'Around the Grounds' WPS Newsletter

Wednesday 18th November 2019

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REMINDER FOR FOUNDATION—GRADE 2

Swimming commences tomorrow for those students who are participating in the swimming program. Please remember your child's bathers, towel, goggles, & underwear.

All students will long hair must have it tied back.

REMINDER FOR GRADE 6 SURF EXCURSION

Grade 6 students will be attending the Surf excursion on Wednesday 20th November, Children must be at school at 7.20am for 7.30 prompt departure. A letter was sent home last week as to what the children need to bring or not to bring. Please contact the office if you require another note.

CONGRATULATIONS
JESSICA

Jessica Prior one of our students has just achieved her Grey Wolf Award.

The Grey Wolf is the highest award presented in the Cub section. Many hours of work go into receiving this award.

Jessica will be presented with this award at the awards ceremony at Tullapark scout hall on the 24th November.

WELL DONE JESSICA!

TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER Student Banking Swimming commences F—Gr2

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER GR. 6 Surf Excursion Swimming F—Gr2 6.30-8.00PM Foundation 2020 Information Evening

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER Swimming F—Gr2 6.00PM—HUME AWARDS NIGHT

FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER Swimming F—Gr2 9.00AM Graduation Practice

MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 3.00PM—Assembly in Gym

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
Student Banking
Swimming F—Gr2
6.30pm Gr 4 Camp Information Evening

WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER Swimming F— Gr2

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER Swimming F– Gr2 Foundation & Buddy Lunch

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
9.00am Graduation practice
Swimming F-Gr2
School Captain voting Round 1
All library books to be returned

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Ms. D's Diary

Good afternoon everyone,

In the blink of an eye we find ourselves in Week 7 and with only four weeks to go until the end of the year (after this week of course).

I can confirm that in 2020 we will be operating 20 classrooms:

4 x Foundation	3 x Grade 1	3 x Grade 2	5 x 3/4	5 x Grade 5/6
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Our staffing profile is near completion and I'm pleased to let you know that we will be operating our five Specialist classes. Beyond the classroom, the children will be involved in weekly Science, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Italian and Physical Education lessons.

Our Professional Learning Leaders and School Improvement Team members are currently working on our priorities for 2020 based on our School Data. At this stage our work will focus on Literacy and Numeracy, School Wide Positive Behaviours and Embedding a Collaborative Learning Culture across the school.

Academic Reporting

All staff are working towards finalising the academic reports to be sent to parents at the end of the year. If you have changed your email address would you please give Maree a call at the office to update your details. Otherwise you will not receive your child's report.

Student absences

May I please remind parents that if your child is going to be absent from school it is greatly appreciated if you would leave a message either on the answering machine PH 93094350 or via SKOOLBAG APP prior to 8.45am. The Department of Education requires all schools to follow up every absence and at Westmeadows Primary School this means sending out daily SMS. As you can imagine – the more messages we have to send out, the higher the cost to the school.

Junior School Council

Our brilliant 2019 Junior School Council members attended the November School Council Meeting. The children enjoyed a lovely meal together (everyone tried their best to eat with a knife and fork) Dinner and dessert was followed by a Student Forum where School Councillors asked the students several probing questions. The answers were extremely insightful and will contribute to some practice changes moving forward. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students who attended. I was extremely proud of you all and I know we all agreed that we could have spent hours listening to you.

Swimming

We have a record number attending swimming this year with over 170 students involved. Thank you to all parents for supporting this very valuable program. A note outlining the venue's requirements has also been sent home today. Please read this carefully as many of their procedures have changed.

Book packs

Everyone now has their child's 2020 Booklist. I am pleased to announce that the school is upgrading to a new Mathematics platform called Matific. Matific does all that Mathletics does, but with many more added features including explanations of the answers. You will be hear more details as the program is released to students. Please remember that Book Pack payments need to be made by December, 8th, 2019. If you would like to arrange a payment plan with the school please call the office on 9309 4350 to make an appointment with our Business Manager ~ Denise.

