



Westbreen Primary School

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Introduction

My name is Justin Lania, and I am delighted to be working with you as the Acting Principal at Westbreen PS this term. I have worked as an Acting principal for the past three terms and strongly believe in building positive relationships with students, families, and staff. Previously, as an assistant principal, I led curriculum and pedagogy at Heidelberg Primary School, focusing on staff capacity to improve student learning outcomes. In my leadership roles, I work collaboratively with staff to target individual students' academic and wellbeing needs based on student data.

A little bit about myself:

- I am a father to three daughters, aged 15, 12, and 7, who have decided that our family will get a pet dog.
- I am active. I have played soccer competitively for most of my life and participate in short-distance running events. I also currently coach children at the soccer club where I've played.
- I love to travel to warm places near any beach.
- I enjoy watching live sports events, especially football and soccer. My family and I love discovering Melbourne's many wonders with walks or bike rides on the Main Yarra Trail.
- I am passionate about learning, and one of my core values, which I act upon daily, is 'Kaizen'—continuous improvement.
- My Leadership goal is to create collaborative cultures in schools to celebrate and empower others in learning
- I'm looking forward to Monday when I can greet families at the school gate at Westbreen PS, explore the learning spaces, and engage with students during my daily learning walks in their communities.

Term 2 Day One Message from Justin

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for their warm welcome to Westbreen Primary School. Meeting the students on Monday was lovely, visiting the learning spaces, and feeling like a part of Team Westbreen. On the first day of Term 2, the learning spaces were settled and calm, focusing on learning. Thank you to the WPS staff for creating these spaces and setting high expectations for learning. Over the term, I look forward to meeting all families and saying hello at the school gates.

Staffing Update

We welcome back to Team Westbreen: Mr. Michael Blakey (Science) who returns from leave in Term 1. We also welcome back Mrs. Lyndal Tabone (Integration Aide) who is replacing Mrs. Filiz Kaya (Integration Aide) as she takes twelve months leave.

Ms. Christine Mahlis has taken leave this term and Miss Effie Aresti will replace her in Art.



S.T.R.I.V.E.

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EACH OTHER

Teaching Areas will launch the S.T.R.I.V.E program for 2024 this term. S.T.R.I.V.E. will see all students participating in engaging group activities for a session each week. During STRIVE activities, the associated values of *Support, Trust, Respect, Involve, Value and Encourage* will be reinforced.

Eid Mubarak

To our families who celebrated Eid over the school holiday break, we hope that this occasion was joyous for all those involved.

Public Holiday

Just a reminder that Thursday 25th April is a Public Holiday. No students at school on this day.

Have a wonderful week of learning,

Justin Lania

Acting Principal

CANTEEN NEWS



Great news, Qkr! is now available on all android phones. If you were having issues previously downloading the app, please give it another go.

We also have extended the cut off time for placing lunch orders of a morning; lunch orders via the Qkr! app can now be placed up until 8:30am.

Any orders placed after 8:30am will be unable to be accepted.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

FA	Ayaan S	For putting lots of effort into learning to read. Well done Ayaan!
FE	Jackson T	For being a spelling whizz! Amazing efforts Jackson!
FS	Charlie H	For being a responsible and super helpful classmate and always giving 100%.
1H	Evelyn A	For her ongoing enthusiasm to learn letter sounds and improve her reading skills.
1S	Parker P	For always showing care and compassion to those around her. Thank you, Parker.
1T	Leo G	For always following our school values. Keep up the great effort Leo.
2F	Whole class	For a fantastic start to Term 2, demonstrating School Values and reconnecting to each other! Amazing effort!
2L	Zoe R	For always being a responsible and caring classmate. Well done Zoe!
2V	Kensei H	For writing an interesting, captivating and amusing holiday recount that included many different writing devices. Well Done Kensei
3 4C	Cassidy O	For demonstrating the value of achievement by working hard to read with more independence and understanding. Keep up the great work Cassidy.
3 4H	Jack H	For always trying his hardest to complete learning tasks even when challenged. What a superstar you are!
3 4O	Sarim S	For doing such an amazing job and extra work for his Expo presentation. Well done!
3 4P	Rayanne T	For successfully identifying the properties of odd and even numbers and sharing her knowledge with the grade. Well done!
3 4Z	Suyen L	For always contributing his meaningful insights, ideas and prior knowledge with his class. Well done Suyen!
5 6D	Clementine S C	For her thoughtful, balanced and mature contributions to class discussions. Keep it up Clem!
5 6N	Mario C R	For creating and presenting a fantastic poster on Lebanon. Super Job Mario!
5 6W	Isaac S	For putting in effort to focus on and complete work during class time. Keep it up Isaac!
5 6Z	Charlotte F	For an informative and creative research project on India and her inviting expo stall

