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WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3, 2023	
Mondays throughout Term 3	Year 1 Swimming
Wednesdays throughout Term 3	Year 3 Swimming
Friday's throughout Term 3	Prep Swimming
Monday 28 th August	Year 5 & 6 Author Visit
Thursday 31 st August	Fathers Day Stall
Thursday 31 st August	Footy Day Lunch Orders Due
Tuesday 5 th September	Prep to Year 3 Footy Lunch day – Order by 31 st August
Wednesday 6 th September	Year 4 to Year 6 Footy Lunch – Order by 31 st August
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
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

CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK!

The school was buzzing with literary excitement this week to celebrate the wonderful world of reading and books.

The highlight of Book Week was our whole school Book Parade. It was brilliant to see students and staff alike transformed into their favourite literary characters. The creativity and effort put into the costumes were amazing, and it was evident that everyone had a blast bringing their favourite characters to life.

This week we had our annual Book Fair. Over the last two days students added to their own collection of books when making purchases from the Book Fair. We are thrilled to see our students embracing the joy of reading through their active involvement in the Book Fair.



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Finally, throughout the week each class had a visit from a 'celebrity' reader (or even a Super Bear), who read one of their favourite picture story books.

Here's to another year of literary adventures and the continued exploration of the wonderful world of stories.



MATHEMATICS UPDATE

Over the last week staff have observed lessons taught by our Mathematics consultant, Michael Minas, which were followed by a debrief conversation to unpack the practice observed and further learning about Mathematics lesson design to challenge and extend our children's thinking. The application of this learning is happening in classrooms, so make sure to ask your child about some of the interesting and challenging Mathematics lessons they have been part of!

SCIENCE WEEK

Last week was Science Week! Thanks to Ms. Morton and Mr. Parthenopoulos we had a paper plane flying competition on Friday afternoon. We had many of our students participate in making a paper plane with a range of resources before flying them. Children flew their paper planes in the gym. The creator of the plane that flew the furthest for different sectors of the school won a canteen voucher. Thank you to our STEM team for organising such an engaging event!



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our Father's Day Stall is next Thursday 31st August. If you would like to help on the day, please contact the office to put name down. Please note: You will require a Working With Children's Check.

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!



2024 PLANNING

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.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

School uniform helps to promote a sense of identity, unity, and a focused learning environment within our school community. By adhering to the Student Dress Code policy, students contribute to the positive atmosphere and shared values that make Westgrove a unique and inclusive school. Below is a reminder of our school uniform items. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase or donate second hand uniform items.

Further information about our student dress code can be found on our website

(https://www.westgrps.vic.edu.au/files/ugd/6dad92_f0be26fb7e324d0698d54285fafaf731.pdf)

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
Tops***	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polo: Emerald green with contrasting blue stripes on collar
Bottoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track pants: Navy blue (no piping, motifs or writing) • Skort: Navy blue (no netball skirts) • Shorts: Navy blue (no piping or writing)
Jumpers***	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bomber Jacket: Emerald green and navy blue • Windcheater: Navy blue
Dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer dress: Navy Blue in school material • Winter skirt / tunic: School material
Footwear	Appropriate footwear is to be worn (preferably black or brown school shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted school wear). No open toe, high heels or skate shoes.
Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socks: White or navy. • Leggings: Navy blue - only to be worn under dresses. • Headwear: Navy blue, • Hats: Navy blue sun smart hats- soft bucket style • Hajib: Navy blue or white

****All windcheaters, rugby jumpers, bomber jackets and polo shirts should be printed with the school logo**

2023
PARENT/
CAREGIVER/
GUARDIAN
SURVEY

Monday 7th August to
Friday 8 September 2023.



PARENT/ CAREGIVER/ GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

This week the link for the Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey has gone to the community via both Class Dojo and Compass.

This survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

We would like to thank the 13% (53 families) who have already completed the survey! Let's try and better our family participation from last year (62 responses were received).

Please note: Only one person per family is to complete the survey.

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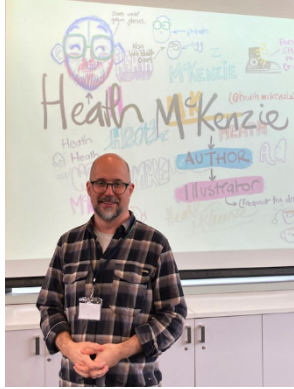
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TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

LITERACY



We had some very exciting author visits to celebrate Book Week. The P-2 students loved meeting author Coral Vass and the students in 3/4 were lucky enough to meet illustrator Heath McKenzie.

Next week, the 5/6 students will have their author, George Ivanoff, coming in for a visit on Monday.

Congratulations to everyone on a very successful Book Week 2023!



NUMERACY

Problem of the Caravan of Camels

A camel shepherd bought a caravan of camels. On his journey through the desert, he noticed that the camels all had a very bad disease and would be of no use for traveling any further. He returned to the seller and asked for new camels. The seller said, "I will gladly give you the same number of camels that you bought if you can tell me how many camels you started with."

The camel shepherd could not remember exactly how many he had bought, but he knew it was less than 100. He remembered that if the camels walked

- in rows of 2, one walked alone;
- in rows of 3, one walked alone;
- in rows of 4, one walked alone;
- and in rows of 5, one walked alone.

How many camels were in the caravan?

Show your thinking using pictures, words or numbers.



OFFICE NEWS

Westgrove Footy Lunch Day!

TUESDAY 5TH SEPT PREP-YEAR 3
WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPT YEAR 4-6

ORDER ONLINE USING QKR

HOT DOG, MEAT PIE OR PASTIE (V)
 DRINK - JUICE OR WATER
 FREDDO \$8.00

DIETARY INFORMATION
 HOT DOG (HALAL)
 MEAT PIE (FOUR 'N' TWENTY)
 VEGIE PASTIE (VEGETARIAN - HERBERT ADAMS)

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen is celebrating Footy Day in Week 9. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a lunch pack of Hot Dog/Four 'n' Twenty Meat Pie or Herbert Adams Vegie Pastie, a juice or water and a freddo frog for \$8.00. Tomato sauce is included. The Hot Dog is Halal certified.

All orders are on QKR or by sending your order and money to the office by Thursday 31st August. Unfortunately, we cannot accept late orders.

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WYNDHAM LEARNING FESTIVAL

Wyndham City Council are excited to present the program for the Wyndham Learning Festival (WLF), now is your chance to register for one of over 70+ FREE events in this year's curated program, and to help us promote these exciting learning events throughout the community and your networks.

With the theme of "Our Thriving, Creative Wyndham", the FREE festival offers something for all ages and interests from **1-7 September** and aims to celebrate and encourage lifelong learning with a range of activities from across the Arts, Sports & Recreation, The World of Work and Tech, Environment & Sustainability, Wellbeing & Self-Care, History, Culture & Diversity, Food & Cooking, and Families & Children.

The Wyndham Learning Festival is offering an array of exciting FREE events designed exclusively for children and families, spread across the entire week. Join us for a wonderful series of engaging activities that promise to entertain and educate. Some of these events include:

- [Young Scientist of Wyndham Competition](#)
- [Possum Magic Story Times](#)
- [Getting started with Scratch](#)
- [Chinese Playgroup Family Fun Day](#)
- [Little Sprouts – What Can We Grow In Our garden?](#)
- [Rhyme Time with the Pop-Up Library at Dianella Community Centre](#)



For a full list of Wyndham Learning Festival events visit <https://www.wynlearnfestival.org.au/>

The Learning Festival is led by Wyndham Community & Education Centre and supported by Wyndham City.

We hope to see you there!