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WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3, 2022	
Friday 9 th September	Year 6 Gala Day
Monday 12 th September	Student Free Day
Each Friday this term	Prep Swimming
Friday 16 th September	End of Term - School finishes 2.15pm
Monday 3 rd October	Start of Term 4

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM Chris Gatt, Kerrie Slaymaker & Susan Richardson

SCHOOL REVIEW

This week we had our Panel Day, which is the last day of our school review. This is where all the information gathered from students, staff and parents as well as observations around the school was presented and assisted in identifying our school goals for the next four years. The findings were quite positive and a celebration of what has been happening at Westgrove over the past four years. The new strategic plan will be presented to the community next term.

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 12th September

This day is our teacher's allocated Professional Practice Day. The DET have approved for schools to schedule a common day again this term to support with the current CRT shortages.

Children do not attend school on this day.

NAPLAN RESULTS

The 2022 Individual NAPLAN results will soon be sent home to parents of students in Years 3 & 5. We would like to congratulate and thank all of our students and staff for their continual hard work throughout the year, and we encourage all parents to congratulate their children for their efforts as well. We are proud of each and every one of our students and the contributions they make to the school on a daily basis.



WEEKLY LEARNING FOCUS ON CLASS DOJO

This year we have been really working on how we communicate the learning occurring in the classroom to our families. Over the past term or so you would have noticed weekly Learning Intention Grids posted on your child's Class Story on Class Dojo. The purpose of this is so that as families you are aware of what your child is learning in a timely manner and so that it can support conversations had at home. Please keep an eye out if haven't had a chance to look at them already. Here is an example of what is being shared via Class Dojo.

Year 1 Learning Intentions

Term 3 Week 9

Reading

- We are learning to use expression when reading aloud.
- We are learning to visualise from poetry.

Writing

- We are learning how authors create poems that are structured.

Numeracy

- We are learning to make numbers using bundles and recording their value.
- We are learning to use a number line.
- We are learning to use our place value knowledge to place numbers onto a number line.

Inquiry

We are learning to make healthy choices that help our body grow and thrive.

R U OK? Day

THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

R U OK B ONESIE DAY!

To raise money for a mental health foundation we are having a Onesie Day. Students are to wear a onesie and bring a gold coin donation.

Reminders

Readers to come to school on a daily basis.

Swimming: This Wednesday will be Year ones last swimming lesson for the term.

Student free day: September 12th 2022

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ARE YOU LEAVING US IN 2023?

We have already started our preparations for 2023 (It is hard to believe we are saying that!). 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.

2023

UPCOMING EVENTS



TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

LITERACY AT WESTGROVE

Book Fair – Thank you for supporting our Book Fair. Our total sales amount was \$7,028 which gives us a commission of \$2,108.40 to spend on books for the library.



School Holidays – The Hoppers Crossing Library is hosting a LEGO Free Play session during the September Holidays. The session is suitable for students aged 5-12 and all LEGO is supplied.

Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult when using the library and attending library programs.

Free tickets will be issued 30 minutes before the activity on a first come first served basis.

Tickets must be obtained in person at the library. Once all tickets are issued there will be no further spaces for the event.

DATE AND TIME: Thu, 22 Sep 2022, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

LOCATION: Pacific Werribee Shopping Centre, Shop MM11, Level 1, Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing

CONTACT: 03 8734 8999

COST: FREE

MATHEMATICS AT WESTGROVE:

Talking about Maths at Home: Building a Maths Vocabulary

It is important for children to develop specific language skills related to maths. Visits to the playground, or helping at home, provide rich and meaningful contexts to develop these skills. It might take time for your child to use these terms and language effectively, but exposure to this mathematical talk is a strong support for future learning.

Some activities to develop mathematical language:

- Use specific words when asking for items. For example, ask your child to get the 'one litre' milk bottle from the fridge, or the 'one kilo' bag of flour from the cupboard.

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- When cooking, talk about different measurements used, such as teaspoons, millilitres, litres, and cups. Discuss ideas about empty and full.
- As you walk, talk and play together describe your child's movements as they climb 'over' the fence, slide 'between' the poles, and swing 'under' the monkey bars. This helps your child understand language related to spatial awareness.
- Sorting activities support your child to understand concepts such as 'same' and 'different'. Use recycling as an opportunity to sort items to place in the rubbish. For example, paper, plastic, food waste and general waste.

ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING UPDATE

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 **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)

RU OK? DAY Thursday 8th September

Any body can support another person and their wellbeing. You can do this by simply asking “Are you OK?” You can find some great ideas and resources to support you in being able to support another person via the link below:

[A conversation could change a life | R U OK?](#)

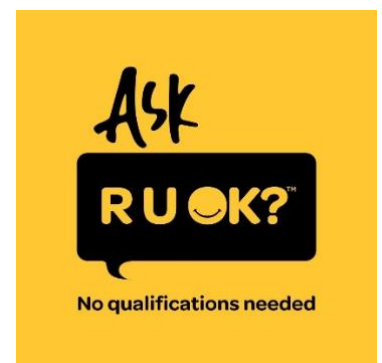
All students are invited to wear a onesie or a hoodie and to make a gold coin donation. The money collected will be donated to a children's mental health service.

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. a phone call to the office
2. COMPASS
3. a note to the teacher/ message in Class Dojo



OFFICE NEWS

HEADLICE

We have had an increase in reported headlice cases within our school community. Could we please ask that parent/carers regularly check students hair and if headlice are found please treat and inform school.

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