Please note the above Students of the Week will be presented their certificate at assembly on Wednesday 24th April 2024

Late Photo Orders 2024

Dear Parents and Students of Westbreen Primary School,

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER 2024 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Your school photo day was held on 25-03-2024 and all students are photographed regardless of purchase. If you did not place an order but would like to, it is not too late to order online.

ONLINE ORDERING: Your child's photos are now available for secure online purchase

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter your school code [5YM 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: Online ordering is available up to 7 days after photo day and after this time, a processing fee of \$15.00 will apply to all orders.

Any orders after **01-04-2024** processing fees apply

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Westbreen Cross Country Day

Next Wednesday, Westbreen Primary School will conduct a Cross Country Trial Day/Fun Run. Each year level will take part in a short walk/jog/run for 10-15 minutes to earn points for their house groups. We ask that students wear the colour of their houses (Grevillea - Green, Jacaranda - Blue, Waratah - Red & Wattle - Yellow) on the day, as well as shoes that they can participate in. The students will be running a short course at school, which will focus on the kids having fun and earning points for their house.

Date: Wednesday, April 24th

Time: Students will take part with their year level at different times during the day

Equipment: Shoes to run/jog/walk in and a drink bottle



Westbreen Community News

Hi everyone,

Welcome back everyone... I hope you got to enjoy some fun family time over the last 2 weeks. To all our families that celebrate Easter and Eid, I hope you enjoyed the festivities, hot cross buns and maybe even some chocolate!

EASTER RAFFLE - Congratulations to the winners in our raffle which was drawn at our last assembly. As you can see from the happy faces in these photos, our winners were very excited to be able to take home their fantastic prizes.



Thank you to all our families & community that purchased raffle tickets and/or donated goods for our raffle. Your ongoing commitment & support of Team Westbreen is always greatly appreciated. Another thank you to our Parents & Friends (P&F) Community Group for all their hard work with organising the Hot Cross Bun drive & Easter raffle. We raised \$1,870.05 which is an amazing result.

NO FAMILY TIME TOMORROW - a friendly reminder that there is no Family Time tomorrow as we don't hold Family Time in the first and last weeks of each term. Aysel and I can't wait to see all your smiling faces next week when Family Time commences for Term 2. Don't forget to check next week's newsletter to see what activity we will be doing.

VOLUNTEERING – thank you to everyone that has spoken to me about volunteering at Team Westbreen this year and I appreciate your patience while we get our volunteer program up and running. I will be reaching out to you all within the next week so we can move forward.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me so we can discuss what activities are available to you and how we can make it happen. You will need to have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) card and complete our Volunteer's Induction Program. WWCC's are free and available online at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants.

Have a great week everyone and look forward to saying hi to you out in the yard during the week.

Kerry Parfett
Community & Enrolment Facilitator



Westbreen's Parent's & Friends Group is organising our annual **Mother's Day** stall and we need **your** help.

