



Westbreen Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians

Planning Week

As a school in The Education State, we achieve excellence by consistently focusing on improving the achievements of our students, whether it is through improving the quality of educational services or changing the way we teach.

One of the key things we can do to improve student outcomes is to continue to develop and improve the skills of our teachers and staff.

Next week our teaching staff will be engaging in planning a high-quality curriculum for Term 2. PLC's (Professional Learning Communities) will be preparing learning tasks to focus on all abilities and strengths, with a particular focus on the areas of literacy, numeracy, inquiry, and wellbeing.

We appreciate that students can sometimes find it challenging when their teacher is away from the classroom, however, staff have developed comprehensive learning plans whilst on their planning day to ensure your child's education journey continues as usual.

To ensure our students and school community are aware of the upcoming planning days so that there is minimal impact on the students immediate learning, we are pleased to confirm that Planning Week will occur next week - Week 8 – Monday 18th March to Friday 22nd March.

Students will be involved in normal classroom/school activities during this period.

There will be no impact to the NAPLAN assessment schedule.

Presentation of our 2023 annual report meeting

We invite members of our school community to the Presentation of our 2023 Annual Report Meeting. The meeting will be held from 6:30pm to 7:00pm on Monday March 18th. The main item for this meeting is the presentation of the school's 2023 Annual Report. It is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our school during 2023. Please contact the School Office if you are interested in attending the meeting. Copies of the final draft of our 2023 Annual Report will be available at the School Office and on our website after the meeting.



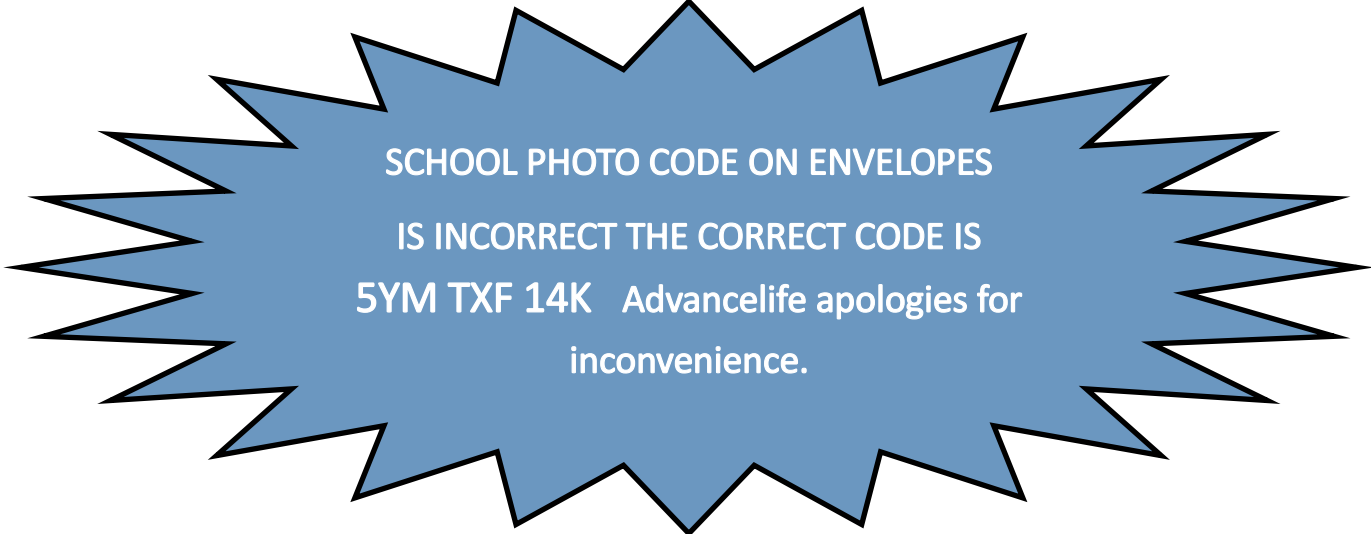
School Photos

Just a reminder that school photos will take place on Monday 25th March. Students are required to be in school uniform for their class and individual photos.

Have a wonderful week!

Jason Kenny

Acting Principal



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inconvenience.

