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# WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3, 2022	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	4P and 4F Melbourne Museum Excursion
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	4L and 4W Melbourne Museum Excursion Prep-2 Author Visit
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 ACMI/NGV Excursion
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Student Free Day
Each Monday this term	Year 3 Swimming
Each Wednesday this term	Year 1 Swimming
Each Friday this term	Prep Swimming
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	End of Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Start of Term 4

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

*Chris Gatt, Kerrie Slaymaker & Susan Richardson*

Thank you to all the families engaging with Compass and ensuring deadlines are being met for consent and payments for events. This has enabled us to ensure safety requirements are met and confirm numbers with providers. We have had several events over the last fortnight that have had a high participation rate!

### PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS SURVEY

Last week we posted on Compass and Class Dojo details for the Parent/ Caregivers/ Guardians Survey. **We have already had 15 families complete the survey and would love more** (we have 434 families at our wonderful school)! You have until **Friday 16th September**. Please refer to Compass and Class Dojo for the link and School Pin to complete the survey.

### WHAT A WONDERFUL FORTNIGHT OF EVENTS



Year 3 Zoo Excursion

Over the last fortnight we have had a range of excursions and a camp occur to extend the teaching and learning programs occurring in the classroom and to provide students with a range of life experiences. There is an immense amount of work that goes into planning these events and it is a testament that we strive to ensure our children have the best opportunities. Here are just some photos celebrating these events.



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Year 2  
Dinosaurs Excursion



Year 5 camp



## TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

### Mathematics at Westgrove:

#### ***Mangahigh Power-Up Challenge***

Congratulations to all the Westgrove students that participated in the Mangahigh Power-Up Challenge! It was terrific to see so many students get involved. Some students showed enormous commitment to their Maths learning by spending time at home completing the game-based challenges too. Westgrove Primary School came sixth out of several schools around Australia and New Zealand for points earned as a whole school. Well done Westgrove Mathematicians!

### English at Westgrove

The Book Fair visited Westgrove this week and the students had a wonderful time looking at all the books. Thank-you to all our parents and carers who came in after school on Wednesday, we really appreciate your support. If you are up at the office please take a look at the powerpoint of our Prep-Year 2 Book Parade, the students looked amazing.



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## ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING UPDATE

### STUDENT WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT

We are very lucky to have the services of some new workers in the school to support wellbeing and engagement.

- **Grace Perrott** (Mon, Tues) – Early Help Pilot Project (Anglicare, Tweddle, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency) – family support, parent programs, brokerage, individual student check ins (no cost to school)
- **Caroline Carreno and Kate Rose** (Thurs) – Uniting Wyndham – family support, brokerage, school program support, eg Breakfast Club (no cost to school)
- **Ebonie Cassar** (M-F) – replacing Mariam – individual student counselling, family support, school programs (School based employee)

**Cooking classes** – due to our association with Foodbank (Breakfast Club) we have been able to offer cooking classes to a small number of families. This involves the parents and their children cooking together to learn some basic recipes that they can use at home. The families will also take home a \$45 food hamper of staple items each session. The classes run over 4 weeks on a Wednesday 3:30-5:30pm in the canteen. After this first trial, we hope to expand the opportunity in term 4.

We have continued to build our connection with QB community centre. This includes receiving some fresh meals to deliver to families and promoting some parent and community programs.

## OFFICE NEWS

### PERSONAL MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

The office has been receiving an unprecedented number of phone calls from parents wanting to pass on messages to their child during the school day.

As you may appreciate, this is not always an easy task.

The office is an incredibly busy place, particularly toward the end of the school day.

It's also not always possible to contact the class due to activities, assemblies, specialist classes etc.

We ask that only URGENT requests are made through the office please.

Any non-urgent messages can be sent to the teacher via class Dojo

Thankyou for your support

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