Have a great week everyone!

Jane Donaldson (Principal)

STUDENT BANKING

Tuesday 19th NovemberAbbey Tudhope & Kayelene Carney

Tuesday 26th NovemberHeather Bamfield & Lorraine James





CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 20th November Sue Tucker

Friday 22nd November Rachel Pardo & Camille Rodgers

Monday 25th November Cass Wilson

Wednesday 27th November Malissa Aldridge

Friday 29th November Mandy Betros & Maree Daly

Monday 2nd December Dora Loukas

Wednesday 4th December Sheridan Morris

Friday 6th December Camille Rodgers & Ami Smith



SICK BAY



Friday 22nd November Christy Leterme

Friday 29th November Kayelene Carney

Friday 8th December Ami Smith

WPS5 WINNERS

Reese M (3/4L) - Responsibility

Noah N (3/4K) - Responsibility

Levent A (0B) - Honesty

Dilan Z (0B) - Honesty

Ethan M (1D) - Honesty

Johanna (2I) - Resposibility



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

TERM 4	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
0A	Riley Mc	Zac M	Mikaela L	Sienna G
0B	Torian F Hendrix L	Peppe D	Chloe D	Alexis S
0C	Ivy G	Felicity C	Tate S	Archer H
1D	Sienna P	Marco N	Sienna P	Ethan M
1E	Lucia M		Yunus A	Hendrix H
1F	Abigail M			Ayrton L
2G	Jett T	William D	Summer C	Julian B
2H	Elanur C	Jacinta Q	Gemma C	Jack H
21	Meera B	Johanna E	Joel W	Hades E
3/4J	Anat L Christo M	Jackson G	lesha C	Alyssa C Aliyah L
3/4K	Max R	Luca D	Noah N	Daniel P
3/4L	Muthul P	Ray S	Chantel I	Tyler S
3/4M	Noah R	Nadia H	Ethan H Jason L	Isabel H Jaida H
3/4N	Paxton Z		Piper B	Starlett M
5/60		Shiloh M	Isabella Z	Elly P
5/6P	Mary A		Kingston N	Annalise C
5/6Q		Charlotte P	Archer B	Amy S
5/6S	Nathan L	Estelle S	Ilkim K	Stevie W
5/6T	Cody L		Paige A	Allyra M Devon L
SPECIALISTS				
PE LOWER	1/2 Kangaroos		Foundation B	Foundation A
PE UPPER	5/6P		5/6S	3/4M
SCIENCE LOWER	1/2 Kangaroos	1/2 Koalas	1/2 Possums	1/2 Kangaroos
SCIENCE UPPER	3/4M & 5/6Q	5/6P & 3/4M	5/6T	5/6S
LOTE LOWER	Foundation A	Foundation B	1/2 Possums	Foundation C
LOTE UPPER	3/4J	3/4L	5/6S	3/4M
PER/ ARTS LOWER	Foundation A	0C	1/2 Kangaroos	1/2 Koalas
PER/ARTS UPPER	3/4M	5/6Q		3/4N
VIS/ARTS LOWER	Foundation A	1/2 Emus	Foundation B	1/2 Koalas
VIS/ ARTS UPPER	5/6S	5/6O	5/6Q	
CANTEEN AWARD	Owen C—0A			
PALADINOS AWARD x 2	Mary A—5/6P Jett T—2G	Marco N—1D Shiloh M—5/6O	Noah N—3/4K Gemma C—2H	Allyra M—5/6T Hendrix H– 1E
MAYFLOUR AWARD	Christo M—3/4J	Johanna E—2I	Tate S—oC	Isabel H—3/4M
GELATI AWARD	Lucia M—1E	Zac M—0A	Ilkim K—5/6S	Alexis S—0B

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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.
- 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.
- Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- 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
- 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.
- Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
- 6. Click "Open" when installed.
- Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- 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:



- 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
- Find <u>Westmeadows</u> either by using the keyword search or location service.
- Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
- Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
- 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.