ASSEMBLY OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP BADGES

Student leadership badges will be presented to the 2024 Class Captains and Junior School Councilors at school assembly on **Wednesday, the 20th of March**. We wish to invite parents and carers to be in attendance for the presentation.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Just a reminder that you can place your order for Hot Cross Buns on the QKR app and last orders is on 22nd March.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

FA	Bonnie B	For her amazing attitude towards all her learning. Well done Bonnie!
FE	Tom M	For all your amazing efforts learning your letters and sounds. Terrific work Tom!
FS	Harriet N	For consistently working hard on all tasks and being a caring and compassionate class member. Well done.
1H	Randall H	For trying really hard and completing your spelling test independently! Well Done Randall
1S	Archer F	For being a considerate, hard-working and responsible classmate. Congratulations on being voted one of 1S' captains!
1T	Abeera S	For being an enthusiastic and co-operative class member who works consistently on all tasks. Well done Abeera!
2F	Cooper A	Congratulations on Class Captain and connecting to your learning, and classmates! Amazing effort, keep it up!
2F	Francesca S	Congratulations on Class Captain and connecting to your learning, and classmates! Amazing effort, keep it up!
2L	Ahmad A	Congratulations on becoming Class Captain for 2024!
2L	Freya B	Congratulations on becoming Class Captain for 2024!
2V	Luka D	For sharing his amazing knowledge of frogs during our excursion to Westbreen Creek.
34C	Muhammad F	For consistently demonstrating the value of achievement by completing all tasks to the best of his ability.
3 4H	Armi T	For writing a very convincing and engaging persuasive text using amazing writing devices to grab his reader's attention. What a superstar writer you are!
3 4O	Ariyana B	For using interesting language and writing devices in her persuasive writing. Keep up the amazing work!
3 4P	Sienna A	For demonstrating confidence when writing this week. Well done and keep up the great effort!
3 4Z	Brooklyn M	For always working hard during every lesson and for being a wonderful friend in the classroom. Well done Brooklyn!
5 6D	Addison L-B	For her consistent efforts in the classroom to extend her thinking and learning. Keep up the great work Addison!
5 6N	Anaya A	For consistently striving to produce your best work in every session. Super stuff Anaya!
5 6W	Grayson L-B	For always demonstrating the school values and showing his classmates' kindness and compassion.
5 6Z	Maddie T	For her thoughtful contributions to class discussions and her outstanding efforts in all class activities.

Please note the above Students of the Week will be presented their certificate at assembly on Wednesday 20th March 2024

CAMP SPORTS EXCURSION 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.

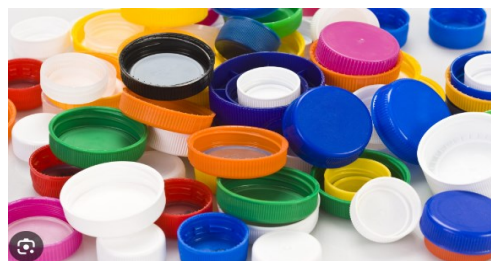


Visual Arts - Bottle top Mural

Hello Westbreen Community!

I would like to call on families to save **bottle tops** of various **sizes** and **colours**, and to bring them into the school when you have collected at least a zip lock bag full or even a shopping bag full. Bottle tops collected can be given **directly to me (Ms. Mahlis)** when your child attends their art session. The mural project will begin in Term 2.

Also we have received enough Recycling now thank you again for your support.



Westbreen Community News

Volunteering at Team Westbreen

Every year we ask our Westbreen families and community to join us by volunteering at our school. We believe that when schools, families and communities work together to support our students it gives them the opportunity to thrive academically and personally.

To be a volunteer at Team Westbreen there are two things you will need. The first is a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) card which is available online at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants. There is no cost in getting a Volunteer WWC card. The second is to attend our Volunteer's Induction Program, which involves a short meeting held in the Library which will explain how our program works. This will be held on **Monday 25th March at 2:30pm**. Please let me know if you would like to join me at this meeting.

Please reach out to me if you would like more information about any of the above. You can chat to me out in the yard, give me a call, pop into the office to speak to me, or email me at kerry.parfett@education.vic.gov.au

Tomorrow is Wednesday so don't forget...

Our whole **school assembly** in the Specialist Building at 9:10am.

Family Time at 3:15pm to 4:15pm outside under the blue shade sail where we will be testing our skills with Circus Activities and playing games. We would love for lots of families, including younger siblings, to join Aysel and myself for some creative fun!

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

On Friday our Parents & Friends Community Group sent home information regarding our first fundraisers for 2024 – a Hot X Bun Drive & Easter Raffle. Our P&F group are also asking for donations for our Easter Raffle. If you are able to donate any items for our raffle we would be grateful. All donations to be left at our school office by Friday 22nd March with the raffle drawn at our last assembly, Wednesday 27th March. If you would like more raffle tickets please pop into the school office, alternatively, email me and I will give them to your child to take home.

