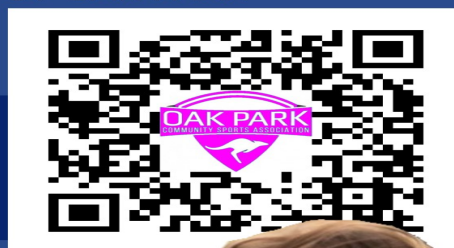


PRE-SEASON TRAINING:
SENIOR/ U18.5
MON/THU 7PM

FUN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT
FREE TRAINING FOR ALL ABILITIES
GROWING FEMALE PROGRAM
MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

CINDY 0413 619 444 DAVE 0407 521 357
JP FAWKNER RESERVE FRANCIS ST OAK PARK

WHY FOOTBALL?
WHY OAK PARK?



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 *Introducing my child conferences 3:30 to 6:40pm	21*Breakfast club *No Foundation students @ school	22*Breakfast club *Introducing my child conferences 3:30 to 6:40pm	23	24	25
26	27*Breakfast club	28*Breakfast club *No Foundation students @ school	29*Breakfast club			

March 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1*Interschool Sport Grade 5/6 home	2	3
4	5*Breakfast club	6*Breakfast club	7*Breakfast club	8*Interschool Sport Grade 5/6 away	9	10
11*LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	12*Breakfast club *Naplan	13*Breakfast club	14*Breakfast club	15*Interschool Sport Grade 5/6 home	16	17
18*School Council	19*Breakfast club	20*Breakfast club	21*Breakfast club	22	23	24
25*School Photos	26	27	28*3/4 Continents of South America and Africa EXPO *Last day of Term 1 Finishing @ 2:15pm	29*GOOD FRIDAY	30	31