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WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

Term 1, 2022	
Tuesday 22 nd – Friday 25 th February	Year 6 Camp
Tuesday 22 nd February	WPPSA Swimming Sports
Friday 4 th March	Curriculum Day – No school
Monday 14 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday – No school
Friday 18 th March	National Day Against Bullying
Wednesday 30 th March	School Photos
Friday 8 th April	Last day of Term 1 – 2.15pm finish
Term 2, 2022	
Tuesday 26 th April	First day of Term 2

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

Chris Gatt, Kerrie Slaymaker & Susan Richardson

What a positive and settled start it has been to 2022! We are immensely proud of how all our children have settled back into school and began connecting with their new teacher and peers. Our new prep children have started into their schooling journey off extremely successfully. They are proudly and independently saying 'goodbye' at the gate in the morning and make their way to their classrooms. The students are currently learning our school routines and familiarising themselves with the classroom environment.

This year we welcomed a number of staff: Rebecca Denyer (Instructional Leader/ Engagement & Wellbeing), Janaya Butler (Year 3), Jake Wilkinson (Year 4) and Jim Fraser (Year 6), as well as Kate Richardson (Year 2) who has returned from family leave.

Congratulations to our student leadership team for 2022 and our Student Voice Leaders (Year 3-6). We are excited about the contributions that they will make to Westgrove in 2022 as representatives of the student body.

Thank you to all the families who attended our Family Picnic last Tuesday. It was great to see the school yard buzzing and the community connecting and the children having fun socialising with their friends and staff. We hope this will be the start of many events we can have together across the year.

This term we will be holding our assemblies each Friday afternoon at 2.30pm. These will happen via WebEx. The meeting link will be sent out each week via Compass and Class Dojo. We will review our assembly schedule towards the end of the term.

A reminder to ensure you adhere to road safety and parking rules. Please ensure that you are using the crossings to cross the roads and not parking in our neighbours driveways!

Shortly we will be sending our information regarding our 2022 School Council elections. We have number of parent positions, so if you would like to be part of our school council please nominate yourself when the elections come up.

This is our first newsletter for 2022, which we will be sending out a fortnightly via Compass and Class Dojo.





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TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

Our 2022 whole school Teaching and Learning focus is around Mathematics. As a staff we have identified clear strategies and specific goals to improve the learning and teaching in this space, which is reflected in our 2022 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). Throughout the year we will be communicating our progress towards this goal.

2022 SPECIALIST PROGRAM

This year our Specialist program is looking a little different. We will be running Physical Education (weekly), The Arts (weekly), LOTE – Italian (weekly) and STEM (fortnightly) for all Prep to Year 6 children.

TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE

Our Tutor Learning program has commenced for 2022 with Mrs. Wicking, Ms. Vlajkov and Ms. Morton. This year we are looking at this being delivered in 'cycles' throughout the year based on varying data sets. Our initial focus areas are Year 1 Reading and Years 3 and 5 Mathematics.

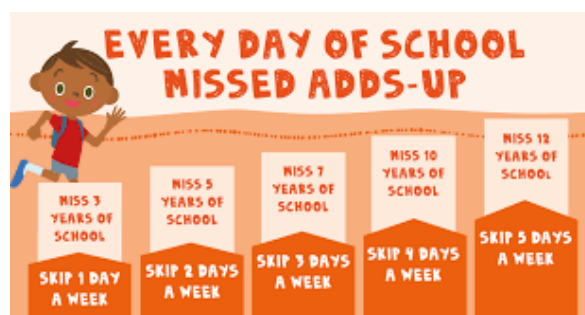
ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING UPDATE

Our 2022 whole school Engagement and Wellbeing focus is around improving student attendance and reducing the number of unexplained absences, which is also reflected in our 2022 AIP. You would have already seen communication regarding the importance of attendance.

STUDENT VOICE LEADERS

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen by their class as Student Voice Leaders:

3B – Brayden & Chelsea	4F – Shabadjot & Dayne	5B – Claude & McKenzie	6D – Akansha & Ekomvir
3F – Mia & Hunter	4L – Braxton & Sophia	5D – Wisdom & Juanisha	6F – Keegan & Emily
3L – Eva & Chloe	4P – Hunter & Ava	5L – Ahmad & Jyeken	6H – Suddell & Aimen
3S – Khushneet & Ashton	4W – Charlee & Michael	5W – Abigail & Mouayad	6M – Lexi & Harshee



In our first session, these students have identified that they will:

- be an important part of our work in embedding our school values and school pillars.
- be important role models to other students.
- be a voice for their classmates.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club has kicked off again with the support of our Year 5 student volunteers. We serve breakfast on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:45-9:00am near the canteen. All students are welcome to join us.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Our classroom programs have begun with a strong focus on Social and Emotional Learning. Teachers and students have been working together to establish the expectations for classroom behaviour, effort and learning. They have also been working on regulating emotions and maintaining a state where their learning can be most effective. This has been supported with establishing a "calming corner" in the classroom where students can go for a short period of time to regulate their emotions and then return to the class activity in a calmer state.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

CSEF (CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND)

A reminder for any parents eligible for CSEF to get your applications in to the office. This is for new students to the school in 2022 (preps included). If you successfully applied last year, there is no need to put in a new application unless you have a prep student. You must have a valid, means tested concession card. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

ANNUAL PRIVACY STATEMENT

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website http://www.westgrps.vic.edu.au/files/ugd/6dad92_7e6a18fb73b64a14911d021ea6b2da5c.pdf.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages: Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu and Vietnamese.

STUDENT BELONGINGS

A reminder to all students, parent & carers, that the Department of Education and Training does not have insurance for personal property. Westgrove PS does not take responsibility for items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school or during school activities. Damage to personal property brought to school is the responsibility of the owner of that property. Further information is available in the Personal Property policy on our website.

COVID-19 UPDATE

- Firstly, a big thank you to our community for undertaking Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) and informing the school of a positive result. This working towards keeping our community as safe as we possibly can. This week a second box of RATs have been sent home with all children. If your child was absent please contact the office.
- Year 3-6 students are required to wear a face mask at school. Please ensure they are coming to school with a face mask to wear.
- Please ensure that you stay up to date with our notifications via Compass and Class Dojo, as these are the platforms we are using to notify all families if a person/s COVID-19 positive have attended Westgrove PS.