



WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3, 2023	
Friday 8 th September	2024 Year 6 Camp Expression of Interest and Deposit Due
Friday 15 th September	End of Term 3 - 2.15pm Finish
Term 4, 2023	
Monday 2 nd October	First Day term 4
Wed 4 th – Fri 6 th October	Year 4 Camp
Wednesday 11 th October	Prep Animal Farm Excursion Pay by 3 rd October
Friday 3 rd November	Colour Fun Run
Monday 6 th November	Common Professional Practice Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tuesday 7 th November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 29 th November	Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

Chris Gatt, Kerrie Slaymaker & Susan Richardson

And just like that we are at the end of a wonderful, yet busy term! There has been lots of learning and events happening over the last nine weeks to celebrate! **Thank you to our whole community for such a great term.** We hope that you have a restful break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd October for a jam-packed Term 4.

LEARNING UPDATES ON COMPASS

This term you may have noticed the marking of student Learning Tasks have changed. To the right is an image of the grading scale we are now using. We have made this slight change to our Learning Tasks to:

- ensure they reflect your child's progress across a unit of learning.
- enable them to reflect the progress of all our diverse learners.
- streamline student semester reports.

In addition, we will be trialling classroom teachers providing a termly update of each child's **behaviour** and **effort**. Next week each child will receive a Learning Task update for their classroom behaviour and effort for Term 3.

This is the grading scale being used. We would be striving for our students behaviour and effort to be sitting at either Excellent or Very Good.

LEARNING TASKS GRADING SCALE				
Excelling	Achieving	Consolidating	Beginning	Not Shown

BEHAVIOUR & EFFORT GRADING SCALE				
Excellent	Very Good	Good	Acceptable	Needs Attention

We hope these minor adjustments to our Learning Tasks make them more accessible and purposeful for our community!

Westgrove Primary School is a safe, inclusive and supportive community that empowers our students with the tools to reach their individual potential.



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END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Next Friday (15th September) is our last day of Term 3! School will be finishing at **2.15pm**, so please ensure you have made relevant arrangements to pick up your child/ren from school at this earlier time. **Please note this day does count toward your child's attendance, so it is expected that all students attend on this day.**



Will you
be leaving
us in

ARE YOU LEAVING US AT THE END OF THE YEAR?

It is hard to believe we are already planning for 2024. One factor that significantly impacts our decision making are our enrolments across the school. As much as we don't want this to happen, we understand that some of our families may be moving on to other schools in 2024. Therefore, if your family will be leaving us in 2024, can you please notify the office.

2024 PREP TRANSITION

If you have a child enrolled for Prep 2024, you should have received information via mail regarding confirmation of your enrolment and our transition program. Please ensure you note these dates in your diaries! **If you are yet to enrol your child for 2024, please contact the office ASAP to collect an enrolment form.**

SPORT UPDATE

Last Wednesday we had 22 students across Years 4-6 represent themselves and our school in the Divisional Athletics Carnival. We would like to congratulate them on their effort and determination!

Over the last few weeks our Year 6 students have been taking part in weekly interschool sports with local schools. Today was meant to be their Lightning Premiership tournament, however this has been postponed to Term 4 due to the weather. Details will go out to families once a new date has been set.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be holding our **2023 Colour Run** on Friday 3rd November. Make sure to pop this date in your calendars. More information will be coming out closer to the date!



THANK YOU

FATHER'S DAY STALL

A big thank you to our families for supporting our Father's Day Stall this year and for our wonderful volunteers that made it happen! This year we raised over \$3000 will go towards playground projects.



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TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

WRITING ON HOLIDAYS

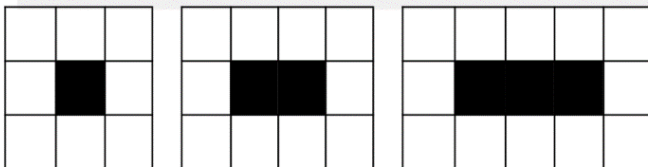
NOW THAT HOLIDAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING, HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS THAT MIGHT ENGAGE YOUR CHILD IN SOME SHARED WRITING DURING THE BREAK:

- HAVE YOUR CHILD WRITE INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAKING CARE OF THE FAMILY PET. THESE WILL BE USEFUL AS YOU PLAN YOUR SUMMER VACATIONS!
- WRITE A LETTER OR THANK YOU NOTE TO A RELATIVE. TALK THROUGH WHAT YOUR CHILD WANTS TO SAY BEFORE WRITING BEGINS.
- MAKE A SHOPPING LIST BEFORE GOING TO THE GROCERY STORE.
- WRITE AN ONLINE REVIEW OF A BOOK OR AN ITEM YOU RECENTLY PURCHASED (WWW.AMAZON.COM.AU) OR A RECIPE YOU TRIED (WWW.ALLRECIPES.COM.AU).
- TALK ABOUT THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND WRITE A DESCRIPTION OF THE KIND OF PRESIDENT YOU WANT.
- FIND A PICTURE IN THE NEWSPAPER AND WRITE AN ARTICLE TO ACCOMPANY IT.
- START KEEPING A PERSONAL DIARY, A HOUSEHOLD GUESTBOOK, OR A BABY BOOK FOR A YOUNGER SIBLING.



Problem of the Week #2

Building Blocks



Each array above is formed by surrounding a row of black blocks with white blocks.
 How many white blocks are needed to surround a row of 10 black blocks?

Show your work using pictures, numbers or symbols.