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# WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – IMPORTANT DATES

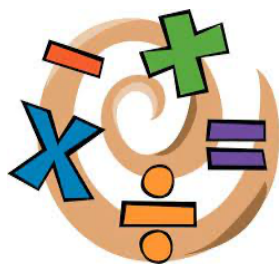
Term 3, 2023	
Mondays throughout Term 3	Year 1 Swimming
Wednesdays throughout Term 3	Year 3 Swimming
Friday's throughout Term 3	Prep Swimming
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Hot Chip Day Lunch Orders Due
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Prep 100 Days of School Celebration
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 5 Science Incursion Payment Due
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Week Parade

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

Chris Gatt, Kerrie Slaymaker & Susan Richardson

Welcome back to what is set to be another wonderful term at Westgrove! We have had a number of new students and their families join us this term, please join us in welcoming them to our community.

### Curriculum Day – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July



On Monday our staff collectively engaged in a Mathematics Professional Learning session led by Michael Minas our Mathematics Consultant. This day of learning complemented our work over the last 12 months or so in the Mathematics space. Throughout the day, we explored strategies to engage and challenge all learners in Mathematics lessons, which was then supported by how we structure and plan for these lessons. Michael will be continuing to work with us by supporting our Mathematics leadership team and working in our classrooms to demonstrate high quality mathematics lessons for our staff.

### Staffing Update

Next Thursday we will be farewelling Mr. Adrian Bate as he moves to Bannockburn P-12 College. We would like to thank Mr. Bate for the positive contributions that he has made to our school and wish him well on his new venture.

In Week 3 we will be welcoming Mrs. Ria Schimanski to Westgrove! She will be replacing Mr. Bate in PE and 2KB, as well as taking on additional teaching roles. Mrs. Schimanski is coming to us with a wealth of experience in teaching across both primary and secondary settings.

## Have you booked your Parent/ Teacher Interview?

Wednesday 19th July

348

Bookings

506

Students

Specialist teachers will be available in the Library for you to drop in to discuss your children progress.

Please note: If your child has an SSG or is in 2R you are not required to book an appointment.

We have 158 students that still need an appointment!

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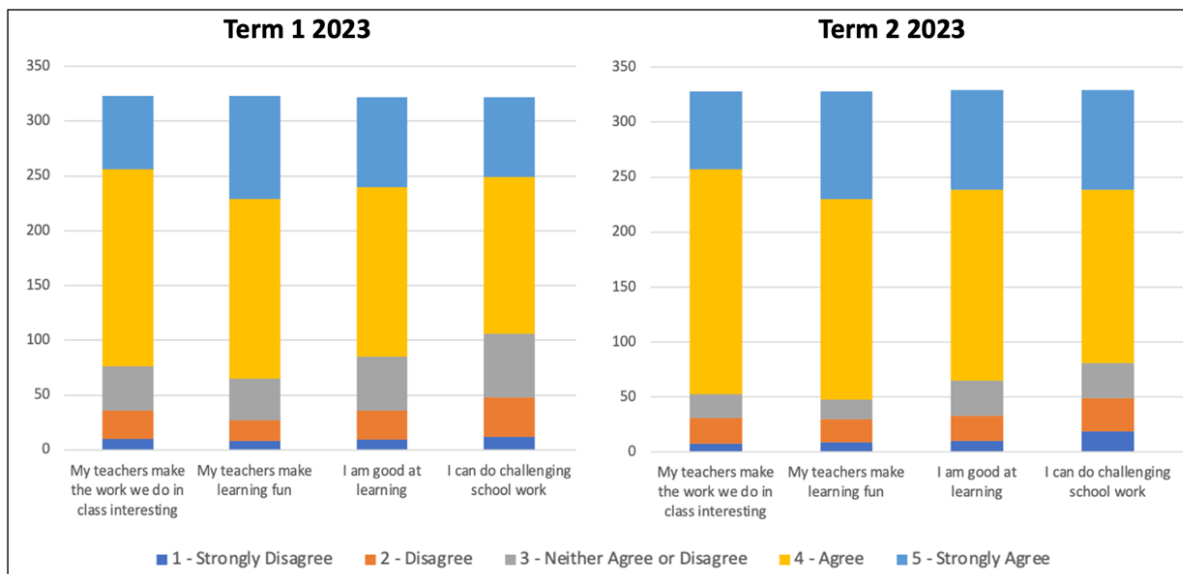
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## Year 3-6 Attitude to School Survey Data

