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WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1, 2023	
Monday 13 th March	Labour Day Holiday – No school
Thursday 6 th April	End term 1 – 2.15 Finish

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

Chris Gatt, Kerrie Slaymaker & Susan Richardson

POKEMON CARDS

Over the last couple of weeks we have had an increase in issues involving Pokémon cards (particularly students trading cards).

Therefore, we will be enforcing a ban on Pokémon cards being brought to school. If a student brings their cards to school, they will be confiscated by the teacher and returned them at the end of the day.



NAPLAN 2023

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN Online in 2023. This is the second year that the school will be conducting NAPLAN using the online platform, but it will be the first time that these specific students will complete the tests online.

The NAPLAN testing period is scheduled to take place earlier in the year to give teachers and parents important information about a student's skills and capability sooner, so that more targeted support can be delivered to improve literacy and numeracy skills throughout the year. It will be held during Term 1 from **Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March, (instead of in May)** and will encompass the same areas of Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language and Numeracy.

A timetable will be communicated to families in the coming weeks, detailing when students will be participating in the tests. We ask parents of students in Years 3 and 5 to record these dates in home diaries/calendars.



To prepare our students prior to the official testing period, students in Years 3 and 5 have been participating in a practice online NAPLAN assessment. A brochure detailing important NAPLAN information for parents has been posted for parents/guardians on Compass. Please take the time to read the information provided in the brochure, and please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Just a reminder to our community that this Monday, 13th March is a Public Holiday. There is no school on this day.



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District Swimming:

On the 23rd February Westgrove Primary School participated in the 'District Swimming Carnival' at Werribee Outdoor Pool. We had 10 students from Years 3-6 represent us. Thank you to all the students who attended and showed our school values & sportsmanship all day. Thank you to Mr Armstrong, Miss. Karutz & Mrs. Dixon for their work around this event and our wonderful parent community who attended and supported the students on the day.

Friday Afternoon Assemblies


At 2.45pm on Friday afternoons we have our whole school assemblies. At this assembly we acknowledge student achievements, share our collective learning for the week, present our Attendance Trophy and provide students with reminders for the upcoming week. Due to the size of our gym, we are unable to include our parent community. To communicate what is shared at assembly student merits and our Attendance Trophy recipient are announced via Class Dojo. Please note that students can not be pick up from school during this time

TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

Literacy


THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS!

It helps to increase your vocabulary




Reading books can encourage empathy *

It improves your communication skill




Reading can strengthen your writing ability

You get to learn new things



It improves your focus and memory

It is a great way to expand your imagination *



Reading can increase your creativity

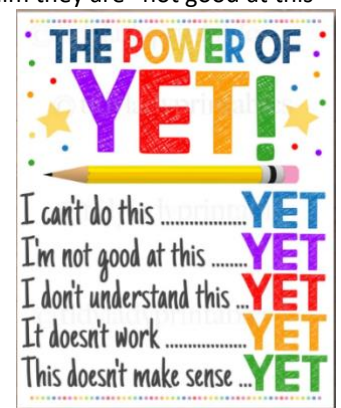
All students have commenced the borrowing of their weekly take home books and library books. We encourage you to read with your child each night and create a love of reading from a young age.

Numeracy

Growth Mindset in Maths

In general, a growth mindset is the belief that intelligence and 'smartness' can also be learned and that the brain grows from experience and effort. The opposite, a fixed mindset, is the idea that you are smart, or you are not. In maths, that translates into "some people are good at maths, and some are not." Did you know that praising efforts rather than intelligence or results can impact your child's ability to persevere in challenges?! The goal is to have children thrive on challenges and see failures, not as a sign of low intelligence, but as a learning opportunity. Brain research tells us that making mistakes actually wires more connections into the brain! When a person has a growth mindset, they accept challenges, see their efforts as worthwhile, and are open to learning from mistakes. Students with a growth mindset achieve at higher levels than those with fixed mindsets. How can you help? Some simple ways:

- Adding "yet" when they claim they are "not good at this" (Respond: "You are not good at this yet.")
- Ask questions that focus on their effort and choices and get them to reflect on satisfaction of that effort (e.g. *What did you learn today? What mistake did you make that taught you something? What did you try hard at today?*)
- Model this yourself as you share about your day



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OFFICE NEWS

CSEF – Camps Sports and Excursion Fund

We are currently accepting applications for CSEF

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year. Check with the school office if you are unsure.

Cricket Blast is back at Westgrove!

These sessions will run Tuesday evening's, beginning next Tuesday 14th March for four weeks - each session is after-school, on the oval from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. If you would like to sign your child(ren) up, please do so via the link below, the clinics will be FREE for each student, and they will receive a Blast shirt and hat! Please be aware that teachers will not be in attendance, parents will be responsible for supervising their child/ren.

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/aca5bc>

DON'T MISS YOUR WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST POP UP BLAST PROGRAM!

CV WWCF PROGRAM - WESTGROVE PS






REGISTER AND RECEIVE
A SHIRT AND CAP

CV WWCF PROGRAM - WESTGROVE PS	
VENUE: 37A THAMES BOULEVARD, WERRIBEE VIC 3030	
DATES: TUESDAYS - 14TH, 21ST, 28TH MARCH & 4TH APRIL	TIMING: 3:30PM - 4:30PM
COST: FREE (SCAN QR CODE)	CONTACT: MATT - 0424 625 423

OFFICIAL GEAR PARTNER

*Please note pack items may vary dependent on the State or Territory.

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Quantin Binnah Vacation Care Program– Term 1 2023			
Mon 10 th April	Easter Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY All venues closed 	Mon 17 th April	Zumba Incursion Quiet zone, Arts & Crafts, Music, Just Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc.
Tue 11 th April	FUNDAY – EASTER HUNT Incursion Quiet zone, Arts & Crafts, Music, Just Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc.	Tue 18 th April	Werribee Bowling Excursion Quiet zone, Arts & Crafts, Music, Just Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc.
Wed 12 th April	Werribee Cinema Super Mario Bros Excursion Quiet zone, Arts & Crafts, Music, Just Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc.	Wed 19 th April	QB Crafts Stress Ball Incursion Quiet zone, Arts & Crafts, Music, Just Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc.
Thu 13 th April	QB Crafts Bath Bombs Incursion Quiet zone, Arts & Crafts, Music, Just Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc.	Thu 20 th April	WERRIBEE CINEMAS Argonauts Excursion Quiet zone, Arts & Crafts, Music, Just Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc.
Fri 14 th April	Party Day Incursion Quiet zone, Arts & Crafts, Music, Just Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc.	Fri 21 st April	Fun Day Incursion Quiet zone, Arts & Crafts, Music, Just Dance, Drama, Board games, Construction blocks, Team sports, Outdoor play etc.
For the Snack of the day - Ask our amazing educators what is on the menu! Vacation Care cost: \$77 per child per day for incursions and \$88 per child per day for excursions. Activities as listed above are subject to change. Terms and conditions are available online at https://www.qbcc.org.au/enrolment-terms-and-conditions Please note that PG Movies may be shown at the venues in the afternoon			

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
- ⊗ Harassment
- ⊗ Aggression
- ⊗ Violence
- ⊗ Discriminatory and derogatory comments
- ⊗ Intimidation
- ⊗ Rudeness
- ⊗ 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**.



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