DATES TO REMEMBER:

TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER
THURSDAY 29th JANUARY
FRIDAY 30th JANUARY
TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

YR 6 GRADUATION CEREMONY
2015 YR 6 CAMP FINAL PAYMENT DUE
BOOK COLLECTION DAY 9am to 3pm
FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 ~ YEARS 1-6
FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 ~ PREPS

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School Council met for the final meeting of the year on Tuesday evening.

Buildings and Grounds:

Several areas of the school will be painted over the holiday break including most of the admin building, the canteen, toilets and some external doors. New carpet has been ordered for rooms 26 and 27 and this will also be installed over the break.

Finance:

The revised cash budget was presented to Council.

Education:

The following policies were ratified by Council: Excursions and Incursions, Assessment and Reporting, Bullying and Harassment.

Two very successful BYOD Ipad information sessions were organised by Linda Attard.

Parents who attended participated in a cyber-safety workshop.

Parent Association:

The Parent Association were thanked on behalf of the school for their wonderful fundraising efforts this year and also their support on orientation day.

Fundraising:

Once again a very successful Mini Fete took place. The school banked $11,534 and of that we believe approximately $6-7000 was profit. Council congratulates all staff and students on the wonderful effort.
Student Leadership Group:

The SLG have participated in and contributed to a number of whole school events this term and are to be congratulated. The year 5 students presented their School Captain speeches this week and the standard was exemplary. It will be very difficult to choose only two students. Potential house team captains and student leadership group members will participate in the selection process for the 2015 positions next week.

General Business:

Michelle Roper was farewelled from Council after serving as a member for 9 years. Michelle was Treasurer for a number of years and her contribution to the school has been much appreciated. Council recognised Michelle’s service at the Network dinner last week. Mel Mc Donald is also leaving Council after serving for two years. We have appreciated her support during this time.

SPANISH AT WESTGROVE 2015

As you know Spanish is being introduced at Westgrove in 2015. The program will commence in years Prep and 1 and, over time will expand throughout the rest of the school. The method chosen to deliver the language is CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning). In simple terms it means delivering the language learning through a specific subject. Next year each Prep and year 1 class will learn Spanish through the Music program for 60 minutes a week and will also have 30 minutes per week where Spanish is integrated into the classroom program. Marcelo Brignardello has been appointed to the LOTE (Spanish) position. Marcello brings a wealth of experience and passion for the teaching of Spanish.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The Year 6 Graduation will be held at the Cultural Centre in Werribee next Tuesday evening at 6.30pm. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening celebrating the achievements of our year 6 students.

MINI-FETE

We had fantastic community support for our Mini-fete last Friday and it was great to catch up with so many faces that we don't often see. Although the weather was a little overcast, fortunately the only people who got wet on the day were those participating in the famous sponge throw! All the money raised from the mini-fete will be going towards the senior school playground upgrade which is scheduled to begin in 2015.

2015 BOOKPACKS

A big thank you to all families who have returned their 2015 book pack forms.

Remember, all cash and cheque payments can be made through the school office up to the 18th 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.

PARENT HELPERS THANK YOU

Calling all Parent helpers!
You are cordially invited to assembly this 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.

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.
YEAR 2 SPELLING COMPETITION

We began our Year 2 Spelling Competition last week. Congratulations to the following students who are their respective class champions:
2L – Samarah Wheeler
2B – Ayslin McNamara
2W – Charlie Braithwaite

These students will now represent their grade in the Year 2 Spelling Competition Grand Final on Monday.

STUDENT DRIVES

Over the holidays the school is moving to a new server. Any work saved to the student's H:Drive on the school's server will not be transferred. Should your child wish to keep their saved work, they are invited to bring to school a USB stick on which they can transfer their files onto.
Any work not saved to their USB stick will be deleted at the end of the school year.
Thank you,
Mrs Attard and the ICT Committee

WALKATHON NEWS

Well done to all the wonderful students and families for helping raise a total $8,118.00. The prizes have arrived and will be distributed shortly to your child.
The student who raised the most amount of money will be announced during Friday’s assembly.
Thanks Again!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for supporting our numerous fund raising activities throughout the year.

The Fete Day Raffle was drawn last Monday. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

1ST Hayley Parker
2nd Shae Thompson
3rd Kerrie Hill
4th Kirralee Kelly
5th Aleisha Sinclair
6th Jessica Sleeman
7th Mrs Ellis
8th c/o Kagan William
9th Edelweiss O’Keefe
10th Theo c/o Emmet
11th Jessica Sleeman
12th Winnie Ciu
13th Abbey Mahajan
14th Jannie Klaassen
15th C Hammond
16th Holly Johnstone
17th Zane Dumbleton
18th Chloe Preston
19th Miracle
20th Kim
21st Kerrie Slaymaker
22nd Donna Killeen
23rd Samantha Wilberforce
24th Crisha
25th Adrianna Gera
26th June Ralph
27th Zunaira Ishaq
28th Cara Appleby

Congratulations to Mr Cole the winner of 2Ws Ginger Bread House.