

'Around the Grounds' WPS Newsletter

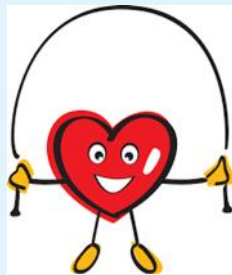
Tuesday 11th June 2019

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ORDERS FOR SKIPPING ROPE

The last day to order a skipping rope from school is Friday 14th June .

SKIP-A-THON is on Monday 17th June



SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 13TH

SEPTEMBER

FOR OUR

TRIVIA NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE

THURSDAY 13TH JUNE
AFL Gala Day for selected 5/6 students only

FRIDAY 14TH JUNE
Gr 5/6 I.S.S.—9.10am (Home Game)
Versus Gladstone Views

MONDAY 17TH JUNE
SKIP-A-THON
Camp Quality Show F-6
6.30pm—School Council Meeting

TUESDAY 18TH JUNE
Student Banking

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE
Region Cross Country

THURSDAY 20TH JUNE
Grade 6 Cake Stall for F-6

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE
Gr 5/6 I.S.S.— Winter Finals (Dallas Brooks)

MONDAY 24TH JUNE
3 Way parent Teacher Interviews
(11.00am—8.00pm)

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Ms. D's Diary

Welcome to Week 8,

I could not believe my eyes as I approached the Raleigh/Riddell Street roundabout yesterday morning. As brazen as their reputation there was a fat, shiny, bushy tailed fox! It served to remind me that at Westmeadows Primary School we truly are a suburban school with the heart of the country. Our sense of 'country community' is certainly one of the traits that makes our school so unique.

With only three more weeks until the end of term there is certainly many exciting events on our calendar. Please ensure you have the **Skoolbag** app installed on your smartphone which will enable you to stay on top of our news (Refer to instructions in this newsletter).

Attendance

"Every Day Counts"

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but...

If your child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 Years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Today students who have recorded over five days' absences so far this year will be receiving a letter. The Department of Education supports the research that says if a child is absent for more than 5 days in a semester it is highly likely that there will be a negative impact on the child's social and academic growth. Whilst absences due to sickness cannot be avoided, we have had many families who make the choice to take extended holidays, celebration days and suffer 'Mondayitis'. If you receive a letter today would you please take the time to ponder the amount of learning your child has missed out on and make a commitment to improve the statistics in Semester Two.

The effect of absence on progress

A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 190 days. That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80.00%
Very Good	Worrying		Serious Concern		

How about 10 minutes a day? Surely that won't affect my child

Be one of the first families to order and pay for the canteen online as we launch **Qkr!** on Monday, 17th June, 2019.

Simply download the Qkr! app and you'll be on your way. Our menu is already there and waiting for you. You can order up to two weeks in advance.



Online Canteen Orders launched in 6 days

2020 Foundation Enrolments

We have been inundated with enrolments into our 2020 Foundation program. Letters of offer will be posted this week to those families who we can confirm live within the Westmeadows Primary School or have a sibling attending the school. Other families will be invited to confirm a position on a Waiting List.

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS DUE TO COMMENCE AT WESTMEADOWS PRIMARY IN 2020 ENROLMENT FORMS ARE DUE NOW.



Ms. D's Diary cont....

SKIP-A-THON

Our annual 'athon' will be held on Monday, 17th June, 2019. The children will be involved in a Skip-a-thon this year and will be invited to wear the brightest fluoro colours on the day. Information and Sponsorship forms were sent home with students last week. There is great fun to be had and great prizes to be won! All monies raised will go towards air-conditioning for our gymnasium. A big thank you to Mr Jorgensen for his work in making this fun event happen.

Camp Quality

The children will experience the Camp Quality Show on Monday, 17th June, 2019. Junior School Council has organised a fundraiser on Thursday, 27th June, 2019 (last week of Term 2) to offer support for this charity. On this day JSC would like the children to dress up in what they would like to be when they grow up ~ **CAREER'S DAY AT WESTMEADOWS PRIMARY.**

The children are asked to bring a gold coin donation to participate in this worthy fundraiser.

Reporting To Parents

Our Three Way Conferences will be held on Monday, 24th June, 2019 between the hours of 11.00am – 8.00pm. Whilst this is a pupil free day, we would like students to attend the conference with their parents.

Electronic reports will be sent home to parents on Friday, 21st June, 2019 via the Skoolbag app. The **Interview Portal** will be open on Monday, 17th to enable you to make the appointment for you and your child(ren) to meet the classroom teacher.

Make sure you have the Skoolbag app. See later in this newsletter instructions on how to do this.



