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# WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3, 2022	
Friday July 29 – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Canteen Closed
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Years 3-6 Athletics Day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 5 Camp
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Years 3&4 Author Visit
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 2 – Triceratops: Fate of the Dinosaurs Excursion
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	R.E.A.L Robotics Competition Day 3
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 3 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	4P and 4F Melbourne Museum Excursion Prep-Year 2 Book Parade
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	4L and 4W Melbourne Museum Excursion Prep-2 Author Visit
Each Monday this term	Year 3 Swimming
Each Wednesday this term	Year 1 Swimming
Each Friday this term	Prep Swimming

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

*Chris Gatt, Kerrie Slaymaker & Susan Richardson*

### **COMPASS & EVENTS**

As outlined above we have several events happening this term from camp, excursions and 3-6 Athletics Day. For children to attend permission must be given and payment made and this needs to be done via Compass. We have established a new process that once the event is published on Compass an email will go out to inform you. If you need support using Compass or you would like to use the credit on your school account (if you have any), please contact the office.

### **STAFFING NEWS**

We would like to welcome back Miss Tess Finnemore. She will be recommencing with us next week. Tess will be working in the Year 2 team as well as other areas of the school.

We would like to welcome Ebonie Cassar to Westgrove Primary School. Ebonie will be taking on the Student Wellbeing Coordinator and Counsellor position whilst Marium is on family leave. She brings a range of skills with her and look forward to having her on board. Ebonie will be commencing with us in the coming weeks.

### **STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

Last Tuesday our staff spent the day learning about the teaching of Fraction and Decimal concepts in Mathematics. This day was led by consultant, Marissa Cashmore who took us through developing our collective understanding of both concepts and a range of practical tools and activities for our classrooms. Thank you to Miss Venuto for organising this valuable learning for our team.

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## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – THANK YOU

Thank you to our families and teachers for their engagement in our Parent/Teacher Interviews last week. It was great to see conversations in action and the communication of learning progress. We hope both successes and student goals for the future were obtained, as well as what can be done at home to support the learning in class.

## CANTEEN CLOSED

This Friday (29<sup>th</sup> July) and Monday (1<sup>st</sup> August) the canteen will be closed. Unfortunately, there will be no lunch orders on these days.

## ROAD SAFETY

We have recently had a number of children not using the crossings or getting in or out of the car whilst it is not parked. **This is extremely unsafe and unacceptable behaviour** as it is endangering their life and increases the risk of them being injured. We ask that families are proactive at home and follow these safety expectations.

## SCHOOL GROUND SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Student safety at Westgrove is our highest priority and the safe and appropriate supervision of students is an important element of our duty of care to students. Part of this duty is ensuring parents and students are aware of our student supervision before and after school.

The School grounds are supervised each morning from 8.45 - 9.00am and in the afternoon from 3.15 - 3.30pm. Any students in the yard after this time will be asked to come to the office so that parents can be contacted.

Students on school grounds after these times will not be supervised (unless they are attending before or after school care or an extracurricular activity).

## TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

### LITERACY AT WESTGROVE: IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE BOOK WEEK!

Book Week celebrations are a wonderful way to celebrate books and encourage students to read more.

We will be celebrating Book Week again at Westgrove with a range of activities.



**Book Fair** - We turn the library into a bookstore! Students have an opportunity to browse all the wonderful titles for sale and purchase a book or two if possible.

**Book Parade** - The students in Prep- Year 2 are encouraged to dress up for the book parade on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. There are lots of easy Book Week costume ideas online, but here are a few that have been popular over the years – Harry Potter, Where's Wally, Disney Princess, Super Heroes, pirates, policemen and various animals. The theme for book week in 2022 is 'Dreaming with eyes open...'

**AUTHOR VISITS**, students in all classes will have the opportunity to meet with a visiting author. Prior to the visits students will be reading their books and learning about the author and how they go about writing books. Please look for details on Compass. Further information will be made available in the coming weeks.

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## MATHEMATICS AT WESTGROVE:

### *Maths Puzzles- Sudoku*

Sudoku is a logic and problem-solving puzzle that can be used at home or at school. You may like to start with a simple 3X3 grid and work up to a 9X9 grid. Try out this one with your children:

You can draw-up your own, however there are many available online, ranging from simple to challenging. Fun for the family and for all abilities.

## Sudoku 4 x 4 Puzzles

Each row and column contains all the digits 1 to 4.

4			3
3	1		
2			1
		2	

	1		2
2		1	4
1	4	2	
	2		

## ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING UPDATE

### STUDENT ATTENDANCE

It's vital that students go to school every day – especially in the early years of primary school. It is just as important that students arrive at school on time. Each session your child misses can lead to progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading. If students are late to school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

### **HAVING TROUBLE GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME?**

Getting to school on time everyday can be about having a good routine.

Here are some tips that may help you with the morning routine:

- Help your child get ready in the morning
- Have a set time to go to bed
- Leave all technology out of your child's bedroom at night time
- Pack the school bag the night before with everything you need
- Have a set time for breakfast
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day

More information about morning routines can be found on the Raising Children Network website:  
<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/school-homework-tips/morning-routine-for-school>

If you're having attendance issues with your child or if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing, please seek help from your child's classroom teacher so that we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Remember, every day counts!

### Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but....

They are only missing...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly Half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour and 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
One hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

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