Junior School Council is proudly supporting the call to recycle old mobile phones in collaboration with one of our Grandparents.

If you have an old mobile phone please drop it off at the office.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD MOBILE DUNIE HERE

We are proudly helping to protect wild gorillas by collecting old phones and tablets.

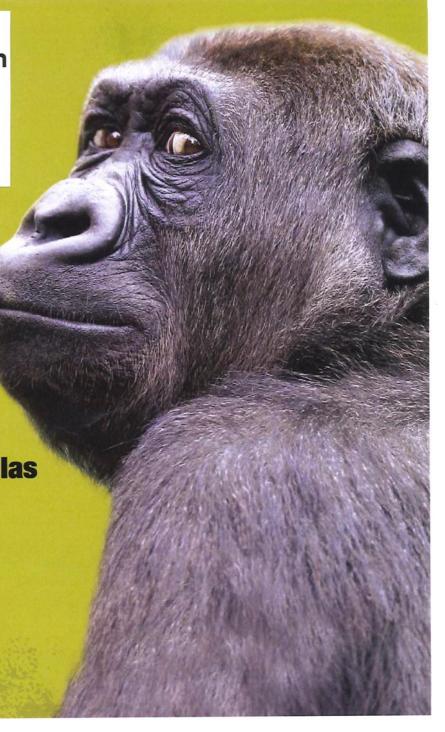
Funds raised through phone recycling supports Zoos Victoria and the Gorilla Doctors to care for wild gorillas.

For more information zoo.org.au/phone









HOW YOU'RE HELPING GORILLAS

Your mobile phone may contain a mineral called coltan. Coltan is mined in locations including critical habitat for Eastern Lowland Gorillas in Central Africa. The threats gorillas face as a result of mining include:

- + Deforestation Mining leads to habitat loss and habitat fragmentation, reducing areas where gorillas can survive.
- + As a result of habitat loss, gorillas come into contact more frequently with humans, increasing likelihood of competition for space or resources.
- + Disease With increased human activity, gorillas have increased exposure to human illnesses, such as the flu, some of which can be fatal.

When you recycle your phones there are a number of environmental benefits:

- + Your phone will be saved from landfill, with some or all components able to be recycled or re-used.
- + By recycling through this program, you also raise important funds for gorilla conservation. This program supports the Gorilla Doctors, which helps treat ill and injured gorillas in Africa.





TheirCare Westmeadows Outside School Hours Care

What an amazing term it has been already. It is going fast for us here at OSHC with all the activities we have been doing.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been creating wonderful new displays for our OSHC room, the children have been great very creative. We have been busy talking about the expectations and values we all agree are appropriate for OSHC, you may have seen our "Expectations" display up in the room now. You may have also seen our "Stars of the Week" display too, we choose 2 new students every week to be our "Star", the children chosen also get to take their certificates home after the week.

You may have also seen our "Brag Tags", some students have them on their school bags, everyone is super excited about these and are rewarded for their efforts in OSHC. At the end of the term the student that has collected the most will be rewarded with a huge prize.

We are all very excited with the new things we are bringing into OSHC and we love hearing everyone's feedback, if any one has any questions, concerns of feedback please come and chat to us ©

See you all soon. JoJo, Paola, Kyle & Steph.

Hours of Operation

Before School 7am until 8.45am After School 3.30pm until 6pm

Please see our friendly staff if you have any questions or feel free to call us on 0447 545 772.











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January





Excursion



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In House Fun





True Blue Sports - Monday 6 January

We're lucky to live in the sporting capital of the world with games like cricket, netball, footy, swimming and tennis happening most weekend. Cheer on your favourite team or sport as we celebrate some Australian classics today.

Feature Activity: Cricket Tournament **Additional Activities:** Australian Animal Craft, Muesli / Energy Bars, Football plus free time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$10.20.