Families, throughout the year the P&F Community Group will be asking for your assistance for various fundraising activities. There is no pressure on your family to participate in everything, please just do what works for your family. Any assistance you can offer throughout the year, big or small, is greatly appreciated.

Look forward to seeing you throughout the week.

Kerry Parfett

Community & Enrolment Facilitator

Last Weeks Family Time - Scavenger Hunt



HARMONY DAY 21

We come together to celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday the 21st March, 2024. Created in 1999 to celebrate unity and diversity, Harmony Day was originally an Australian celebration but is now marked worldwide. People celebrate the day worldwide by reflecting on the ways we can live in harmony with our neighbours, regardless of our background or circumstances.

Westbreen will celebrate the day with classroom activities and by encouraging students to come dressed in orange.





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We have lots of ways you can make a difference at Team Westbreen, including:

- · listening to children read
- · going on excursions or helping at incursions
- · helping in the Canteen with Ms Bridget
- · helping at Breakfast club with Ms Jo
- · supporting our teachers and students at Inter-school sports
- · helping at Book Fair with Ms Tamie
- · assisting teachers in making resources for their class
- · covering books for the library
- · being part of our **Parents & Friends Community Group**, helping with:
 - ◆ · Mother's & Father's Day stalls
 - ◆ · Bunnings BBQ
 - ◆ · Fundraising events to be held throughout the year

We understand our families are busy and don't have as much time to help as they may like, so may think it's not worth offering, but could I ask you to chat to me about what may work for you before you cross it off the list. It could be once weekly, fortnightly or monthly, or maybe just every now and again. Any assistance we can get from our families and communities is appreciated, AND our students love having you involved.

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EASTER RAFFLE



Westbreens Parents and Friends (P&F) Committee is excited to announce its 2024 Easter Raffle.

Prizes will be hampers and gift vouchers!

We would appreciate any of the following donations for the prizes.

- Chocolates of any kind
- Toys, figurines
- Craft packs
- Story books, board games, card games
- Art supplies, Colouring books
- Cellophane, ribbons

**DROP OFF DONATIONS AT THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY
22ND MARCH.**

Easter raffle tickets will be sent home on Friday 8th March for \$1 per ticket. All Monies and sold/unsold Tickets to be returned to the school by Friday 22nd March.

Easter raffle will be drawn by the Junior School Council and winners will be notified by sms.



All funds from the raffle will go towards P&F priorities such as laptops and iPads for the students.



2024 Photo Day

Online and Envelope Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students of Westbreen Primary School,

Your school photo day is on 25-03-2024 and your school has chosen to order via online and/or envelopes which has been or will be distributed to every student. Therefore, it is important that the ordering instructions below are followed, and all students are photographed regardless of purchase.

**** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 24-03-2024 ****

ONLINE ORDERING: Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Step 1: [Click Here](#). - For online ordering process for your school - OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [SYM TXF 14K]
- Step 2: Enter your student's details
- Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (*all orders will be delivered to the school for collection*)
- Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

****Online Orders have a 1.5% merchant fee applied when using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal.**

Please note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15.00 late fee per package.

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS: No envelope required if ordering online

3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [SYM TXF 14K]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [24-03-2024]
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with exact cash amount. (*no change given*)

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE:

ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

- Step 1: Student Details - Complete the section for student details on the front of the envelope. (*Please use black or blue pen*).
- Step 2: Purchase Details - Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
- Step 3: Payment Method - Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au

Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you **DO NOT** wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 22 March 2024

IT'S SO FUN!



ride2school.com.au



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 *1-2 Excursion Westbreen Creek	13*Breakfast club *Naplan Writing	14*Breakfast club *Naplan Reading	15*Interschool Sport Grade 5/6 home	16	17
18*School Council *Naplan Language Conventions	19*Breakfast club *Naplan Numeracy	20*Breakfast club	21*Breakfast club *Harmony Day (orange)	22*National Ride2School Day *5/6 Asia rotation day	23	24
25*School Photos	26*1-2 Excursion Westbreen Creek	27	28*3/4 Continents of South America and Africa EXPO *Last day of Term 1 Finishing @ 2:15pm	29*GOOD FRIDAY	30	31

April 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1*Easter Monday	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*First day of Term 2 starting @ 9:00am *MSO Incursion Grade 3-6	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 *Breakfast club	24 *Breakfast club	25*ANZAC DAY Public holiday	26	27	28
29	30*Breakfast club					