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WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

Term 2, 2022	
Monday 23 rd May	Immigration Museum Excursion 5D and 5L
Wednesday 25 th May	Immigration Museum Excursion 5W and 5B
Thursday 26 th May	R.E.A.L Robotics Competition Day 2
Wednesday 1 st June	Wyndham Division Cross Country
Each Monday this term	Year 2 Swimming
Each Friday this term	Year 4 Swimming

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

Chris Gatt, Kerrie Slaymaker & Susan Richardson

Education Week – 22nd May to 28th May - You're invited to come in Wednesday 25th May

The theme this year is 150 Years of Public Education, to coincide with this milestone anniversary for Victoria.

At Westgrove we will be celebrating on **Wednesday 25th May**. On the day, all students will be participating in the National Simultaneous Storytime at 11am, where they will explore the text Family Tree written by Josh Pyke and illustrated by Ronojay Ghosh. **We are then welcoming all families into our classrooms at 2.45pm where they can participate in an activity with their child.** The front gates will open at 2.30pm where you can purchase a coffee from the canteen, explore our new Wellbeing Hub and meet Renae (Mariam's replacement) and purchase second hand uniform.

NAPLAN

Thank you for all our Year 3 and 5 students, teachers, leaders and support staff on their participation in the assessment and ensuring the NAPLAN assessment cycle ran as smoothly as it did. This was our first year with the assessment being online and we didn't have any technical 'hiccups' on our end because of our amazing team!

Canteen Week

Next week is Canteen Week. To celebrate here are some of the things we have planned:

- There will be a Golden Ticket on 'Chewsdays' (Tuesday)! One lucky student who orders using Qkr will win a free lunch order!
- A different menu will be available all week with a healthy focus
- Parents will have the opportunity to purchase coffees on Wednesday afternoon!

Safety Around Our School

This is a reminder to all families regarding before and after school safety. We continue to be faced with people parking illegally (including driveways being blocked), doing u-turns in the middle of the street and people not using the crossings. All of the above is quite dangerous and put all our young people at risk. **It is an expectation that at as a community we take care of each other!**

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Mother's Day Stall

Thank-you to all our families who supported our Mother's Day stall. We raised a total of \$2300, which the Fundraising committee will allocate to purchase resources for the students. A huge and very special thank-you to the wonderful volunteers who came along to assist the students make their purchases. Our five raffle winners took their prizes home in time for Mother's Day!



TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

Mathematics at Westgrove

Maths in Sports

There are lots of ways you can help and encourage your children to get involved with Maths at home using sports. At school, real-life Maths is often encountered in Physical Education classes and in general classroom sports talk. For example, distances run, time taken, etc.

If your child is interested in sports, you also have a wonderful opportunity to engage your child in Maths conversations. It may be as simple as keeping a family AFL tipping chart and adding up winning tips over the season; working out AFL goals and points scores with a chat about multiples of 6/the six-multiplication facts; or comparing and ordering the percentages on the AFL ladder.

For any other sports, you can look at the final scores for a pair of competing teams and work out the difference. The possibilities for Maths within sports are endless and can be very enjoyable for you and your children.

Literacy at Westgrove

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It is important to show your child the value of reading for everyday purposes. The world is full of letters and words you and your child can read together. Below are some activities to promote reading:

- Include your child when you read recipes, greeting cards, calendars, shopping lists, food labels, instructions, maps, newspapers, emails, signs, weather forecasts and websites. For example, you could read a recipe together and follow the steps to make your child's favourite meal. Or you could ask your child to read and tick off each grocery item on a shopping list as you buy or unpack them.
- Cook alphabet soup and say letters together as you eat them.
- Play a word hunt. Write random words on bits of paper and place them around a room. Say one of the words and ask your child to find the right word.
- Put post-it notes on objects around the house so your child can read and learn new words every day.
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This year Westgrove will be participating in National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) on Wednesday 25th May at 11.00am. NSS is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare

ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2022



centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 22nd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING UPDATE

It has been a busy few weeks in Engagement and Wellbeing.

