DATES TO REMEMBER:

FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER
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TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER
FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER
TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER
TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER
FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER

2015 PREP VISIT 12:15-1:15pm
YR 6 GRADUATION TICKET PAYMENT DUE
YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING
BYOD INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS
YR 6 ADVENTURE PARK EXC PAYMENT DUE
MINI FETE
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

PARENT REQUESTS-STUDENT PLACEMENT 2015

It is that time of the year when we commence work on grade lists for 2015. Composing grades is a complicated process as we aim to have a balance of abilities and gender in each class. Students with special educational needs are also carefully placed to ensure they access support from our integration staff. Students will be asked to give their teacher a list of students they consider they can work well with and where possible will be placed with a child from their list. It is no longer viable to accommodate friendship requests. Often there are family considerations or issues involving neighbours which impact upon certain students being placed in the same grade next year.

If you have a request of this nature please submit it in writing to the office by Friday 28th November.

We cannot consider requests for a particular teacher or for a group of friends you wish your child placed with.

I’m sure you will appreciate that, in some cases, it is impossible to satisfy all requests but be assured we will do our best.

GRADE STRUCTURE 2015

We appreciate parents informing us that their child will be transferring to another school next year. It is that time of the year where we are finalising our organisation and accurate enrolment numbers are really important. The grade structure and expected enrolment figures are as follows:

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Total Enrolment: 689

PREP 2015

We have our next transition visit tomorrow at 12:15-1:15.
BYOD (bring your own device) IPAD PROGRAM – YEARS 3-5 2015 INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

Mrs Attard and the eLearning team will be organising two information sessions for parents next week. These will take place on Thursday 27th November in the library. Sessions will run in the afternoon from 2:15-3:15pm and in the evening from 6:00-7:00pm. Parents with students in years 3–5 next year are encouraged to attend. The eLearning team is also preparing written support material which will be sent home to parents prior to the information sessions.

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. Health care 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.

ESSENTIAL LEARNING/BOOK PACK FORMS 2015

Essential learning/book pack forms for 2015 have now been sent home with all students. Please note that these will need to be returned to school by Friday 5th December. Parents, who have a health care card valid on the first day of school 2015, will need to present their Health Care Card with their students’ Essential Learning/Book pack forms, at the school office for validation.

BETTER BUDDIES

The year 4 and prep Better Buddy program will be 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.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Fete Day Raffle

Raffle tickets for the annual special effort are now on sale. Don’t forget to get your tickets in early. They will be on 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.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 29th November is the state election day and 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 your help for this event if only for an hour. Speak to the office, Mrs Morgan or a Parent Association Representative if you are able to assist. A huge thanks to the people listed who have already volunteered.

Election Day Sausage Sizzle 29th Nov.

Roster to date:

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2014 YEAR BOOKS

If you would like to purchase one of these very special books, featuring all students and work from throughout 2014, please see the ladies in the office or any of the Year 6 Staff. They are only $15 each and there is a limited number available. Don’t miss out!

LOST PROPERTY

The office has lots of items that have been found in the yard. Jewellery, reading glasses, Sunglasses, head bands/ties, toy cars, purse/wallet, watches plus a variety of little treasures. Please ask your child if they have lost any items at school. At the end of the year all items will be donated to a charity.
MINI-FETE MADNESS

Remember, the mini fete is on again on **Friday 5th December** - 12.30-2.30pm.

2W and the Library will be holding a second hand book stall. Donations would be appreciated and can be dropped off at the Library.

1M will be holding a decorate your Christmas ornament stall. We are in need of donations of the following: PVA glue, sequins, glitter, Christmas stickers, coloured paint, little bits and pieces that can be used to glue onto their decoration. Any donations to be dropped off to room 26 many thanks Antoinette Masiero.

MINI FETE STUDENT LUNCHES

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 were sent home with students last week. Additional order forms are available at the office. All order forms must be in by Friday 28th November.

CANTEEN HELPERS WANTED

A huge thank you 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 are needed

BOOK CLUB

The final book club orders for the year issue 8 is due Thursday 27th November.

COMMUNITY CORNER

TACKERS

Flyers are on the notice board in the school foyer.

SAFEMinds comes to town

headspace – the National Youth Mental Health Foundation will be presenting a FREE session in Werribee for parents to learn about early detection and support for young people through the *SAFEMinds* mental health training, a partnership between the Victorian Government and headspace, which is currently being introduced for schools and families across Victoria. *SAFEMinds* supports school communities to effectively identify and intervene early with the mental health needs of children and young people.


Amanda Smith, Project Manager for *SAFEMinds* says “Emotional distress affects children and young people and school communities every year. This may include mental health issues such as anxiety and depression, and self-harm behaviours. These issues have a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of children and young people, including their educational, developmental and wellbeing outcomes.”

“The parent sessions will provide useful information about supporting children and young people experiencing emotional distress, along with a panel of local mental health agencies who will provide information and answer questions from families about the services they provide”.

headspace is being assisted by *Orygen Youth Health* and *Mind* for this event.