DATES TO REMEMBER:
FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER
TUESDAY 18th NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER
FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER
TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER
FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER

PREP WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION
YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING
2015 PREP VISIT 12:15-1:15pm
YR 6 GRADUATION TICKET PAYMENT DUE
YR 6 ADVENTURE PARK EXC PAYMENT DUE
MINI FETE
YR 6 ADVENTURE PARK EXCURSION
YR 6 2014 GRADUATION CEREMONY
2015 YR 6 CAMP FINAL PAYMENT DUE
LAST DAY OF TERM 4 FINISH 1:30pm

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Buildings and Grounds:
Various options were discussed for the refurbishment of the senior playground next year.
Council looked at some preliminary ideas but further information will be gathered.

Education:
Work is continuing on the review and development of a whole school integrated studies curriculum plan.
The Review Report has been presented to staff. The new Strategic Plan is being formulated.
The Curriculum Day with Phil Christofaro was excellent. Phil worked with the staff on integrating iPads as a learning tool across the curriculum.
Teachers have commenced the report writing process.

Finance:
Council resolved to allocate the additional equity funds received in the 2015 school budget to support low income families with the purchase of the bookpack and education essentials. On presentation of a current health care card, valid on the first day of school, parents will be provided with a book pack and educational essentials.
A 2015 preliminary draft cash budget was tabled. All 2015 Strategic Resource Plans(program budgets) were presented and ratified by Council.

Fundraising:
The Disco was a success with full credit going to the Student Leadership Team for their excellent organisation. Just over $700 was raised to support our World Vision Child.
The Walkathon prizes are being ordered shortly.

Parent Association:
The 2015 Fundraising calendar was presented to Council and duly ratified.
The Disco sausage sizzle raised just over $600. The Tiger’s club raffle has raised approximately $200 per night. Donations are being sought for the Fete Special Effort. Volunteers are needed for the Election Sausage sizzle on November 29th.

Student Leadership Group:
These students have been very active this past month. They organised a very successful Disco, assisted on Prep Transition Days meeting and greeting parents and have been selling poppies for the RSL Remembrance Day Appeal.

Canteen:
The Canteen is providing a terrific service to families. The volunteers this term have dropped off. We will be working hard to recruit some more helpers.
The new range hood and cupboards will be installed shortly. Canteen is providing a special lunch for students on Mini Fete Day

General Business:
Council reviewed the new website which will become our most used form of communication with our community.
The quotes for the cleaning contract were discussed. Ramzy Cleaning Services, who are our current contractors, were the preferred company. Council will enter into a new 3 year contract with Ramzy Cleaning.
**2015 BOOKPACKS AND EDUCATION ESSENTIALS—HEALTHCARD HOLDERS**

As you are aware the current arrangements for EMA will no longer exist. The Government has allocated additional funds in school budgets of schools with a low socio economic profile. Westgrove has been allocated some additional funding and will use this in 2015 to support low income families. Families who have a Healthcare card which is current from the first day of school in 2015 will be supplied with a bookpack and educational essentials. The Healthcare cards will need to be sighted by the office. Funds are not allocated per family therefore the support can only be given for the bookpack and education essentials.

Full details of the process to be followed will be given closer to the end of the year. If you have any queries please contact the office.

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

**Fete Day Raffle**

Raffle tickets for this year’s special effort will go on sale this week. Packs of five raffle tickets will sent home with the eldest child in each family today. Raffle tickets will be available for sale until Friday 5th December (Mini Fete day) and the raffle will be drawn on Monday 8th December. The first prize will be announced shortly.

**Tiger’s Club Raffle— Can you help?**

One more night left for us at the Tigers Club- this Friday 14th November. Please leave your name and number at the office if you would like to assist.

**Election Day Sausage Sizzle**

Saturday 29th November is the state election day and the Westgrove will again be hosting the polling in the school gym. Parents Association will take advantage of this event to run another sausage sizzle. We really need helpers for this event. Even an hour is very helpful. Speak to the office, Mrs Morgan or a Parent Association Representative if you are able to assist.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

We commemorated Remembrance Day on Tuesday with a ceremony led by our School Captains, Jesse and Jasmine. Our students were incredibly respectful during the ceremony and laid some meaningful wreaths at the flag pole. The Student Leaders sold poppies on behalf of the RSL.

**CANTENE HELPERS WANTED**

We are very fortunate at Westgrove, to be able to run a full canteen service 5 days a week. This is achieved through the very hard work and organisation of our canteen manager and the volunteers that support her.

Passionate volunteers are critical in running a canteen that provides a range of healthy options and provides efficient service. Volunteers typically come and go as they build skills through volunteering that later assists them in gaining paid work. At this stage we are very short of canteen volunteers. If you have any spare time and would like to contribute to our wonderful school community, I urge you to drop in and see Leanne in the canteen or fill in the flyer attached and give canteen volunteering a go.

**MINI-FETER MADNESS**

Teachers are getting edgy and students have a twinkle in their eye. All talk revolves around ‘What is your class doing?’ ‘What will the weather be like?’ Ah yes……….I can feel it in the air- It’s Mini-Fete Madness at Westgrove again! This year it will be held on Friday 5th December -12.30-2.30pm. Mark this in your diaries!

The canteen will be selling hamburger/chicken burger student lunch packs for mini-fete day. These must be pre-ordered and will be sent to individual students before the start of the fete. Order forms will go home with each student early next week. An electronic copy is also attached. Stay tuned for further mini-fete updates each week from now on!