We have a new Wellbeing Hub located next to the gym. The hub has been established to:

- **Ensure wellbeing remains at the forefront of our thinking at Westgrove**
- Support students in need to develop positive relationships with others through play
- Support students to improve social skills and self-regulation through play and targeted programs
- Support parents to connect with each other and school through specific programs
- Create a safe space for all to engage positively with school and the community

We would also like to welcome Renae Strand, our new Student Counsellor. Renae brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in welfare and family support which will be a wonderful addition to Westgrove.

Across the school, students are continuing to learn about resilience, collaboration, factors affecting wellbeing and being centred and ready to learn in their Social and Emotional Learning lessons.

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Student Absences

A reminder for parents that if your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using Compass (see 'How to' guides)
2. **Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility. **Westgrove.ps@education.vic.gov.au**

3. **Telephone:** the school office and leave a message on the absence line.

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school. ***Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.***

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let them know in the morning if your child won't be at school. **In order for schools to implement the same day notification requirement, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.**

Generally, one notification will be sent per family. Should there be circumstances that require both parents and carers to be notified, please contact the school to make the necessary arrangements.



Where can I learn more about the process for managing student absences?

Ask for a copy of the *Attendance Policy* which outlines Westgrove Primary School's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences.

OFFICE NEWS

CSEF (Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund)

Applications for 2022 CSEF close at the end of this term. If you hold a valid means tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. New applicants should contact the school office. If you have previously applied you do not need to re-apply unless your family circumstances have changed. Please check with the office if you are unsure.


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





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

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HOW TO ADD AN ATTENDANCE APPROVAL NOTE USING COMPASS PARENT PORTAL



Compass










Welcome back,


! Westgrove Primary School





Student Name

 [Profile](#) (Attendance, Schedule, Reports)

 [Send email to](#) [teachers](#)

 [Add Attendance Note](#) (Approved Absence/Late)

 [View Academic Reports](#)

 [Book Parent Student Teacher Conference](#)

Parent Student Teacher Conference

2022 Year 1-6 Assessment

[Click here for booking](#)

Attendance: Attendance Note Required

was recorded as 'not present' or 'late' without explanation.

[Click here for more information](#)

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My News

1. You will see a notification on your homepage if an Attendance Note is required due to unexplained absence. Clicking this link will take you to all Unexplained Absences, to which you can enter Attendance Notes to explain.

Attendance Note Editor

Note Details

Person:

Reason:

Details/Comment:

Enter a reason...

Illness/Medical

Student is not at school due to illness.

Dentist

Includes dentist, orthodontist, or similar.

Bereavement

Includes funeral, death in the family, absence due to a death.

Truancy

Parent knows about absence, but doesn't approve, or parent doesn't know about absence.

Parent Choice

Parent explained, with a reason that is not health/religious/cultural/holiday related. Includes: special circumstances, unavoidable cause, unforeseen circumstances, family member ill.

Family Holiday

Student is away on a family holiday.

Potentially Affected Sessions

Activity	Start	Finish
GEN06_06B (General...	25/06/2018 09:00 AM	25/06/2018 01:47 PM
GEN06_06B (General...	25/06/2018 02:17 PM	25/06/2018 03:15 PM

Important Notice

In clicking 'Save', you acknowledge that you have read and understood the information on this certificate; and the information on this certificate; and student's absence is not due to administrative, criminal, or other reasons; and/or the product is not a product of the company.

Start:

Finish:

Save

Cancel

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2. You can also select **Add Attendance Note** which will take you directly to the Attendance Note Editor to create a note for that student
3. Select the reason for your child's absence

Attendance Note Editor

Note Details

Person: _____

Reason: Medical/Illness ▼

Details/Comment: 4

Important Notice

In clicking 'Save', you understand, certify and accept that you are a listed parent/guardian for this child; and the information above is correct; and this online approval does NOT constitute a medical certificate; and students enrolled in VCE are required to submit a medical certificate to the school in addition to this approval; and any fraudulent action or intentional misuse of this feature may result in administrative, criminal and/or civil action against you (by your registered school, affiliated entities and/or the product issuer).