Out of School Hours Care

As you are aware School Council has appointed TheirCare to run:

- Before and Afterschool Care
- Holiday Program
- Curriculum Day Care

at our school commencing from the first day of Term 3, 2019. TheirCare Representatives will be at our school on Thursday 13th June, 2019 between 4pm – 6pm (in the canteen foyer) to answer any questions you may have about their service. The Theircare Team will then present to the school community at 6.00pm. If you would like to attend the presentation please send back the slip or call the office on 93094350.

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful week as we commence the countdown to School Holidays.

Take care,

Jane Donaldson
(Principal)

WPS NOTICE BOARD

STUDENT BANKING

Tuesday 18th June
Abbey Tudhope & Sarah Carr

Tuesday 25th June
Angela Bouas & Kayelene Carney

TERM 3

Tuesday 16th July
Lorraine James & Shirenne Grech

Tuesday 23rd July
Stephanie Alexopoulos & Angela Bouas



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 12th June
Jaime Isho & Christy Leterrme

Friday 14th June
Chiarina Holmes & Melinda Phillips

Monday 17th June
Tania Perdevski & Dora Loukas

Wednesday 19th June
Sarah Carr

Friday 21st June
Stephanie Alexopoulos & Sue Tucker

Monday 24th June
Tania Perdevski

Wednesday 26th June
Natalie Coustley

Friday 28th June
Rachel Pardo



SICK BAY

Friday 14th June
Abbey Tudehope

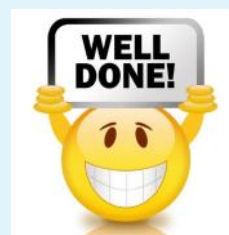
Friday 21st June
Mel Trueman

Friday 28th June
Dora Loukas



WPS5 WINNERS

Corey A (3/4L)—Respect
Meah A (3/4K) - Respect & Responsibility
Madison P (3/4L) - Respect



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

	WEEK 6	WEEK 7
0A	Kyah S	Mara D
0B		
0C	Jordan S	
1D	Emilia S	Marcos N
1E	Jonah H	Cooper D
1F	Chase N	Ayrton L Nate G
2G	Isabella D	Lana R
2H	Gemma C	
2I	Olivia D	Jackson A
3/4J	Mitchell L	
3/4K	Lily B	Oliver J
3/4L	Corey A	Jobe H
3/4M	Jaida H	
3/4N	Oliver G	
5/6O	Sierra N	
5/6P	Alyson H	
5/6Q	Hamish B	
5/6S	Sienna P Isabella E	
5/6T	Xavier A Alec J	
SPECIALISTS		
PE LOWER	0B	
PE UPPER	5/6O	
SCIENCE LOWER	Kangaroos	Kookaburras
SCIENCE UPPER	3/4L & 5/6Q	3/4K
LOTE LOWER	Koalas	0B
LOTE UPPER	3/4N	5/6P
PER/ARTS LOWER	0B	Possums
PER/ARTS UPPER		All 3/4's & 5/6Q & 5/6P
VIS/ARTS LOWER	Emus	0A
VIS/ARTS UPPER		
CANTEEN AWARD	Tate S—0C	Jackson A—2I
PALADINOS AWARD	Corey A—3/4L	Ayrton L—1F
MAYFLOUR AWARD	Jordan S—0C	Lana R—2G
GELATI AWARD	Jonah H—1E	

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Limited enrolment places for some year levels are available for 2020, with exciting opportunities available to join Penola's vibrant co-educational learning community in 2021.

Enrolments are now being taken for Year 7 entry in 2021.

For further information, call 03 9301 2777 to organise a personal tour with the Principal or visit our website.



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We are once again clearing out our accumulated goods in the large shed.

For Sale

Teachers' Desks - \$50 each (great condition– see below)

Metal Shelving – Perfect for a workshop or garage (see below)

Each bay is 1.8 high, 750mm wide.

There is approximately 7 bays (TBC – could be one or two more) \$200 the lot

First in best dressed.

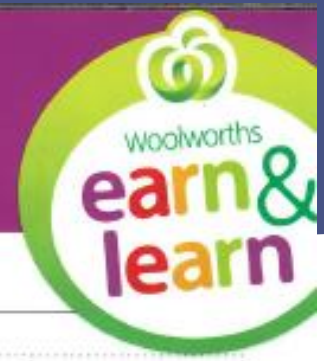


CLEARING OUT SALE

My Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers



Stick your Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers in the squares below. Give them to your local school or Early Learning Centre, or drop them into a collection box in store by 25 June 2019.



