



Westbreen Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

School Council:

Last night - Monday 19th February - was the final meeting of the 2023 School Council. Thank you to all members of the 2023 School Council for their commitment and support to our school. To our retiring members – Rheannan Port, Bil Brosch & Karen Wileman- thank you for your contribution, your active participation as a School Council member and promoting the successful implementation of our School Council charter to the Community.

Rheannan - Special thanks for all your efforts in leading our Westbreen Community Group and Family Time last year. Your leadership in coordinating the many stalls, social gatherings and countless hours of volunteering is very much appreciated.

Bil – Thank you for not only your role on School Council but also a big thanks for the coordination of our 100-year celebration in 2023 and the work you did behind the scenes for many months prior to the celebration in October.

Karen – for all your contributions to the School Council and related sub-committees over the years. We have valued your knowledge and experience.

Special Thank you:

Parent Representatives:	DET Representatives ~Staff Members:
Alice Pryor	Jason Kenny
Justine Solomano	Karen Wileman
Rheannan Port	Elisa Pannunzio
Christine Katsikis	Deidre Ochoa
Bil Brosch	Tony Cerra
Aysel Ilhan - Pasevic	Visitor
Mick Preston	Louise Roncon
Jonathon Anderson	
Visitor	
Sehrish Kanwal	



2024 School Council:

At the close of nominations (Tuesday 13th February @ 4.00pm) the nominations received equaled the number of vacancies. As a result:

- there was no need to conduct an election;
- the 5 vacant Parent membership category has been filled;
- the 3 vacant DET membership category has been filled.

For the 2024 school year we have 8 parent representatives and 5 DET representatives as follows:

Parent Representatives:	DET Representatives ~Staff Members:
Alice Pryor	Elisa Pannunzio
Aysel Ilhan - Pasevic	Deidre Ochoa
Christine Katsikis	Jason Kenny
John Dimas	Ricky Nolan
Jonathon Anderson	Tony Cerra
Justine Solomano	
Mick Preston	
Sehrish Kanwal	

The first meeting of the 2024 School Council will be held on Monday March 18th at 7.00PM. At this meeting, Office Bearers will be elected, and they will be published in that week’s Newsletter. I would like to remind all parents that School Council meetings are “open”, and visitors are more than welcome to attend. If you are interested, please contact the school for more information.

Introducing My Child Conferences:

This week, Tuesday 20th February and Thursday 22nd February, starts our first round of meetings between families, students, and staff for the 2024 school year - “Introducing My Child Conferences.”

These conferences provide families with an opportunity to connect and share valuable background information that relates 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.

Thank You

On behalf of Team Westbreen, we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to Rhys (father of Mackenzie 2F) for giving up his time on Sunday to assist staff in preparing our new community garden space and moving our current garden beds. This was done in preparation for our new portable.

I would also like to acknowledge some of our staff members who also assisted: Miss Vikki, Ms Georgie, Miss Tamie, Ric and Mrs Cox. Thank you for your time.

Have a wonderful week.

