DATES TO REMEMBER:

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER
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TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER
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WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER
TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER
FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER

BOOK LISTS DUE

MINI FETE

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER
2015 PREP ORIENTATION DAY
YR 6 SECONDARY COLLEGE ORIENTATION DAY
YR 6 ADVENTURE PARK EXCURSION
YR 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY
2015 YR 6 CAMP FINAL PAYMENT DUE
LAST DAY OF TERM 4 FINISH 1:30pm

Merry Christmas

FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER – LAST DAY OF TERM 4
FINISH TIME 1:30pm

END YEAR EARLY DISMISSAL

On the last day of school, Friday 19th December, students are dismissed from the Gym at 1.30pm following the final assembly. Please ensure you make arrangements to pick your child up at this time.

BYOD IPAD PROGRAM 2015

A big thanks to Mrs Attard and the eLearning team for facilitating the two information sessions for parents last week. We had a great response from parents and we thank all the parents who participated. The eLearning team were able to clarify many aspects of the program. The eLearning team have also prepared a FAQ booklet which all students took home last week, and are also available electronically on the school website.

Parents, who participated in a parent information session last week, undertook the first mini module of cyber safety training for parents. As we are working towards our accreditation as an ‘eSmart School’, parent participation in ongoing cyber safety training will be mandatory for the parents of all students participating in the BYOD ipad program.

MINI-FETE

That’s right! The long awaited Westgrove mini-fete is finally on tomorrow. The weather will be fine and we are in for a fantastic afternoon.

This is a Westgrove Primary School community event and we hope that families can attend. Please note also that no bicycles, scooters or skateboards will be allowed in the school yard during the fete.

All visitors will be able to enter the school via the front gate only.

Parents are reminded that under no circumstances will ‘student early leave passes’ be issued during the fete.

At the conclusion of the fete- 2.30pm, parents will be able to sign their children out early through their class teachers.

We appreciate your cooperation with this.

PREP 2015

We will welcome our 2015 Preps for Orientation day on Tuesday 9th December. The visit is from 9:30-10:30am.
NATALIE DILLON COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Every year at this time we call on nominations for this award which is given in recognition of outstanding service to the school over the course of the year. If there is someone you wish to nominate please put the nomination in writing and forward to the school office. Nominations must be received by Thursday December 18th at 9am. The recipients will be announced at the final assembly on Friday December 19th.

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. If you have any queries please contact the office.

All 2015 Book pack forms are due back at school tomorrow—FRIDAY 5th December.

All cash and cheque payments can be made through the school office up to the 19th December 2014 or from 19th – 28th January 2015. The office will not be able to accept cash payments on collection day. Collection day will be on Thursday 29th January 2015.

Parents, who have a health care card valid on the first day of school 2015, will need to present their Health Care Card at the school office for validation prior to collection day.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student reports will be sent home next week with students. As explained in June with the first semester report process, students who have had less than 80% attendance during semester 2 without a valid reason, will not have reports sent home. Parents will be required to make an appointment with Mrs Gray, Mrs Morgan or Miss Slaymaker to receive the report and to develop an attendance plan for 2015.

PARENT HELPERS THANK YOU

Parent helpers are reminded that there will be a special presentation for all parent helpers at assembly on Friday 12th December at 2:30pm. This replaces the traditional morning tea for parent helpers and we would be honored if you could be there to accept your award. As a school, we greatly value the work of our volunteers and would like to acknowledge this with the wider community.

SPORTS CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Thank you to all of the students who nominated for this year’s Sports Camp scholarship. Each of the nominees demonstrated a passion for their chosen sport(s) and it was a difficult decision to choose just one recipient. We congratulate Chloe-Jo Catlin from 3T who has been selected as this year’s Sports Camp scholarship recipient. Families can also book their children into a Sports Camp themselves. Further information can be found at www.staff.vu.edu.au/sportscamps.

CANTEEN HELPERS WANTED

A huge thanks to the parents who have answered the call for canteen helpers. If you haven’t already done so, Leanne is still short and at this stage is looking for

- Helpers to add to the roster on school days
- Helpers to assist with lunch preparation and serving at the window on fete day (10 volunteers needed)
**SPORTS**

**Hooptime**
Congratualtions to our 3/4 and 5/6 Hooptime teams who competed in the State Finals last week. Both teams finished 5th. The 3/4s are ranked 5th out of 672 teams in the state. The 5/6s are ranked 5th out of 890 teams in the state both outstanding achievements. Thanks to the parents and families who supported both teams on the day.

**Prep – 2 Athletics Day.**
Congratulations to all of the Year Prep, 1 and 2 students who participated in the athletics day yesterday. Students had a great time competing in various activities. Thankyou to all of the parents and friends who came to watch and assist. It was wonderful for the students to have your support. Thankyou to Mr Wintels and Mr Vrettas who organised the day.

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

**Fete Day Raffle Prizes Announced**
We are very excited to announce that we have been able to organise four extremely desirable and valuable major prizes for the Fete Day Raffle this year.
First Prize- 16gb mini ipad
Second Prize- The Bagman skip hire
Third Prize- Paul Sadler swimland swim program for one term
Fourth Prize- Paul Sadler swimland swim program for one term

There are also 20 other minor prizes and we are very thankful to our sponsors.

Raffle tickets are now on sale. Don’t forget to get your tickets in early. You can get extra tickets at the office and they will be on sale during the mini fete on Friday 5th December. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 8th December.

**Election Day Sausage Sizzle**
The Election Day sausage sizzle was again a big success. A huge thankyou is extended to Kerrie Slaymaker, Lisa White, Brian Reynolds, Janine Kayler-Thomson, Jessie Corney, Michelle Roper, Mel MacDonald, Heidi Morgan, Antoinette Masiero, Alison Britt and Lila Gray for assisting on the day. Parent Association raised just under $1,400 on the day which was a mammoth effort. This money will go towards our new senior playground development project.

**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**
Westgrove now has an 'active' newsletter. This means, newsletter items are added to the website as they happen, so you can stay up to date more easily.
All you need to do it head to our new school website where you will see all news articles right there on the front page.
www.westgrps.vic.edu.au

**COMMUNITY CORNER**

**SAVERPLUS**

**TERM FOUR TO-DO LIST:**

~ buy sports uniform for Jason
~pay for Ella’s school camp
~find out more about Saver Plus!

Enrolment for Phase 5 is closing
Join Saver Plus before 31st December to match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500.

You may be eligible if you have:

~A Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card

~Some regular income from work (you or your partner)

~A child at school or study yourself

Contact Lewis Young, your local Saver Plus Worker: 97497194 or 0439 585 702
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