



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term Four 2018

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CALENDAR

Year 4 Camp:	October 10 th - 12 th
Assembly Week 1:	October 12: Year F-2 9am Yr 3-6: 2.30pm
Assembly Week 2:	October 19 th : Year F-2 2.30pm
Prep 2019 Transition visit:	October 19 th
Curriculum Day:	October 26 th
Assembly Week 4:	November 2 nd Yr 3-6: 2.30pm
Prep 2019 Transition visit:	November 2 nd
Helping Hands Meeting:	November 5 th Studio at 9.30am
Public Holiday:	November 6 th Melbourne Cup Day
Assembly Week 5:	November 9 th Yr F-2: 2.30pm
Assembly Week 6:	November 16 th Yr 3-6: 2.30pm
Prep 2019 Transition visit:	November 16 th
Assembly Week 7:	November 23 rd Yr F-2: 2.30pm
F-2 Sports Day	November 28 th 9.30am - lunchtime
Assembly Week 8:	November 30 th Yr 3-6: 2.30pm
Helping Hands Meeting:	December 3 rd Studio at 9.30am
Mini Fete:	December 7 th 12.30-2.30pm
Orientation Day:	December 11 th (Prep and Yr 7 2019)
Year 6 Graduation:	December 11 th
Assembly Week 10:	December 14 th F-2: 2.30pm
2019 Grade Orientation:	December 18 th
Final Day for 2018:	December 21 st assembly 1.00pm and dismissal 1.30pm

Message from the Principal: Welcome back everyone for a jam-packed Term 4. It was a beautiful day to start the term with the sun shining and we could see how much everyone had grown over the holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Susan Richardson on board as one of our Assistant Principals; she will be working through a handover this term with Heidi Morgan who will finish up at the end of the year after being such an integral part of the school for the last 23 years. Details of her retirement function will follow later in the term. We also welcomed Emma Boughton as a Year 3/4 Instructional Leader and Rhiannon Porter as an F-2 Instructional Leader.

It is such a busy and exciting term so please take the time to read the information that will be communicated to you so you don't miss out on anything. Everything will be recorded on the website as well though so please use it as an extra resource. We will be making an extra effort to communicate better with you so will begin with this newsletter being sent to the eldest in the family in paper form as well as being sent out through Compass and being stored on the website. Each year level will send home curriculum newsletters on a fortnightly basis to help keep you informed as well. This too, will be done through Compass and on the website. Compass will be our main form of communication with you being able to access your child's reports and the regular learning tasks that are posted there also in order to understand the learning needs of your child. We will also send notices home via email through Compass. If you need help to access Compass please contact the office for assistance. Facebook will also be used to inform the community where necessary.

If your child is not returning next year or you have a student that needs to be enrolled please contact the office as soon as possible so we can make accurate predictions about classes and sizes for 2019. Your assistance in this matter

would be appreciated. If you would like consideration to be given to your child's class and/or teacher next year, purely for educational reasons, please put your consideration in writing and return it to the office as soon as possible. We will begin constructing classes very soon.

Please support our fundraising event on Election Day November 24th. Our Helping Hands, School Council and staff members will be working on the Sausage Sizzle all day to raise funds for our school. Please come and vote here at Westgrove PS and support our fundraiser.

Prep Transition begins soon and we welcome all new members to our community and know that you will make them welcome. If you know of anyone who hasn't enrolled as of yet for 2019 please remind them to come and see us as soon as possible. Please see the Transition dates included in this newsletter if you have a Prep student beginning in 2019. Graduation will also be upon us very soon and we are currently supporting the Year 6 students with their transition programs to their individual schools.

Just a reminder that our Annual Fete is returning this term. It will be held on December 7th. We look forward to hosting our community and celebrating the close of our year together.

Our fees for 2019 remain unchanged and will remain at \$160. Information about payment and plans will be released soon.

We anticipate a fantastic term. All the students still have a term of learning, growing and exciting experiences to look forward to. If you have any questions about organisational procedures or your child's learning please make a time to see the appropriate staff member. We are always here to help and support you.



Keeping Up to Date:

Compass: Please drop in to the office if you have any questions about accessing information on Compass or need new log in details. All end of year reports and Learning Tasks throughout the term are only available on Compass.

This term regular year level curriculum newsletters will be available on Compass and the school website, under the Parent tab so you can keep up to date with what your child is learning and support them further.

Newsfeed: Please make sure you follow our newsfeed to keep up to date with what is going on and for notifications on when your child's Learning Tasks are available. Please see the office if you are unsure about how to do this.

Facebook: Follow us on Facebook for regular updates on what's happening at our school.

The Canteen is open every day for lunch orders and window sales at both recess and lunchtimes. The window sales are for snacks and ice-creams only and students are encouraged to put in an order for lunch. Students can put their orders in each day in the crate in their classroom, orders are then collected in time for lunch. Orders can be written on a paperbag or on a reusable bag and with the money enclosed. Alternatively parents can contact the office to pay.

The canteen is staffed mostly by volunteers and is always looking for assistance. If you have a few hours even once a month that you could help us it would be greatly appreciated. Please drop in to the canteen or call and ask for Leanne. Students love to see their parents in the canteen.

A price list has been added to this newsletter and is always available on the website.

P-2 Sports Day

The Year P-2 Sports Day will be held at school on 28th November from 9.30am until lunchtime. Parents are invited to join us on the day and cheer the students on. Please ensure your child has a clearly named hat and drink bottle. It is also recommended that they have sunscreen applied before school.

Year Book

Westgrove's annual yearbook is a professionally produced magazine where successes inside and outside the classroom are celebrated. Every class is represented in the book and they collaborate to design a page that is a reflection of their year together. The yearbook will be available for purchase in early December at a cost of \$22.00. Year six students will visit each class to promote the yearbook when they arrive and they will be available to purchase from the office. Stock is limited to 100 copies so ensure you get in early to avoid disappointment.

PREP 2019 TRANSITION

We will be starting our 2019 Prep visits next week, Friday 19th Oct, 12:00-1:00pm. This is an opportunity for students and parents/carers to start making connections with our school community in readiness for 2019. If you have not enrolled your child as yet, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. This will ensure your child is positively connected to school, as well as assist us with planning classes for 2019.

Election Day BBQ

Helping Hands Association will be running a BBQ on Election Day (November 24th) to raise money for the school. If you are able to help out for an hour on the day with cooking or sales we would love to see you. Please call Mrs. Morgan or drop in to the office to put your name down. Or if you are busy and can't help on the BBQ please drop in, say hi and buy a sausage, it's for a great cause!



All students are required to wear a Sunsmart hat during outside activities from 1st September to the end of April. A Sunsmart hat is one with a broad brim to protect all areas of the head, neck and ears. We encourage the use of sunscreen, which students will apply themselves before going outside. Students without a hat will be required to play in a shaded area in the courtyard.

Learning Essentials 2019

Each year the School Council sets a charge for Learning Essentials for students for the following year. In 2019 this will again be \$160 per students. Included in this cost are all students books and stationery, art materials and equipment, ICT technical support and access to school laptops, computers and coding equipment, also subscriptions to Athletics and Reading Eggs.

Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation will be held at the Cultural Centre in Watton Street, Werribee. Tickets will be for sale at school shortly, if you have any questions please contact Mrs. Dixon.



Mini Fete

The mini fete will be on Friday December 7th. The fete is a major fundraising event for the school and runs between 12.30-2.30pm. There will be a special lunch on the day as well as many stalls and activities that classes will organise. Please add the date to your diary and support us where you can.

Breakfast Club

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.30am at the canteen. Come along and enjoy a healthy breakfast.