Jason Kenny

Acting Principal



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

1H	Layla S	For writing an amazing narrative and always giving 100%! Well done!
1S	Mohamad E	For putting a fantastic effort into his writing and his homework. Keep it up, Mohamad!
1T	Anya V	Welcome to Westbreen. We are happy to have you as a member of 1T.
2F	Amerah R	For a fantastic start to Grade 2 demonstrating Westbreen Values and always trying her best. Well done!
2L	Layal A	For giving every learning task a go with 100% effort. Well done Layal.
2V	Miheli H M	For always displaying Westbreen values and putting 100% into her learning.
34C	Kawsar I A	For settling into Westbreen Primary School and for consistently showing the school values.
3 4H	Kimara E	For being a kind and caring class member and being a role model displaying our school values.
3 4O	Evie F	For working hard to think of 41 different adjectives about animals. Well done!
3 4P	Cian T	Working hard and listening carefully at all times. Keep up the great effort.
3 4Z	Eliza E I	For consistently being a wonderful helper and role model in our classroom community. Well done Eliza!
5 6D	Leon P	For living our school values every day. Congratulations on becoming our 5/6D Class Captain!
5 6D	Mindy B	For living our school values every day. Congratulations on becoming our 5/6D Class Captain!
5 6N	Aerin F	For displaying our school values consistently and becoming our 2024 Class Captain.
5 6N	Asidu W	For displaying our school values consistently and becoming our 2024 Class Captain.
5 6W	Ali A	For demonstrating the school values to earn the roles of Class Captains. Congratulations!
5 6W	Estelle M	For demonstrating the school values to earn the roles of Class Captains. Congratulations!
5 6Z	Noor F	For displaying school values in class to achieve Class Captaincy. Well done!
5 6Z	Manha S	For displaying school values in class to achieve Class Captaincy. Well done!

Please note the above Students of the Week will be presented their certificate at assembly on Wednesday 28th February, 2024

Westbreen Community News

Hi everyone,

It is so lovely to see our new Foundation students settling into their school routine and making new friends. Team Westbreen are very proud of ALL of our students for the way the 2024 school year has started.

Tomorrow we have our weekly *Assembly* in the Specialist Building and all families are welcome to go into the Specialist Building well the bell goes and find a seat and wait for our students to join us. Our **School Captains, Ella & Oscar**, are doing such a great job of running our assemblies, and are well supported by our House Captains.

Changes to Chat & Chew – Chat & Chew will now be held monthly, instead of weekly. It will be held on the first Wednesday of each month, starting on Wednesday March 6th, which is also the first Wednesday that our Foundation Students and their families join us for assembly. More information about this will be in next weeks newsletter.

Family Time – tomorrow we will be doing Mindful Art in the Specialist Building from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. We would love for lots of families, including younger siblings, to join Aysel and myself for some artistic fun!

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

Volunteering at Westbreen—if any of our families or community are interested in volunteering at Team Westbreen, could you please send me an email so we can start the discussion of what you can do. Look out for more information in next weeks newsletter about how volunteering works at Team Westbreen.

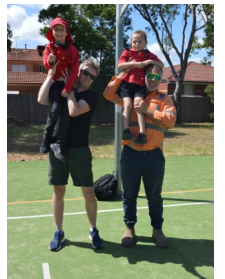
Look forward to seeing you throughout the week.

Kerry Parfett

Community & Enrolment Facilitator

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**Last Weeks Family Time fun on our
Basketball Courts**



CAMP SPORTS EXCUSION FUND 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 \$150.00 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.



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.

2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP



LAST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

(during school terms)

TIMES: 8.45-9.15AM & 2.45-3.15pm

LOCATION: SCHOOL HALL

We have items of clothing that are NEW with old logo and USED with new logo. Stock and prices will vary according to condition. Cash payment is preferred. If you have any 2nd hand uniform items that you would like to donate that are in good condition they will be gratefully accepted.

LOST PROPERTY: Unfortunately, the Lost Property Box is always overflowing so please ensure you label all your child's school uniform items. The box is gone through fortnightly and anything that is unnamed becomes part of my 2nd hand uniform stock or gets donated to charity.

If you are having any trouble financing any items of uniform, please call or come and see me and I'll see what we can do to help you out.

Ms Georgie

Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader






4-WEEK POP UP BLAST

Sign up to our 4-week action packed program and share the joy of cricket with exciting games, learning and friendships.

GLENROY ALL GIRLS- POP UP BLAST
DATES: 26 FEB, 04 MAR, 11 MAR & 18 MAR
TIME: 4.45-5.45PM
SEWELL RESERVE GLENROY



Sign up Today!

 **Play Cricket**

PROUDLY
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February 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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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 *Last day for Bookclub orders	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*First full week for Foundation students @ school	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	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