DATES TO REMEMBER:
MON 16th – 20th MARCH
MONDAY 16th MARCH
TUESDAY 17th MARCH
WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH
FRIDAY 20th MARCH
MONDAY 23rd MARCH
TUESDAY 24th MARCH

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The first meeting of the new School Council and election of office bearers took place on Tuesday evening.

Coopted Community Member:
Brian Reynolds~ President

Parent Members:
Erin Wardley~Vice President
Brian Hill~Treasurer
Anthony White, Irene Johnstone
Mel Mc Donald, Ross Preston
Emily Camilleri, Lisa White & Alison Britt

DEECD Members:
Kerrie Slaymaker~Secretary
Linda Attard
Michelene Ryan
Antoinette Masiero

Parents Association:
The Executive Committee has been elected and published in last week’s newsletter. Parents Association are currently revising their fundraising calendar. Hence term 1 will have the Hot Cross Bun Drive and Disco Sausage Sizzle only. Next meeting will be held on Monday the 13th April in the studio after assembly. All welcome to attend.

ENROLMENT WK FOR PREPS 2016
YR 5 SCIENCE EXCURSION
YR PREP SPANISH LUNCHEON
YR 1 SWIMMING
OUTDOOR FAMILY PICNIC & MOVIE
TERM 2 SWIMMING DEPOSIT DUE
FOR YEARS PREP, 2 & 4 STUDENTS
STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP DISCO

Education Committee:
All year 3-5 students participating in the Ipad program have been set up with school Wi-fi access and our technician has been allocated time for new participants. Current participation rates are strong and growing.

Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 1-6 were well supported despite issues with on line booking systems. Teachers have been following up with parents who did not attend.

Assessment & Reporting-As DET no longer provides QuickVic software for student reports, staff are currently investigating an alternative program. Parents can give their feedback through the online student reporting survey on the school website.

School Council approved the year 5 excursion to VSSEC.

Canteen:
The school canteen has made a positive start to the year. School Council has approved the purchase of a new pie warmer. Leanne is still desperately in need of volunteers.

Student Leadership Group:
This group met for the first time last week. They are considering introducing a house team charity support program for 2015.
SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED

Buildings and Grounds:

Preventative maintenance including cleaning of gutters and drains and minor repairs and maintenance have been undertaken this month. Our school vegetable garden is growing well. The year 5 students have been assisting Brian in the garden and using the produce in cooking sessions.
The school is still investigating options for the development of the senior playground and our student leadership group have been assisting with this.
School Council has approved the employment of Mowtown Gardens PL for ongoing garden maintenance of our grounds

OUTDOOR MOVIE & FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT

Thank you to all of the families who have already purchased their tickets for the Outdoor Movie & Picnic night. Tickets are available by using the order forms available from the office.

CANTEEN

Volunteers are in desperate need. If you are interested in helping in the canteen please ring the office or drop in to speak to the canteen manager Leanne.

TERM 2 SWIMMING

Year Prep, Year 2 and Year 4 students will be swimming in term 2. Notes have been distributed to all students in these year levels. Please note the due dates for notes and money as late returns will not be accepted.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP DISCO

Notes were sent home today regarding the disco that will be held on Tuesday 24th March.

SUNSMART HATS

Just a reminder that all students need to wear a Sunsmart hat during outdoor activities in term 1. Please label all clothing so we can return lost items to their owners.

FOUNDATION (PREP) 2016 ENROLMENT WEEK

16th to 20th of March 2015

If you have a child who is eligible to come to school in 2016 (turning 5 years of age by April 30, 2016), we are accepting enrolments during enrolment week.
To enrol you will need to bring:
- Child’s birth certificate
- Immunisation certificate
- Visa (Passport) if child is not born in Australia
- Proof of residential address (utility bill example gas/electricity)
Please note that enrolment forms are to be completed at the school.
Tours Wednesday 18th March 9.30am and 5.00pm

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Hot Cross Bun Drive

Hot Cross Bun order forms must be returned to school with the relevant money by Friday 13th March.
All Hot Cross Bun orders will be available for collection or sent home on Wednesday 25th March

BYOD I PAD PROGRAM years 3-5

The Cyber safety Parent Information session can be access on the link below. The web version is on our website- it requires parents to answer a couple of simple questions in order to register their participation it is an E Smart school requirement.
http://www.westgrps.vic.edu.au/page/188/BYO-iPad-Program
The school appreciates the opportunity to work together with our parent community in keeping our students safe on line.

BICYCLE SAFETY

Please be reminded that as part of the schools Traffic and bike policy, all students are required to wear an approved safety helmet when riding to and from school. The Traffic and bike safety policy can be accessed from our website at http://westgrps.sponsored1.com/uploaded_files/media/training_and_bike_policy.pdf
Please work with us in keeping your children safe.
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Over the coming term, the Westgrove newsletter will be transitioning from its current weekly newsletter version to an online news feed system where news items are uploaded to the news feed section of the newsletter on an ongoing basis. You will be able to access updated information in the news feed section of our website at any time or you could subscribe on our website and the news feeds will be automatically emailed to you. Increasingly articles will only be found on the newsfeed if you have subscribed to the news feed link. Many families have already taken up this option and we encourage you to do this also. Over the next few weeks you will still be able to get a weekly hard copy or pdf version of the newsletter but in the future you will be accessing all Westgrove news via the website news feeds.

SECONDARY SCHOOL EXPO NIGHT

Truganina South Primary School will be holding an ‘Expo Information Night’ for parents of students in years 5 & 6 and they have extended an invitation to parents from our community.

On the night there will be many Secondary School representatives (both public/private) from around the Wyndham / Hobsons Bay area. They will be set up around our gym and will be available for you to approach. You may raise any questions you may have about their individual school. They will also have information sheets / pamphlets that you can take home for future reading.

When: Wednesday March 18th, 2015.
Where: Truganina South PS Gym
3-19 Parkvista Dve, Truganina 3029
Time: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

University High School Open Day

This will be held on Thursday 30th April.
UHS is also inviting application to their Accelerated Program (SEAL) for year 7 2016. Selection procedures include student testing and interview.
Further information can be found at www.unilhigh.vic.edu.au

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT

This year Westgrove PS celebrates its 20th anniversary. We have a range of exciting activities planned throughout the year for our school community to commemorate this important milestone in our history.

We invite all families to our first celebration event

Family Picnic & Outdoor movie night

When:
Friday 20th March 2015

Where:
Westgrove PS oval

Time:
From 6.30pm

Cost: $20 per family
(up to 2 adults & 4 children)

We have an opportunity for local businesses to provide sponsorship through advertising. If you would like further information, please contact Miss Slaymaker at school (97498233)