STRIKE a Pose - Tuesday 7 January

Today we're off to Zone Bowling to challenge our friends to a game of Ten Pin Bowling. Will you bowl a Strike? The fun will continue as we play a game of laser tag before heading back to the service for more

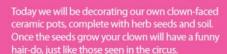
Feature Activity: Excursion to Zone Bowling Additional Activities: Giants, Wizards and Elves Game, Painting and Basketball plus free time to choose your own adventure.

Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Estimated return time is 1:30 pm

As low as \$14.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$16.70.



Clown Heads - Wednesday 8 January



Feature Activity: Ceramic Clown Heads Additional Activities: Multi-Ball Game, Twister Game, Paper Windmills and Dance Freeze Tag plus time to choose your own adventure

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$68.25. Suburb Avg \$11.60.



Super Sleuths - Thursday 9 January



Feature Activity: CSI Incursion by Mini Boss Additional Activities: Mystery Detective Games, Jenga, Origami plus free time to choose your own adventure.

As low as \$11.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$78.25. Suburb Avg \$13.30.



Makerspace - Friday 10 January

It is your time to shine as we turn an everyday object into unique works of art. Take part in Genius hour where you can create anything you dream of or make yummy cupcakes as we explore and personalise

Feature Activity: Egg Drop Construction Challenge Additional Activities: Cupcakes, Genius Hour, Obstacle Course, Chess plus free time to choose your own adventure.

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Fizzy, Bubbly Chemistry - Monday 13 January

Today the service will become a massive science lab the magic solution change colours right in front of outdoors for a massive game of beat the ball.

Feature Activity: Colour Changing Experiments Additional Activities: Sherbet, Charades Relay, choose your own adventure.

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$10.20.



Ready, Set, Create! - Tuesday 14 January



Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock - Time is counting down as we prepare for a day of fun and adventures. Today we are you to keep track of the time. The fun will continue with minute to win it challenges and frisbee golf.

As low as \$10.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$68.25. Suburb Avg \$11.60.



Feathers, Fur Scales - Wednesday 15 January



The team from Animals of Oz will be stopping by the service today as we meet, get up close to, interact Ball, Beading plus free time to choose your own friends. Animals may include possums, frogs, birds,

As low as \$11.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$78.25. Suburb Avg \$13.30.



Clowning Around - Thursday 16 January

Today we will be inspired by the sights and sounds of the circus as we make juggling balls and learn how to

lizards, snakes and even a crocodile.

Feature Activity: DIY Juggling Balls Additional Activities: Clown Face Sandwiches, Circus Marionettes, Octopus Game, Uno Challenge plus free time to choose your own adventure **Lunch Provided**

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$10.20.



Carnival of Colour - Friday 17 January

We're off to the Carnival of Colour for a fantastic day full of unique sports, jumping castles, cuddly animals, DIY crafts, yummy treats & special guests. During this exclusive event we will compete in a sports day full of colour, inflatables and interactive challenges all set to music. The fun then continues in the Carnival Zone.

eature Activity: Excursion to the TheirCare Carniva dditional Activities: Chromatography Experiment and Bingo games plus free time to choose your own

adventure.

Please be at the service by 8:15 am. Estimated return time is 4:00 pm

As low as \$16.24 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$108.25. Suburb Avg \$18.40.





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In House Fun





Fun in the Sun - Monday 20 January

The chilly days are over and now is the perfect time Today we will explore super cooling fluids as we sun out of our faces and make a kite.

Feature Activity: Foam Visors Additional Activities: Ice Cream Experiment, Dodgeball, Kites, Connect 4 Championships plus free

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$10.20.



Animal Antics - Tuesday 21 January

Today we're off to Melbourne Zoo to journey through

Feature Activity: Excursion to Melbourne Zoo Additional Activities: Cooking Caramel Slice, Animal

Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Estimated return time is 2:30 pm

As low as \$14.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$16.70.



