DATES TO REMEMBER:

WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER
THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER
FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER
FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER
TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER
TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER
TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER
WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER
FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER

PREP – 2 ATHLETICS DAY
YR 6 ADVENTURE PARK EXC PAYMENT DUE
BOOK LIST DUE
MINI FETE
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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I want to let you all know that I have made the decision to retire at the end of the year. It has been a difficult decision for me as Westgrove has been such a big part of my life for the past almost 20 years. I have lost none of my passion or commitment but I feel that it is time for me to begin the next phase of my life. I am extremely proud of the school and all it has achieved in terms of improving the learning outcomes and environment for students. I feel I am truly blessed to be leaving on such a high note.

I wish to thank the staff for their dedication and commitment to the improvement journey, parents for all their support and most importantly the wonderful students for their enthusiasm for learning. I will miss you all terribly!

I am really pleased to congratulate Mrs Heidi Morgan who has been appointed as the Acting Principal.

MINI-FETE

It is with great excitement that I remind families that the annual Mini-Fete will take place on Friday 5th December. It will run from 12.30 – 2.30pm. Students have been working hard to make this a great event.

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.

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.
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:

5x Prep  ~ 19 students   95
5x Year 1 ~ 22 students   110
4x Year 2 ~ 25/26 students 103
4x Year 3 ~ 23/24 students  93
4x Year 4 ~ 24/25 students  98
4x Year 5 ~ 23/24 students  93
4x Year 6 ~ 24/25 students  97

30 grades   Total Enrolment   689

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 tomorrow, 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.

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 Heathcare 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.

The due date for returning 2015 Book pack forms to the school office is fast approaching. They all must be returned to school no later than FRIDAY 5th December.

All cash and cheque payments can be made through the school office up to the 18th December 2014 or from 19th to 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.

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)

2W AND LIBRARY FETE DAY

We are looking for donations of second hand books and plants. Please drop off at the Library. Thank you.
**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**

Saturday 29th November is the state Election Day and Parents Association will again be running another sausage sizzle. A huge thankyou goes out to the people listed who have volunteered to help with this.

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<th>Election Day Sausage Sizzle 29th Nov. Roster to date:</th>
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| **7.30-10.00am** | Kerrie Slaymaker  
Lisa Gwin  
Lisa White  
Brian Reynolds  
Janine Kayler-Thomson |
| **10.00-12.00pm** | Brian Reynolds  
Jessie Corney  
Michelle Roper  
Mel MacDonald  
Janine Kayler-Thomson |
| **12.00-2.00pm** | Irene Johnstone  
Heidi Morgan  
Jessie Corney  
Antoinette Masiero  
Janine Kayler-Thomson  
Andy Kayler-Thomson |
| **2.00-4.30pm** | Heidi Morgan  
Antoinette Masiero  
Alison Britt  
Janine Kayler-Thomson  
Andy Kayler-Thomson |

**PARENT HELPERS THANK YOU**

It has been traditional for staff at Westgrove to host a morning tea for parent helpers at the end of the year in order to show our appreciation for their work. In recent years it has become evident that the number of volunteers participating in this has dropped significantly for a range of reasons, and the timing for this event excludes some of our hardest working volunteers who are working in the canteen at that time.

Hence we have decided to try something different this year. Instead of the traditional morning tea, we are inviting all our volunteers to Assembly on Friday 12th December at 2:30pm where our school captains will be making special presentations to each of our volunteers. Invitations will be going out shortly.

**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.
COMMUNITY CORNER

LOOKING FOR FREE FUN STUFF TO DO?

Wyndham libraries offer a range of great free activities for kids to do during the term and the school holidays. See the attached summary or check out the website on www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries.

Wyndham City Libraries offer a variety of programs and services for primary school aged children including clubs, homework help and online resources.

Junior Chess Club
Ages 6+
All players welcome, however a basic knowledge of how the pieces move is required. 4:00pm Thursdays during school terms.
Point Cook Library Enquiries 9395 7966

Lego Club
Calling all young Lego fans!
Come along to your local branch to build and play. Meet other kids who love Lego. Please check the Library Event Calendar or contact your local branch for details.

Readonators Kids Club
Ages 8-12
Chat about books, play games and meet new friends and more! Plaza Library Enquiries: 9748 9333
4-5pm Tuesdays during school terms.

Book to Movie Club
Watch great movies that are based on books. Movies are rated PG. Wednesdays 3.15pm monthly. Wyndham Vale Library Enquiries 87354 8930

Imagination Creation Writers Group
Join published writer Margaret Campbell and other young writers at Imagination Creation Writers Group. Share inspiration and creativity with like-minded young people in a relaxed, fun environment. 4.30pm Thursdays Enquiries Rebecca 8734 8930 or Werribee Library 9742 7999.

School Holiday Activities
Wyndham City Libraries run regular school holiday activities. Free activities include movie nights, craft sessions and performances. Some events require bookings. See your local branch or the Library Event Calendar on the library website for more details. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (Footscray campus)

Victoria University will be running a Family Science night on 3rd December. A Science Stage show (70 minutes) will be followed by over 20 hands on activities that both students and parents can participate in and take home. The event is completely free. Footscray park campus crn Ballarat Rd and Geelong Rd Footscray building L room 114

2015 NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE

Miniroos & Girls Soccer Registrations please see notice board in the school foyer for further information.

THE GEELONG COLLEGE

Scholarships 2016 applications close Friday 6 February 2015 Scholarship test and tours Saturday 14 February 2015. Character is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live as well as think. Ralph Waldo Emerson
Find out more at www.geelongcollege.vic.edu.au
WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

MINI-FETE

Cake Stall  Face Painting  Jaffa Smasher
Animal Petting Zoo  Sausage Sizzle
Haunted House  Gifts  AFL hand ball
Lolly Bag  Lucky Dips  Santas Workshop
White Elephant stall  Book stall
Hairspray  Helium Balloons  Sponge Throw
Showbags  and lots more

Friday 5TH December
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