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# WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

### Term 3, 2022

Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Werribee Mansion Excursion
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Rokit Incursion
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 1 Zoo Excursion
Each Wednesday this term	Year 5 Swimming
Each Thursday this term	Year 6 Swimming
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year 1.15 Finish

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

*Chris Gatt, Kerrie Slaymaker & Susan Richardson*

### STAFFING UPDATE

This term we welcome Mrs. Megan Sutcliffe (Skinner) back from Family Leave. She will be teaching 6M on Thursdays and Fridays.

### 2023 CLASS PLACEMENT CONSIDERATION

Teachers will be starting to establish 2023 classes later this term. If you have any comment about your child's placement for next year, please put this in writing, and enclose it in an envelope, marked confidential, and addressed to the Principal. Alternatively, you can send an email to the school email address (with attention Principal – confidential in the subject line). These requests must be received by **Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** to be considered. Please note: requests for particular teachers will NOT be considered, under any circumstances.

### ARE YOU LEAVING US IN 2022?

To support our planning it is vital that we have accurate details of enrolments. If you are transferring out of the area at the end of the year or know of new families enrolling at Westgrove next year it is very important that the office is notified as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition for all students and families into 2023.

### CRAZY COLOUR DAY!

We are so excited to be hosting our Crazy Colour Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December! We have already had a significant number of fundraising profiles created for our students and donations are already pouring in. The money raised will be going towards updating our playground equipment. For further information please refer to the information sheets given last Friday or contact the office.



### PARENT OPINION SURVEY

A big thank you to all the families that completed the Parent Opinion Survey at the end of last term. We ended up having 14% or 61 of our families complete the survey. This data will support us in our improvement strategies. In the coming weeks we will share samples of this data with the school community.

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## E-CIGARETTES

We have had concerns brought to our attention that some of our students have been exposed to e-cigarettes (vaping). This may also include older brothers and sisters who are using them or accessing them as part of their social activity. This is a dangerous activity for all and I would encourage you to seek further information and support if your child is involved with vaping.

**Please below a link for more information about e-cigarettes and the dangers of children using them.**

[https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact\\_sheets/E-cigarettes\\_and\\_teens/](https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/E-cigarettes_and_teens/)

## TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

### LITERACY AT WESTGROVE



#### CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP A LOVE OF WRITING

Encourage your child's love of writing by providing a range of meaningful opportunities to write for real purposes and audiences and to respond to their writing as a reader.

The following websites may be used to develop your child's ability to develop an idea into a piece of writing that can entertain, inform or persuade.

<https://www.abcya.com/games/category/writing>



ABCya! • Writing Learning...  
 Young writers: Hone your skills with ABCya's writing games for...

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/index.html>



### NUMERACY AT WESTGROVE

## Maths Card Game

### Red or Black

A great math card game for practising addition and subtraction. All you need is a deck of cards, a piece of paper and a pencil.

**To play:**

This can be played as an independent practice task or a competitive game. When playing with more than one player, split the deck evenly between players.

Play begins with each player's deck stacked face down and a beginning score of 10 is written at the top of their paper.

Each player flips their top card.

If it is a red card the number is added to the player's score, if it is a black card the number is subtracted from the score.

The player writes the equation and new total score on their paper and draws another card.

Play continues in this manner for 20 rounds. If playing competitively, the winner of the game is the person with the highest score at the end of the game.

## ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING UPDATE

### STUDENT WELLBEING & ENGAGEMENT

We are very lucky to have the services of some new workers in the school to support wellbeing and engagement.

- o **Grace Perrott** (Mon, Tues) – Early Help Pilot Project (Anglicare, Tweddle, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency) – family support, parent programs, brokerage, individual student check ins (no cost to school)
- o **Brett Ison** (Thurs- fortnightly) – Uniting Wyndham – family support, brokerage, school program support, eg Breakfast Club (no cost to school)
- o **Ebonie Cassar** (M-F) – replacing Marium – individual student counselling, family support, school programs (School based employee)

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## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

We thank all of the families who are regularly providing a reason for their child's absences from school. This is a requirement from the Department of Education. Reasons for student absences can be done via:

1. COMPASS
2. a note to the teacher/ message in Class Dojo
3. a phone call to the office

## PREP 2023 TRANSITION

We will be welcoming our new Preps onsite on Friday to begin their transition to primary school. Our student leaders will play an important role in this process by meeting and greeting the families and assisting the students in class during the visits.

## STUDENT LEADERS



## 5K STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP

One of our student leadership groups is currently working on surveying the students to determine the yard games that they may like to play during break times. They will also be involved in ordering and purchasing the items using the \$5000 we won from Werribee Pacific earlier in the year. They decided to call themselves the 5K group.



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

This week we will be launching a weekly attendance trophy which will be awarded to the class with the greatest percentage of children who have attended school 90%+ for the week.

## OFFICE NEWS

### COVID UPDATE

The following settings, based on advice from the Department of Health, will apply from 11.59pm Wednesday 12 October 2022.

It is strongly recommended that **students**:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- should not attend school after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
- advise the school of the COVID-19 positive test result

Where **students** become symptomatic at school they should:

- be collected by their parents/carers
- undergo testing for COVID-19
- Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask should be supported to do so, and schools should continue to make face masks available for staff, students and visitors

We will no longer be sending out COVID-19 notifications to the community.

### 25 OCTOBER

SCHOOL PIX WILL RETURN TO WESTGROVE TO PHOTOGRAPH ANY STUDENT WHO MISSED HAVING THEIR PHOTO TAKEN IN MARCH AND ALL OF OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS.



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