DATES TO REMEMBER:
FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER
TUESDAY 11th NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER
THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER
TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER
FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER

2015 PREP VISIT 12:15-1:15pm
YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING
PREP WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION
YR 6 GRADUATION TICKET PAYMENT DUE
YR 6 ADVENTURE PARK EXC PAYMENT DUE
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

URGENT! PLANNING FOR 2015
We are currently making detailed plans for classes and staffing for 2015. If your child/children are transferring from Westgrove at the end of the year please let the class teacher or the office know. Many thanks to those families who have let us know already that their children are leaving.

EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
As reported widely the current arrangements for families eligible for EMA will no longer operate in 2015. All schools with a Student Family Occupation score of 0.65 or greater will receive additional funding in their budgets to support disadvantaged families. Westgrove has an SFO score of 0.68 so will receive some additional funding next year.

Many families have been asking what the cessation of the EMA scheme will mean for them. Please be assured Westgrove will be using the additional funds to support needy families. School Council will be discussing the details of how this will be done at its meeting on November 11th.

CURRICULUM DAY
The staff spent the day working with Phil Christofaro who is an educational consultant specialising in the use of iPads across the curriculum. It was a very worthwhile day with staff coming away with lots of practical strategies for using this technology to improve student learning.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION
Parents Association fundraising activities for term 4 are:

- Tigers club raffle (7/11 & 14/11)
- State election) sausage sizzle (29/11
- Fete day special effort and stall (5/12)

Tiger’s Club Raffle
A huge thanks goes out to those that helped on the first night last Friday. It turned out to be a quieter night than usual but we did raise $400 for the school.

The next two nights are Friday 7th and 14th November. Please leave your name and number at the office if you would like to assist on either night.
REMEMBRANCE DAY – 11th November

The Student Leadership Group will be selling Remembrance day poppies for 20 cents tomorrow and Monday during eating time. Proceeds of the sales go to the RSL. We will be having our Remembrance day service at the flag pole on Tuesday at 10:45am.

PREP 2015

We will be having our next Prep 2015 transition visit tomorrow at 12:15-1:15pm.

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

You can also scroll down the page and click 'SUBSCRIBE TO NEWSLETTER'. Once you have subscribed you will receive all of the articles as a weekly newsletter, emailed directly to you. How easy is that?

Download a QR Reader to your smart phone or tablet and head to the website using the code below.

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

THE IMPACT OF VIDEO GAMES ON CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Parents and caregivers are invited to an information session, which is designed for parents and caregivers of primary and secondary aged children and is facilitated by Steven Dupon. Steven will present on the positive and negative effects if video games on children and young people.

When: Wednesday 3rd December
Time: 6.45pm to 8.30pm
Where: Laverton Community Hub
95-105 Railway Ave, Laverton
RSVP is essential by 27th November call 9932 4000 or lpetroff@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au