This year we introduced termly surveys with our Year 3- 6 students to gather their perception and voice about our school. This year we are focusing on the **Stimulated Learning, Learning Confidence and Managing of Bullying** domains. Each class then collaboratively set a goal for the term based on their own class’s data. Below are our survey results from Term 1 and Term 2 that demonstrate the impact of the work the team has done in the **Stimulated Learning** and **Learning Confidence** domains.



## Enrolments – 2024

We are still accepting enrolments for 2024 across all year levels. If you have a school aged child at home that you have yet to enrol, please contact the office for an enrolment form. Please let anyone you know that may be interested in enrolling to contact the office also. **We encourage all families to enrol their Preps for 2024 as soon as possible as we are currently beginning our planning for transition activities in Term 4.**

## New Signage

Have you seen the new signage we have had installed at the end of last term? As we continue to improve our facilities and grounds and due to the changes in our school values, we updated the signage around the school. This included our pillars at the front of the school, main front sign and gate signage.



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## Visual Arts and Performing Arts Classes

As part of our annual Arts program, students participate in a semester (two terms) of Visual Arts and Performing Arts. Therefore, this term all students have commenced their new Arts subject. Please see the class allocations below.

Performing Arts				Visual Arts			
Prep F	2KB	4H	5H	Prep IM	2D	4G	5W
Prep LS	2R	4W	6B	Prep W	2P	4L	6G
1C	3B	5S	6M	1J	3D	5M	6LR
1WS	3SS			1RS			

Students will continue to participate in weekly Italian, Physical Education and STEM lessons.

## Author Visits

Later this term the following authors will be visiting us as part of our Book Week Celebrations: Coral Vass, Heath McKenzie and George Ivanoff. These visits do have a cost associated with them. Unfortunately, we did have a glitch with Compass so if you have already provided consent you will need to go back onto Compass and pay/consent again.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE

### HELPING YOUR CHILD TO WRITE

Encourage your child to take over some or all of the writing when they feel confident. When your child starts writing, try the following:

- Discuss the topic to give your child some ideas to explore. This gives them confidence to begin writing.
- Teach your child any vocabulary they might need.
- You can encourage your child by writing on a similar topic alongside them. Then you can share your writing with each other and discuss the differences.

Here are some general tips to help your child when writing:

- Make sure you give your child the necessary resources, such as pens, pencils, paper or notebook, and a desk. Creating a special 'writing box' to store your child's pens and pencils helps them see writing as an important activity.
- Support your child to read their writing aloud.
- Encourage your child to create a picture, drawing or collage that visually represents their ideas.
- Always proudly display your child's work in a prominent position in your house. This will give them confidence, and demonstrates the importance of writing.
- Create an 'ideas bag' or 'ideas folder' to use as a writing prompt. To inspire writing ideas, collect objects such as photographs, pictures cut from magazines, brochures, movie tickets, or any other found item.



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## You are a Maths teacher!

We all know that reading with a child helps literacy skills, and that playing sports in the backyard teaches the value of teamwork and being physically active. But where are the life lessons for mathematics?



The truth is that we all use mathematics many times each day, but often don't realise it. From trips to the supermarket to cooking in the kitchen, maths is part of our daily lives.

Don't underestimate your own maths skills. You can help your child learn maths!

*"You are their idol. They look up to you. They don't do a good job listening to you, but they do a fantastic job imitating you."* – Karl Subban, retired school principal and father of three boys.

## OFFICE NEWS

**\$ 4.00**

Hot Chip with tomato sauce.  
Order on Qkr

**Hot chip week**

5-6 Tues 25th      3-4 Wed 26th      P-2 Thurs 27th

Order on Qkr by 3.15pm July 21st