My name: _____

Collecting for: _____

Entry to the promotion is open to primary and secondary schools, and eligible Early Learning Centres (ELC) in Australia. Promotion runs 1 May 2019 until 25 June 2019. Speak to your school or ELC to ensure they are registered, or visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn and check online. Participants must be registered by 25 June 2019. One Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker is given for every \$10 spent in a single transaction at Woolworths Supermarkets, Woolworths Metro and online, excluding liquor, tobacco, gift cards and other specified purchases. While stocks last. Stickers must be counted and submitted by 7 July 2019. Stickers must be redeemed for equipment by 21 July 2019. Retain stickers for validation. For full terms and conditions, please visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

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EXPLORE INQUIRE LEARN CODING/PROGRAMMING WORKSHOP



Hume Central Secondary College is very excited to be hosting this workshop run by an inspiring PHD scientist from Melbourne University specializing in coding/robotics.

We invite Grade 5/6 students from Broadmeadows Valley Primary School, Bethal Primary School and Westmeadows Primary School, as well as Year 7 SEAL students of Hume Central SC (Dimboola Road Campus) who are keen to explore, inquire and learn about the world of coding. This is a real opportunity to experience and explore science in a way that relates to our everyday lives. So come along and actively participate in this amazing workshop which promise to be awesome!

What is coding and why is it important?

What do driverless cars, flappy birds, facebook, ATMs and Lego all have in common? They all involve coding and programming. Coding is becoming an increasingly vital skill for future employment, and one that will be used in everyday life. Come along to some introductory sessions run by the University of Melbourne that look at coding using Lego robotics. Students will be involved in learning how to program a robot to move, perform tasks, and interact with its surroundings in an intelligent way. The workshops will offer exciting challenges that will develop students ability to work collaboratively in order to problem solve, code, and learn new digital skills.

KEY OBJECTIVES of the workshop:

- Inspire students with everyday concepts covered in the educational curriculum.
- Make real world links of the aspects of Physics and Science through "hands on" inquiry time and open ended challenges.
- Extending their way of thinking, reasoning, and teamwork.
- To investigate and acquire skills that students can use in all areas of their lives.
- Giving them a competitive edge for the ever growing technological era.
- Making links with technology, physics principles and industry.

So come along and be part of what promises to be a great learning experience that could also open up opportunities in the future!

Workshop Details:

When: Thursday June 20th (Week 9)

Time: 3.45pm till 5.30pm

Where: Dimboola Road Campus
49 Dimboola Road Broadmeadows
(Year 7 Building, Da Vinci room)

Cost: FREE

To Register:

Secure your place in the program by calling our office administration on: 9099 1000

N.B.

- Students only accepted into workshop if registered
- Light refreshments will be provided from 3.45pm.

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Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

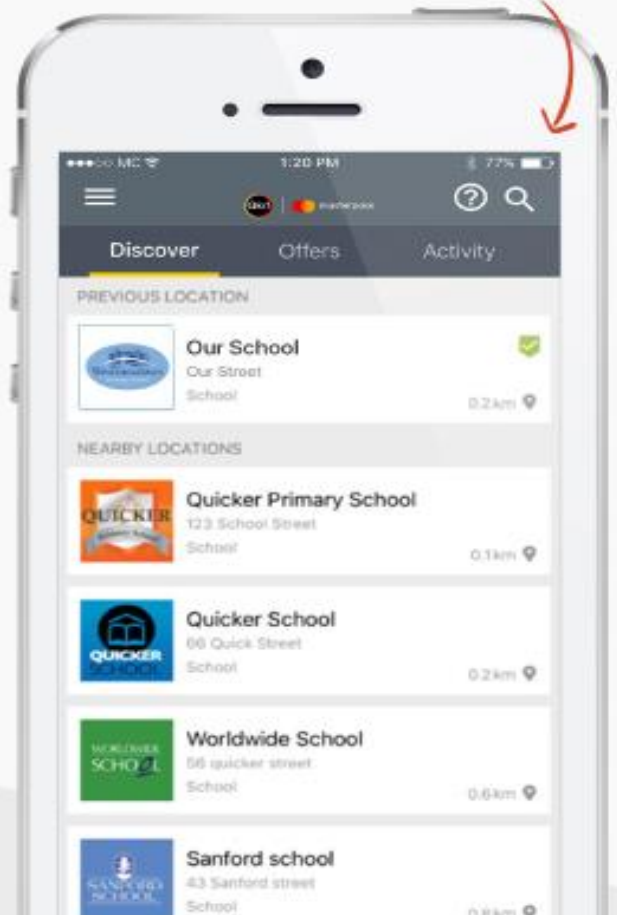
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'



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'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details



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Tap the green
box to view
your receipt
or to cancel
an order



Select a date
for a child and
order a meal

Tap 'Repeat
order' to
copy all paid
orders from
one week to
the next



Tap to change
the date you
are ordering for

Tap to change
the child you are
ordering for

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards
to your wallet



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pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
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For iPhone and iPad Users:



1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type Westmeadows in the search.
3. You will see Westmeadows appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android Users:



You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Westmeadows
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phones and Windows 8.1 or 10 Device Users:



1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find Westmeadows either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

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