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WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3, 2022	
Monday 15 th August	Years 3&4 Author Visit
Wednesday 17 th August	Year 2 – Triceratops: Fate of the Dinosaurs Excursion
Thursday 18 th August	R.E.A.L Robotics Competition Day 3
Friday 19 th August	Year 3 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th August	Book Week
Monday 22 nd August	Prep-Year 2 Book Parade
Tuesday 23 rd August	Years 5&6 Author Visit
Friday 26 th August	4P and 4F Melbourne Museum Excursion
Monday 29 th August	4L and 4W Melbourne Museum Excursion Prep-2 Author Visit
Tuesday 6 th September	Year 6 ACMI/NGV
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

2023 BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE PROGRAM (BYOD)

We are currently in the process of reviewing our BYOD program in Years 3-6 for 2023 and beyond. At this stage we kindly ask families to hold off on purchasing any new devices for 2023. We aim to communicate any changes by the beginning of Term 4.

COMPASS & EVENTS

A friendly reminder to families to keep a look out on Compass for upcoming events that require consent and/ or payment. Once events have been approved on Compass an email will go out to inform you. To ensure that we are meeting all safety requirements and to enable us to confirm numbers with providers, we will no longer be able to accept payments beyond the due date unless discussed directly with the office. If you are experiencing hardship or would like to access your CSEF, please contact the office.

RIDING BIKES TO SCHOOL

We have recently had children riding to school and not wearing approved helmets. We are asking families to please support us and



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ensure that students have the necessary equipment to keep them safe on their journey to school.

WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. All families are invited to participate in the survey. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September**. The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete. More information will be sent out via Compass on Monday.

This is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training 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 online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Please contact the office if you would like more information.

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 – Book Week

Book Fair - Lamont will be back to host our Book Fair once again. Students will be able to browse the wonderful books on offer on Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd August and complete a wish list. This year Lamont are processing payments via an online payment portal, instructions will be on the back of the wish list students will bring home. Of course, students can still pay by cash if they wish on Wednesday 24th August during their allocated book buying time.

**The Book Fair will be open for parents on Wednesday 24th August from 3:15pm to purchase books.



Book Parade - The Book Parade for students in Prep – Year 2 will be held on **Monday 22nd August**. Students are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book. 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...'

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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.

Years P-2 will be meeting Author Renee Trembl on Monday 29th August 2022

Years 3-4 will be meeting Author Adam Wallace on Monday 15th August 2022

Years 5-6 will be meeting Author Michael Prior on Tuesday 23rd August 2022

Mathematics at Westgrove:

Mangahigh Power-Up Challenge

Mangahigh is a Game Based Learning website that the children have been subscribed to at school from now until the end of August. This website can also be used at home.

It can be found at: <https://platform.mangahigh.com/en-au/login/student> Please get in touch with your child's teacher if you require a copy of your child's username and password.

During the month of August, students will be involved in a *Power-Up Challenge competition*. There are prizes that can be earned, including vouchers and certificates.

Westgrove students are all Mathematicians, so have a go and enjoy the challenge!

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 **Caroline Carreno and Kate Rose** (Thurs) – 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)

Cooking classes – due to our association with Foodbank (Breakfast Club) we have been able to offer cooking classes to a small number of families. This involves the parents and their children cooking together to learn some basic recipes that they can use at home. The families will also take home a \$45 food hamper of staple items each session. The classes run over 4 weeks on a Wednesday 3:30-5:30pm in the canteen. After this first trial, we hope to expand the opportunity in term 4.

We have continued to build our connection with QB community centre. This includes receiving some fresh meals to deliver to families and promoting some parent and community programs.

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