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WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3, 2022	
Wednesday 2 nd November	Year 1 Zoo Excursion
Monday 28 th to Wednesday 30 th November	Year 4 Camp
Each Wednesday this term	Year 5 Swimming
Each Thursday this term	Year 6 Swimming
Tuesday 20 th December	End of Year 1.15 Finish

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

Chris Gatt, Kerrie Slaymaker & Susan Richardson

SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN (2022-2025) & SCHOOL VALUES

Now that we have completed our school review, we have established our new strategic plan. This plan contains our goals and targets for the next four years and key improvement strategies we will access to support us. As a result of our school review, we will be exploring our school values and identifying what values we hold and expect of one another as a community. Therefore, shortly a survey link will be shared with families via Class Dojo and Compass to get your perspective. Please ensure you take the time to complete this (we promise it will only take a couple of minutes!).



No
School

REMINDER

Next Tuesday (1st November) is a public holiday, so the school will be closed on this day.

2023 BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) PROGRAM

In 2023, we are making the following changes to our BYOD program:

Year 3 students will be provided with access to school supplied iPads (these will stay at school).

Year 4 & 5 students will continue to use their OWN iPad at school.

Year 6 students will be provided with access to school supplied netbooks (these will stay at school). Year 6 will no longer be allowed to supply their own device.

The following decision has been made to better prepare our students for secondary education as we plan to have our Year 4-6 students accessing netbooks from 2024 as well as provide greater safety for students whilst at school.

TERM 4 EVENTS

A friendly reminder to families to check Compass regularly. We have several events occurring throughout this term, and we would hate for children to miss out if consent or payment is not made by the required date.

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 28th (TODAY)** to be considered. Please note: requests for particular teachers will NOT be considered, under any circumstances.

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NOT SURE WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL?

Here is a handy link to the Royal Children's Hospital's website, which outlines what to do when your child may be unwell with specific symptoms. [https://www.rch.org.au/emergency-department/Should I bring my child to the Emergency Department /](https://www.rch.org.au/emergency-department/Should_I_bring_my_child_to_the_Emergency_Department/)

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 2nd 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.



TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

LITERACY AT WESTGROVE

HALLOWEEN
ONLINE LITERACY ACTIVITIES
 Engage your young reader by having them access Halloween inspired Literacy activities.

ABCya! • Alphabats - Rhyming
 Alphabats - Rhyming Words is a super fun way for kids to practice phonemic awareness. Click on the bats' bellies to hear the words, then match the words with...

ABCya! • Halloween Word Search
 Halloween Word Search is a fun holiday activity for children of all ages.

TRICK OR TREAT

NUMERACY AT WESTGROVE

HALLOWEEN MATHS ESTIMATION GAME

Everyone takes a turn to use *hefting* to estimate how much the lollies weigh from the trick-or-treat stash.

Weigh the lollies to find out the actual amount using a kitchen scale.

Subtract the amounts to find the difference between the estimation and the actual weight.

How far off was your estimate?
 Enjoy munching on your lollies!

**Hefting means using your hands to measure*

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ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING UPDATE

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

Last week we launched our Westgrove Attendance trophy which will be awarded to the class with the greatest percentage of children who have attended school 90%+ for the week.

Congratulations to our Week 3 Winners.....2A!!



PREP 2023 TRANSITION

We will be welcoming our new Preps onsite on Friday to continue 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.

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.

OFFICE NEWS

PERSONAL MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

The office has been receiving an unprecedented number of phone calls from parents wanting to pass on messages to their child during the school day.

As you may appreciate, this is not always an easy task.

The office is an incredibly busy place, particularly toward the end of the school day.

It's also not always possible to contact the class due to activities, assemblies, specialist classes etc.

We ask that only URGENT requests are made through the office please.

Any non-urgent messages can be sent to the teacher via class Dojo

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Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



Fair and reasonable expectations by all

These behaviours are **not** okay in our school community:

- ⊗ Threats
- ⊗ Violence
- ⊗ Rudeness
- ⊗ Harassment
- ⊗ Discriminatory and derogatory comments
- ⊗ Aggression
- ⊗ Intimidation
- ⊗ Threatening gestures

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online.

For more information ask your school about the **Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy**.