Sport-tasic - Wednesday 22 January

The team from Supreme Incursions are back with a brand new activity which will knock your socks off! In today session, we will rotate through four exciting challenges which will put our problem-solving skills to the test.

Feature Activity: Team Challenges by Supreme

Additional Activities: Chatterboxes, Self Portraits, puzzles & Trouble Game and free time to choose your

As low as \$11.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$78.25. Suburb Avg \$13.30.



At The Movies - Thursday 23 January

When straight-laced fire superintendent Jake Carson of three siblings, they quickly realise that no amount of training could prepare them for their most challenging job yet - babysitting. Popcorn and Water Feature Activity: Watch Playing with Fire (PG) at the

Additional Activities: Paper Campfires, Freeze Tag and Cooking Orange & Sultana Cookies plus free time

Please be at the service by 8:30 am. Estimated return time is 1:30 pm

As low as \$14.74 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$98.25. Suburb Avg \$16.70.



Beach Party - Friday 24 January

Today we are bringing the seaside to you as we party our way through beach-inspired crafts, games and cooking. For lunch today we will be making delicious fried rice, then create a portal to the ocean.

Feature Activity: Port Hole Aquariums Additional Activities: Fried Rice, Ship Shark Shore Game, Crabs, Party Tunes plus free time to choose your own adventure. **Lunch Provided**

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In House Fun





Public Holiday - No Service - Monday 27 January



Too Cool For School - Tuesday 28 January



As the awesome holidays draw to an end, it is time to get ready to re-join our friends at school. In today's activities we will be making bookmarks, pop stick boxes and more which can be proudly be used in the

Feature Activity: Bookmarks
Additional Activities: Lego Challenges, Gaga Ball,
Pop stick Boxes, Chocolate Balls plus free time to
choose your own adventure

As low as \$9.00 with the Child Care Subsidy. Full Fee \$60.00. Suburb Avg \$10.20.

your feedback your call 1300 072 410 or email info@theircare.com.du

Carnival of Colour is a must!

Jumping Castles, animals,

sport and more.

All day fun!



Using the service



What to Bring



- A healthy morning tea and lunch such as fruits, wholemeal sandwiches and dips. For lunchbox ideas visit http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes.
 Please do not include items which need to be reheated.
- Due to the risk of anaphylaxis items containing nuts should not be included in the lunchbox.
- Breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided.



Water will be available all day to refill the bottles.



- A SunSmart hat similar to the one worn at school.
- Sunscreen will be provided throughout the day.

Appropriate clothing

- Clothing suitable for an active day, including closed toe shoes and a jacket if it is predicted to be wet or cold.
- For more information about being SunSmart visit www. sunsmart.com.au.

Medication

Medication and Management/Action Plans if required.

Devices

- We encourage children to be active and engage with their peers so personal electronic devices such as phones, iPads, laptops and game consoles should be left at home.
- These devices will remain the families responsibly through the session, including for any loss or damage.

Medical Management plans

If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, we are required under the Education & Care regulations to have a completed medical action/management plan, along with any medication which may be required available at the service at all times during your child's attendance.

Blank copies of the medical plans can be accessed through your medical practitioner or from the TheirCare service.

In the interests of the child's safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication not be supplied or is incomplete.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of our friendly educators at the service or call us on 1300 072 410.

Changes to programming

Activities and times are subject change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather and provider availability. In the rare event that an activity will unable to be run, an alternative activity will be provided and will be communicate the change via email/SMS to all families who are effected and will be updated on the website.

Changes to your booking

We understand that your needs may change in the lead up to your attendance at the Holiday Program. Whether you need to add an additional day to keep the kids busy or cancel a day to suit your schedule, we're there for you.

Simply log into your Fully Booked account anytime to make the relevant changes or give us a call on 1300 072 410 between 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays.

As we plan our programming, suppliers and educators in advance to the day to ensure that the children have lots of fun. Any changes made within the 5 days of booking will incur a \$10.00 charge.

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with one of our friendly educators at the service or call us on 1300 072 410.



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