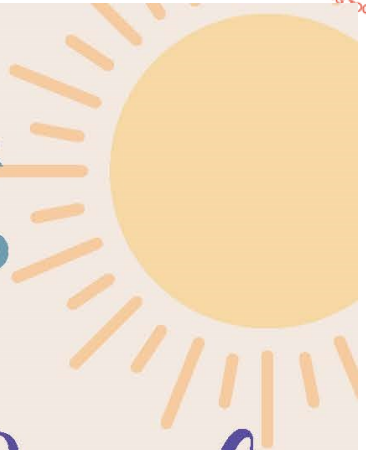


Please drop off items to the office or Kerry Parfett by **May 1st**

thank you



Westbreen Parents &
Friends are excited to
announce its 2024



Mother's Day Raffle

Prizes include hampers and
vouchers

Raffle
tickets are
\$2 EACH



All monies to be
returned by **3rd
May** to the office



Raffle drawn at school
assembly **8th May**





Open Day

Wednesday May 15, 2024

9:00am – 12:00pm

Join us for Assembly, Classroom Visits and Morning Tea

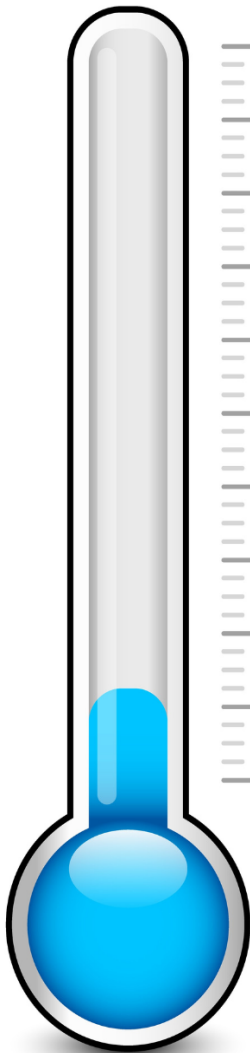
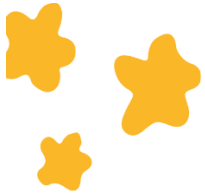




TEAM WESTBREEN 2024

PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP

FUNDRAISING GOALS



\$10,000

Goal is to purchase
**NEW LAPTOPS &
IPADS \$10,000**

\$5,000



\$1,870

**HOT X BUNS & EASTER
RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**



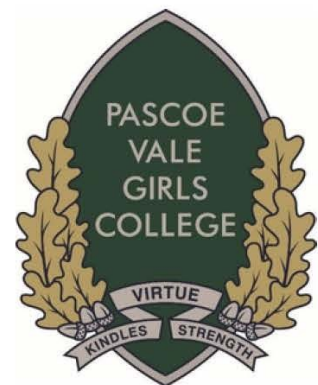
Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL)

SEAL provides personalised teaching and learning through a program, across Years 7-9, that meets the needs of gifted and talented learners. The program provides stimulating learning experiences that challenge, extend and develop the gifts and talents of students by offering acceleration and enrichment. The SEAL program at Pascoe Vale Girls College offers a faster paced curriculum with the opportunity to study concepts in greater depth. There is an emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills. SEAL students are expected be part of the school's instrumental music program including the orchestra in Years 7&8. In Year 10, SEAL students have the opportunity to accelerate their studies further by completing two VCE subjects earlier than their peers, which allows them to maximise their ATAR for tertiary entry.




How to apply?

- Visit the school website www.pvgc.vic.edu.au, click on the Learning tab and then on SEAL. Students who wish to be considered for this program are required to sit an entrance test administered by Edutest (a fee applies). Registrations can be made through the link on the website.
- 2025 applications close on Monday 19th August and testing will be conducted at PVGC on Saturday 24th August, 2024. Information about the location, time and conditions of the test will be emailed closer to the date.



For more information about the SEAL program at PVGC please contact Dani Bedohazy, Assistant Principal, on 9306 2544 or bed@pvgc.vic.edu.au

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 F-2 AM & 3-6 PM	16	17	18	19*Interschool Sports Semi Finals	20	21
22*Excursion Westbreen Creek ART Grade 5/6	23 *Breakfast club	24 *Breakfast club *Cross Country Day	25*ANZAC DAY Public holiday 	26*Interschool Sports Grand Finals	27	28
29*School Council	30*Breakfast club					

May 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1*Breakfast club	2*Breakfast club	3*Interschool Sports Home	4	5
6*School Council	7*Breakfast club	8*Breakfast club	9*Breakfast club	10*Interschool Sports Home	11	12
13	14*Breakfast club	15*Breakfast club *Open Day	16*Breakfast club *Cross Country 4 to 6	17*Interschool Sports away	18	19
20	21*Breakfast club	22*Breakfast club *Simultaneous Storytime 12pm	23*Breakfast club *3/4 Incursion	24*Interschool Sports away *3/4 Incursion	25	26
27	28*Breakfast club	29*Breakfast club	30*Breakfast club	31*Interschool Sports away		