**BETTER BUDDIES**

The Better Buddies program between the Grade 4’s and Prep students are making friendship bracelets. We would appreciate any donations of wool or beads. Any donations can be handed to your child’s classroom teacher. Thanking you in advance for your help and assistance.

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<th>Election Day Sausage Sizzle 29th Nov. Roster to date:</th>
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| 7.30-10.00 am | Kerrie Slaymaker  
| | Lisa Gwin  
| | Lisa White  
| | Brian Reynolds  |
| 10.00-12.00 pm | Brian Reynolds  
| | Jessie  
| | Michelle Roper  
| | Mel MacDonald  |
| 12.00-2.00 pm | Irene Johnstone  |
| 2.00-4.30 pm | Heidi Morgan  |
We regularly monitor student behaviour in the yard by reviewing the information collected by the teachers during yard duty. We congratulate the following classes who HAVE NOT had a recorded incident in the yard during the last two weeks: 1G, 3T, 5C, PM, PH, PS. This means all of the students in these classes are demonstrating safe and respectful behaviour in the yard. We want to acknowledge all of the students who are regularly wearing their hats outside without any fuss. The vast majority of our students are demonstrating safe behaviour by doing this.

**WE ARE PARTICIPATING IN NUDE FOOD DAY 2014!**

National Nude Food Day, supported by Nude Food Movers and in partnership with Nutrition Australia, creates a nationally recognised day in which we can all come together and show our support towards healthy eating and waste reduction. Westgrove will be holding Nude Food Week from the 17th to the 21st of November. For this week we are encouraging all students to bring fresh, healthy, rubbish free lunches to school in support of National Nude Food Day. On **Wednesday the 19th of November** classroom teachers will be awarding a house point to those students who have a completely rubbish free healthy lunch on that day. Class tallies will be taken and the class with the highest amount of points will receive a prize!

**SPORTS CAMP SCHOLARSHIP**

We have again been offered a $165 Sports Camp scholarship by Victoria University to give to a student who shows a genuine love and/or talent for their chosen sport. This scholarship is open to all students aged 6-15 years. Nomination forms for the scholarship are available from Mr Wintels (in the gym) and are due in to Miss Slaymaker by Friday 22nd November. You can book your own child into a sports camp. Details are available on the website: [www.staff.vu.edu.au/sportscamps](http://www.staff.vu.edu.au/sportscamps).

**INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS OF WERRIBEE SECONDARY STUDENTS**

The parents of students enrolled at WSC in 2015 are invited to an Information session on Wednesday 19th November in the College Auditorium at 7pm. Students are not required at this meeting as seating space is at a premium and the students will have already heard the information.

**SCHOOL BELL TIMES**

Our Morning Music time has changed. It will now run prior to the Bag Bell at 8.50. As many of our students are already in class working at 9.00am.

**HEAD LICE**

We have had several cases of head lice reported over the last week. Please check your child/ren’s hair on a regular basis, and treat if necessary. When head lice is reported to school a note to inform parents will be sent home to that grade.

**PARENTLINE**

Parenting is not always easy. From time to time, all families can benefit from extra support.

Parentline is a Department service which began in 1998. It provides information, support, and referral services to parents from 8am to midnight seven days a week.

Whether you’re struggling with everyday tasks, or simply wish to discuss parenting ideas, Parentline is a valuable source of counselling and assistance.

The qualified and experienced social workers and psychologists who staff the service answer approximately 13,000 calls per year from parents from all backgrounds looking for support and advice.

They will work with you to better understand your relationships and personal situations to help you to develop strategies which are tailored to your individual needs.

Parenting is challenging, but Parentline can help you to develop positive coping strategies, allowing you more freedom to enjoy your time with your children.

You can ring Parentline on 13 22 89.

For more information see: [Parentline](http://www.staff.vu.edu.au/sportscamps).

**BPAY FACILITIES**

For your convenience Westgrove Primary School has Bpay facilities. If you would like to make any payments via Bpay please contact office staff for Biller Code and Reference No details. These details can also be found on your family statement.
WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
CANTEEN HELPERS 2014-15

Our canteen operates every school day, with healthy lunch orders at lunch time and over the counter items sold at recess and lunchtimes. It is very popular and well serviced by our students. We have a Canteen Manager employed, however in order for us to keep costs to students to a minimum, we rely on parent volunteers to help with serving students at the windows and preparing the lunch orders.

Being a parent helper in the canteen is an opportunity to meet other parents and, have some fun, as well as provide a much needed service. Volunteers are given basic training and support in canteen services. All volunteers do require a current ‘Working with Children check’ but if you do not have this, Leanne will be able to assist you in getting this organised. There is no cost for ‘Working with children checks’ for volunteers.

If you would like to help in the canteen, please complete the form below and pass it on to Leanne Duncan, our Canteen Manager. We would welcome your assistance.

WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
CANTEEN HELPERS 2014-15

I am interested in helping in the school canteen.

NAME: _________________________________

PHONE: ____________________________

ELDEST CHILD’S NAME: __________________________ GRADE: ____

Circle day available
Mon       Tues              Wed     Thurs    Fri

Circle how often
daily            weekly     fortnightly       monthly

Circle yes or no
I am able to assist on Mini-fete day on Friday 5th December    Yes    No

OR RING LEANNE DIRECTLY IN THE CANTEEN ON 97498233