Start: 5 02/05/2022 8 08:00 AM ▼ Select a period... ▼

Finish: 02/05/2022 8 05:00 PM ▼ Select a period... ▼

Potentially Affected Sessions

Activity	Start	Finish
GEN06_06H (Generalis...	02/05/2022 09:00 AM	02/05/2022 01:45 PM
GEN06_06H (Generalis...	02/05/2022 02:25 PM	02/05/2022 03:15 PM

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+ Add Attachments

Filename: _____

This attendance note has no attachments.
Drag files here to upload.

7

8 Save Cancel

4. Enter any further details that the school should know regarding this absence.
5. Enter the start/end date & time that your child will be/has been affected by the absence (for a full day of absence, ensure you select times that cover from 9:00am to 3:15pm)
6. Check that the times you have selected will affect the appropriate sessions that the child was absent/late for
7. You may choose to upload any supporting documents, such as doctor's notes.
8. Click "Save" to save the Attendance Note to Compass, your approval will automatically be added to your

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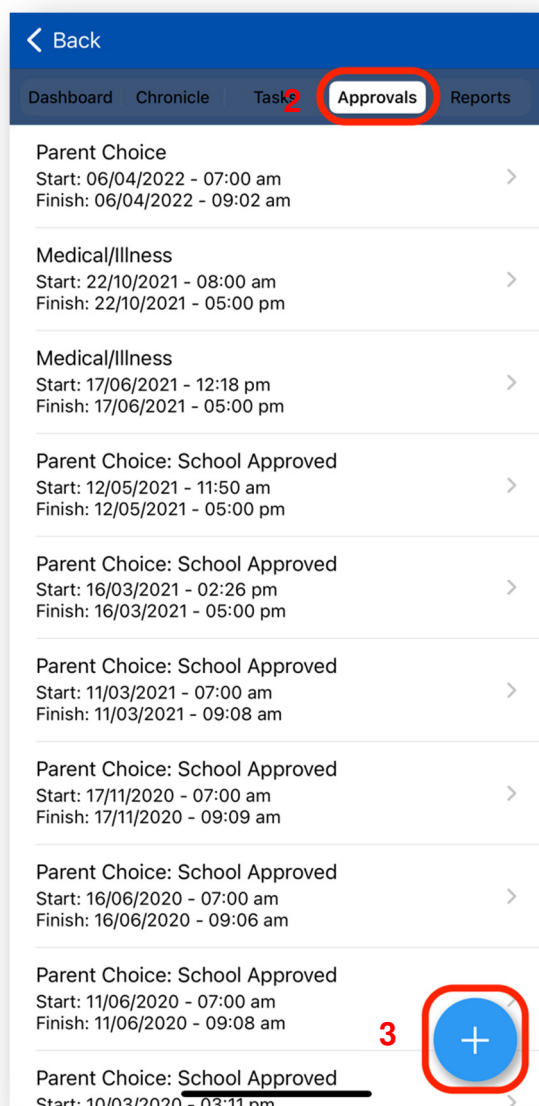
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HOW TO ADD AN ATTENDANCE APPROVAL NOTE USING THE COMPASS APP.

1. Login to the Compass App and select the child you want to enter an approval for



2. Navigate to the “Approvals” tab. Here you will see all past approvals that have been entered on Compass

3. Tap on the “+” button to add a new Attendance Note

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4. Select the reason for your child's absence

5. Enter any further details that the school should know regarding this absence

6. Enter the start/end date & time that your child will be/has been affected by the absence (for a full day of absence, ensure you select times that cover from 9:00am to 3:15pm)

7. Click "Add Attendance Note" to save the Attendance Note to Compass, your approval will automatically be added to your child's roll and attendance data

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