DATES TO REMEMBER:

FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER  
TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER  
WEDNESDAY 15th OCTOBER  
THURSDAY 16th OCTOBER  
THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER  
THURSDAY 30th OCTOBER  

2015 YEAR 6 CAMP DEPOSIT DUE  
YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING  
WALK-A-THON  
YEARS 3-6 ATHLETICS  
YR 1 BUGS INCURSION PAYMENT DUE  
YR 1 BUGS INCURSION

WELCOME TO TERM 4

Term four commenced smoothly! We welcome all our recently enrolled families. This term we begin making firm plans for the year ahead. Staffing levels and budgets are determined by student numbers so we need to have as accurate data as possible. We ask that if your child is transferring to another school for 2015 please let the office know as soon as possible.

ACE HIGH CAMP

We have 68 Year 4 students currently on camp at Cape Schanck. It is great to see that many families have been accessing our Westgrove Facebook page to get updates on our happy campers. They are certainly having a great time! If you haven’t already done so, find us and like us to receive regular updates and reminders. The campers are expected back before the end of the usual school day on Friday.

WALK-A-THON

As part of Health & PE week, we are again running our annual walkathon fundraiser on Wednesday October 15th 9:30 to 11:00am. Parents, friends and family members are welcome to join us. Remember to wear a sun smart hat and bring an extra bottle of water. Ensure you fill in your walkathon note and return to your teacher.

VISIT BY JOANNE RYAN

Joanne Ryan, Federal Member for Lalor, visited Westgrove on Monday. She presented the school with a new Australian flag which had previously hung in the House of Representatives in Canberra. School Captains Jesse and Jasmine accepted the flag on behalf of the school.

SCHOOL REVIEW

As part of the school accountability process Westgrove is undertaking a Peer Review. The self-evaluation has been submitted to the external Reviewer Julie Chandler. Today Julie will meet with the leadership team, School Council President Brian Reynolds and our two Peer Reviewers Deb Clancy (Principal of Bellbridge PS) and Ray Burrell (Assistant Principal at Iramoo PS. It will be a full day meeting where all aspects of the school’s performance over the past four years will be discussed in depth. At the end of the day recommendations will be made for continuing the improvement journey. These recommendations will form the basis for the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan.

WEBSITE

We are currently working with a Website Development company to revamp our website. We are hoping to launch the new site in coming weeks.
Parents Association had their first meeting for term 4 last Monday. Their fundraising activities for term 4 are:

- **Tigers Club raffle** 31st Oct, 7th Nov & 14th Nov
- **Disco sausage sizzle** 21st October
- **State election sausage sizzle** 29th Nov
- **Fete day special effort and stall** 5th December.

If you are able to help out with any of these events please speak to any of the parent association ladies or leave your name and number at the school office.

**HOLIDAY GROUND WORKS**

Visitors to the school this week would immediately notice all the works that have gone on over the break. Firstly we have had the containers moved out of the way over to near the bike shed

And some much needed asphalting has been done behind the gym and near the rotunda. This will go a long way to providing more appropriate space for students to play.

We have also had some artificial turf laid behind rooms 1-4 which has made a terrific improvement.

Over at the infant playground, we now have a shade sail over the sandpit to protect the students from the sun whilst playing there. This has been fully funded by our wonderful Parent Association, utilising money that they have raised throughout the year.

The Indigenous Garden has had some preliminary ground works done and with the reshaping of the swale, it is all certainly starting to take shape. Mr West will be working with the indigenous students to continue this important work.

**CHILDREN’S WEEK**

From Saturday 18 October to Sunday 26 October 2014, Victoria celebrates Children’s Week with hundreds of free events taking place right across the state that recognise the unique and important place of children in our community. Find out more at [www.education.vic.gov.au/childrensweek](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childrensweek).

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE – EVERY DAY COUNTS**

We presented our monthly attendance trophy for September at assembly on Monday. Congratulations to 1G who collected the trophy for the first time!

The TOP 5 classes for September were:

1. 1G
2. 4F
3. 1M
4. 3S
5. 2B

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have communicated the reasons for their child’s absence(s) to the class teacher or through the office. We will be starting the use of SMS to report on student absences soon.

**SUNSMART HATS**

The wearing of SUNSMART HATS is now compulsory. Please have a look for your hat at home and at school so that you have your hat ready to go for all of the outdoor activities.

**2015 YEAR 6 CAMP**

Just a reminder to parents that the 2015 Year 6 camp deposit is due TOMORROW.

**2015 PREP TRANSITION**

We will be starting our 2015 Year Prep transition visits on October 24th. Information has been posted out to all Prep students who have enrolled. If you are yet to enrol your Prep for next year, please do so this week so that your child does not miss out on these important transition activities.

**ATHLETICS DAY YEARS 3–6**

Thursday 16th October 9:30 to 2pm. Victorian University Athletics Track Hoppers Lane, Hoppers Crossing.

All students need to wear school uniform that allows full participation, including suitable footwear. All students need to bring snacks, drinks and lunch. There will be no canteen at the venue. We welcome all family members and friends to attend and enjoy a fun day of activities with the children.
Next week is Health and P.E week at Westgrove and there are heaps of awesome activities to look forward to!
First of all, we have our Walk-a-thon on Wednesday and Westgrove’s 3 – 6 Athletics Day on Thursday.
We will also be running bootcamps in the gym and playing Teacher Vs Students sports matches every available day during the week.
The schedule for the week will look like this:

Monday
- Before school bootcamp – from 8:30AM
- Teacher Vs. Students AFL - Lunchtime

Tuesday
- Before school bootcamp
- Teacher Vs. Students Soccer

Wednesday
- Before school bootcamp
- Walk-a-thon
- Teachers Vs. Students Basketball

Thursday
- Before school bootcamp
- Westgrove Athletics

Friday
- Before school bootcamp
- Teacher Vs. Students Dodgeball

Lucas Wintels Physical Education Coordinator

COMMUNITY CORNER

BRIDGES FOSTER CARE

Werribee Support and Housings Bridges Foster Care program provides training and ongoing support for individuals and families interested in becoming foster carers. Due to an urgent need, we are currently recruiting foster carers. If you are interested in making a positive difference in a young persons life and want to find out about becoming a foster carer, please contact Bridges Foster care for further information on 9742 6452 or see notice board in the school foyer.

HOME BASED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM AT ST. ANDREWS PARISH WERRIBEE

All parents of children attending non Catholic Primary Schools who are interested in their child attending the Sacramental Program for 2015 are asked to leave their details at the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or email werribee@cam.org.au

The program is conducted for children in:
Grade 3 - Pre-Sacrament
Grade 4 - Reconciliation
Grade 5 - Eucharist
Grade 6 - Confirmation

Children who participated in the program this year do not need to re-enroll.

Please note – Enrolments close 30th November 2014.

DRUMMOND STREET

Parenting Toddlers Tantrums and Tiaras.
Thursday 23 & 30 October 9.00am – 10.30am morning tea included Wyndham Park Primary Community Hub.

Parenting Children who Worry Too Much.
Thursday 13 & 20 November 6.00pm to 7.30pm Wyndham Private Medical Centre.

Please see notice board in the school foyer for further information.

HEALTHY TOGETHER WYNDHAM

Creating an active, strong and empowered community in Wyndham. We are all part of this community. But what does that really mean? What opportunities are there for you to get involved and discover the assets of your community? Join us for a fun evening with world renowned quest speaker Jim Diers (University of Washington and previous Director of Neighbourhoods, Seattle as he takes us through the benefits that occur when a community takes charge of reaching its potential. Dates, times and location are displayed on the notice board in the school foyer.