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# WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

### Term 1, 2022

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Curriculum Day – No school
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Public Holiday – No school
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Vaccination Clinic
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	National Day Against Bullying
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photos
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1 – 2.15pm finish
<b>Term 2, 2022</b>	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Term 2
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Vaccination Clinic – 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

*Chris Gatt, Kerrie Slaymaker & Susan Richardson*

It has been a busy two weeks here at Westgrove.

### Year 6 Camp

Last week many of our Year 6 children had the opportunity to attend camp in Anglesea. They had a heap of fun, playing in the sand, body boarding, mountain bike riding and even yabbing! It was so great to see the children really enjoy and challenge themselves and have new experiences with their peers. Thank you to our families for supporting us in our 'drop off' processes to support a COVID safe camp. Also, a shout out needs to go out to our staff (Miss. Hamilton, Mr. Fraser, Mrs. McLoughlin, Mr. Buykx, Mrs. Dixon, Ms. Venuto, Kerrie Krywula, Di and Mr Gatt) for organising and attending camp as without them, the camp would not have been the success it was.

### Afternoon pick up reminders

A friendly reminder to families that the gates open at 3pm each day for afternoon pick up. Please do not enter the gates before this time as this is creating a safety concern for our students. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

### Prep 2023

Just to let you know that the first prep 2023 enrolment week is approaching (21st – March 25th 2022). We will have a school tour each day of that week from 10am – 11am and a tour from 5.00pm – 6.00pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March for prospective parents. Please make a booking through the office.

### School Council

We are in the process of finalising our School Council nominations for 2022. The date for nominations has been extended to 3pm tomorrow. If you are interested in nominating please call the office to discuss your nomination. Depending on the number of nominations we may have to go to ballot. If this is the case, we will communicate the relevant information to the community.



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## Rapid Antigen Tests

Unfortunately, we are still awaiting the rest of our delivery of our RATs for this fortnight. Initially we will send out RATs to our P-2 students and then once the remainder of our delivery arrives will be sending them out to our 3-6 students.

A reminder that we encourage families to test their children on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you have a positive result for COVID-19, please then contact the office.

## District Swimming

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February the Westgrove swim team participated in the Werribee District swimming carnival. The swimmers competed in individual and relay events. Many Westgrove swimmers achieved success in their events, taking home placing ribbons on the day and earning points for the school. Westgrove achieved third place in school aggregate trophy, our best result in recent years. The swimmers should be commended on their effort, sportsmanship and behaviour on the day. Well done, Westgrove!

We also congratulate the students who put in the effort to attend extra swim training sessions in the mornings to ensure they were race fit. Thank you to the staff who assisted with the early mornings – Mr Vrettas, Miss Karutz and Mrs Dixon and to the parents/carers who supported the students to attend these sessions.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

Students have just finished their *20 Days of Literacy* across the school where they have revised their knowledge of what Literacy looks like at Westgrove. They have established classroom libraries to support independent reading and set up classroom expectations for working within the Reading and Writing Workshop including their use of the Reader's and Writer's Notebook. Students have had the opportunity to visit the school library and will have a scheduled library lesson each week. A reminder to please send your child's book bag to school every day. Students are expected to change their take home book and library books regularly.

The school library is open for students to borrow and return books from 8:45am each morning.

Students have undertaken a re-introduction into the way we learn Mathematics at Westgrove. They have established how to be a Mathematician with their class and how to maintain a growth mindset when presented with maths challenges this year. The students have familiarised themselves with have established classroom libraries to support independent reading and set up classroom expectations for working within the Reading and Writing Workshop including their use of the Reader's and Writer's Notebook. Students have had the opportunity to visit the school library and will have a scheduled library lesson each week. A reminder to please send your child's book bag to school every day. Students are expected to change their take home book and library books regularly.

## ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING UPDATE

Our classroom programs have continued to have a strong focus on Social and Emotional Learning. Each class has/will have an introductory session in relation to Zones of Regulation. This is one strategy we are implementing to support students to maintain focus and centered on learning.

We have two Social Work students on placement in our school and they are currently supporting some small groups of students with developing confidence and social skills.

Our new Westgrove students have had an opportunity to give us feedback on how they have settled in to their new school, what help they may need in establishing friendships and the like. This information will be used to further support them to feel connected and belonging to Westgrove.



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## COVID-19 UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Pop Up COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic by Port Melbourne Medical here at school! This clinic will be available to our students, their parents and extended family and our staff.

The clinic will be open on **Wednesday 16th March 2022**, from **12.30pm - 4.30pm**. In order to make a booking for you, your child or extended family, please contact the office on 9749 8233.

You will be able to collect your child earlier on the day for their vaccination, if you are choosing to have them vaccinated. Under no circumstance will school staff be taking children over to the vaccination clinic, this is solely a parent responsibility.

The Clinic will be returning on the 18<sup>th</sup> May to administer a 2<sup>nd</sup> dose. More information to follow.