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WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3, 2023	
Mondays throughout Term 3	Year 1 Swimming
Wednesdays throughout Term 3	Year 3 Swimming
Friday's throughout Term 3	Prep Swimming
Tuesday 10 th August	5S and 5H Science Incursion (please pay by 8 th August)
Wednesday 11 th August	5M and 5W Science incursion (please pay by 8 th August)
Thursday 17 th August	Prep to Year 2 Author Visit (please pay by 14 th August)
Tuesday 22 nd August	Years 3 & 4 Author Visit (please pay by 18 th August)
Thursday 24 th August	Book Week Parade
Friday 28 th August	Year 5 & 6 Author Visit (please pay by 23 rd August)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

Chris Gatt, Kerrie Slaymaker & Susan Richardson

MODELLING OF EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS BY ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY!

This year we have been working with our children on understanding our school pillars and values (Learning, Inclusion, **Respect and Safety**) and **what the expected behaviours associated with them are.**

As adults in our community it is important that we model these behaviours so that they are visible for our children. **Therefore, it is a timely reminder to parents you should not be approaching any students in the community about issues that are occurring at school.**

Additionally, as a school we deal with a range of student behaviours. In respect to the children, we will not disclose another child's consequence when informing families of an incident that may have occurred (no one wants information about their child shared with others!). We appreciate your understanding.

Things we model for our kids, whether we realize it or not...

OOPS

how we handle mistakes

how we deal with frustration

how we solve problems

how we take care of ourselves

how we apologize & repair

how we ask for help

how we "speak up" for self & others

how we navigate conflict

how we approach differences

how we care for animals

how we care for our environment

how we listen

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STAFFING UPDATE

Next week we are welcoming Mrs. Ria Schimanski to our teaching team. She will be mainly teaching PE, however will also working in 2KB (alongside Miss. Karutz) and 6M (alongside Mrs. McLoughlin). Mrs. Schimanski comes to us with a vast range of experience and we are looking forward to her joining our team.

PREP 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Yesterday we celebrated our Prep children being 100 days brighter! The children (and teachers) enjoyed a range of activities including counting, dancing and making treats as we as dressed in bright clothing to celebrate this milestone. Here are a few pictures of the celebration.



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2023 NAPLAN DATA

Last week we received our 2023 NAPLAN data. At a glance, the results are pleasing across the board in both English and Mathematics. Year 3 and 5 families have now received their child's NAPLAN summary. It needs to be remembered that the NAPLAN assessments provide a snapshot of your child's achievement at a point-in-time on three particular days of the year, therefore, please ensure that you celebrate and recognise your child's efforts with them. Further information will be shared with the community in the coming weeks.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023. Further information will go out via Compass and Class Dojo.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR 50+ STUDENTS ATTENDING DISTRICT ATHLETICS NEXT WEEK!

Next Tuesday (1st August) we have more than 50 of our Year 4-6 students in District Athletics. We wish them well can't wait to hear how they went!

AUTHOR VISITS

Later this term the following authors will be visiting us as part of our Book Week Celebrations: Coral Vass, Heath McKenzie and George Ivanoff. These visits do have a cost associated with them. Unfortunately, we did have a glitch with Compass so if you have already provided consent you will need to go back onto Compass and pay/consent again.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO LEAVE TOYS AT HOME



Please support your child by reminding them that toys (including soft toys, whistles and cards) are best not to be brought to school. This will eliminate distractions here at school.

We have a range of tools available to support students with emotional regulation if required.

Thank you for your support with this!

OFFICE NEWS

PLEASE BE ON TIME

It is really important that families/ carers are at school at dismissal time to collect their child/ren. Lately we have had a significant number of children waiting at the office until well past 3.30pm. It is an expectation that all children are collected at 3.15pm. Students still at school after 3.30 will be expected to go to after school care.



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TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

LITERACY

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**, all students (P-6) are encouraged to dress up for the book parade on Thursday 24th 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 2023 is 'Read, Grow, Inspire'.
- **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.

NUMERACY

GAME: Guess if You Can

What to do

1. Let your child think of a number between a stated range of numbers while you try to guess the number by asking questions.

Here is a sample conversation:

Child : I am thinking of a number between 1 and 100

Parent: Is it more than 50?

Child: No

Parent: Is it more than 20 but less than 40?

Child: Yes

Parent: Can you reach it by starting at zero and counting by 3's?

Child: Yes

(At this stage your child should be thinking of 21, 27, 33 or 39.)



2. Figure out the answers to your own questions.
3. After you have guessed your child's number, let your child guess a number from you by asking similar questions.

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