

‘Around the Grounds’ WPS Newsletter

Monday 21st October 2019

*RESPECT * RESPONSIBILITY * COOPERATION * HONESTY * CARE & COMPASSION*

REMINDERS

- **Students in Grade 6—2020 Bomber Jacket**
Please return your order form by Friday 1st November .
Jackets available at the office for sizing.
- **Sport Polo top for Gr 5/6 students 2020.**
Please return your order form by Friday 1st November. Tops available at the office for sizing.
- **Grade 4 Camp Instalment No 3 due Friday 1st November**

BOOK LIST FOR 2020

**Please check your
child's bags this week
as The Booklist for
2020 will be going
home.**

TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER
Student Banking

WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER
Gr 5/6 Poetry LOTE Competition @
GPSC

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER
9.00am Grade 6 Graduation Practice

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER
Life Skills
3.00pm School Assembly

TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER
Student Banking
Gr 1/2 True Culture Incursion

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER
2nd Transition Session for 2020
Foundation Students 9.30am—
10.30am

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER
9.00am Grade 6 Graduation Practice

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
Grade 5/6 T20 Blast
Final day for ordering Grade 6
Bomber Jackets & Sport Polos.
3rd Camp Instalment due for Grade 4

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Ms. D's Diary

Welcome to Week 3 (already!)

Dear Parents,

I am extremely proud and delighted to let you know that I have been nominated for the Victorian Education Excellence Award in the category of Outstanding Primary Principal. I am so excited that the work we are doing at Westmeadows Primary School is being recognised by other educators. I would like to thank my team for their trust and enthusiasm in implementing our new work over the last few years. We know that it is making a positive difference to our students. The flashy award ceremony is on Friday, 25th October, 2019 evening at the Regent Theatre. I'll let you know.



World Teachers' Day

Friday, 25th October (this Friday) also happens to be **World Teachers' Day**. I would encourage you to thank your child's teacher for all that they do by writing a letter or card. Westmeadows Primary School is lucky to have a team of such wonderful teachers who are avid learners and driven to improve what they do to make sure every child achieves their personal best both academically and socially.

First Aid Training

Last week our staff participated in the annual updating of asthma and anaphylaxis training and many renewed their Level 2 First Aid. I know it is comforting to our parents to know that all teachers are trained in Level 2 First Aid. I would like to thank all staff for the hours you did completing not only the face to face instruction, but also the lengthy online modules.

Upcoming Curriculum Day

Our next Curriculum Day will be held on Monday 4th November, 2019. (Day before Melbourne Cup Day) Teachers will be continuing analysing and moderating student data and drafting student academic reports.

Please note that TheirCare will be operating a service at the school on that day. If you would like more information or to make a booking please phone 1300 072 410 or go to the website

www.theircare.com.au

Foundation Grandparents Visit Us Again

This week the Foundation Grandparents have been invited once again into classrooms to observe the children at work. It was great to see so many grandparents here this morning. Many had travelled hours just to get here. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will also see many more Grandparents coming through to see just how much their grandchildren have learnt in their first year of school.

Junior School Councillors Visit School Council

At our next School Council meeting, our Junior School Council will be invited to attend. School Council would like to hear their views on what is great about our school and what can be improved. Information will be given to JSC at tomorrow's meeting.

Are You A Green Thumb

If you are a green thumb, or just love weeding, the school has plenty of garden beds that need your care. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time please contact the office on 9309 4350. Please enjoy a wonderful week.

Take care,

Jane Donaldson

Principal

STUDENT BANKING

Tuesday 22nd October

Melissa Trueman & Heather Bamfield

Tuesday 29th October

Angela Bouas & Stephanie Alexopoulos

Tuesday 12th November

Lorraine James & John Stavrinidis

Tuesday 19th November

Abbey Tudhope & Kayelene Carney



CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 23rd October

Melissa Trueman & Sue Tucker

Friday 25th October

Maree Daly, Amanda Betros & Rachel Pardo

Monday 28th November

Cass Wilson



Wednesday 30th November

Sheridan Morris

Friday 1st November

Camille Rodgers & Ami Smith

Monday 4th November

CURRICULUM DAY—NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 6th November

Malissa Aldridge & Heather Bamfield

Friday 8th November

Sonia Bonadio & Camille Rodgers

SICK BAY



Friday 18th October

Melissa Trueman

Friday 25th October

Dora Loukas

Friday 1st November

Stephanie Alexopoulos

WPS5 WINNERS

Lucy A—(5/6T) - Honesty

Lucy H- (5/6P) - Care &

Compassion

Michael Z—(3/4K) - Respect

Amelia B— (0B) Honesty

Sienna—3/4M Responsibility

Samor E—5/6T Responsibility &

Care & Compassion



REGION ATHLETICS REPORT

Congratulations to Archer, Max and Nicholas for competing at Region Athletics last Wednesday. All three boys achieved great results and represented the school extremely well. Keep up the good work and best of luck for 2020.

Archer Bramble

9/10 1500m - 4th 5.43

Max Nicholson

9/10 High Jump – 4th 1.15m

Nicholas Koutoumis

9/10 Triple Jump – 3rd 8.32m



CONGRATULATIONS

Letter from Ines—3/4N

Dear Mrs Donaldson

On Saturday 5th October my team and I competed in Geelong for the Regionals Level 3 Gymnastic Championships. We not only came first but we also qualified to compete in the Junior Victorian Gymnastic Championships in November.

My team and I are very excited and working really hard to prepare for it. I'm so happy I wanted to share this with you



<https://chng.it/MjTfby4j5L>

I have teamed up with another student from Gladstone Park Primary School to start an online petition. Our petition is to eliminate unnecessary pre-packaged fruit and vegetables. This plastic is contributing to landfill, which we need to reduce. Within 10 years, the pollution caused by humans will be irreversible, explaining why we call ourselves '10 Years Left'. We are sitting on around 120 supporters. We need thousands of supporters to convince big supermarkets to change their ways.

If you are passionate about helping our environment, please sign our petition by hitting the link.

<https://chng.it/MjTfby4j5L>



Many thanks,
Holly Z.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

TERM 4	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
0A	Ella L	Jett H
0B	Elizabeth V	Annabelle P
0C	Noah S	Kade B
1D	Julian S	
1E	Louay A	
1F	Lachlan R Nate G	
2G	Ruby O	Sarah E
2H	Renee B	
2I		Jason C
3/4J	Ebonie C Zac Z	Maria M
3/4K	Tayte H	Madison R
3/4L	Hailey L	Jayce E
3/4M	Hamza L	
3/4N	Eli I	
5/6O	Laetitia Q Alyssa P	Spencer E
5/6P		
5/6Q	Kyrah N Zeynep B	Catherine B
5/6S		Jackson R
5/6T	Holly Z	Dimitri S
SPECIALISTS		
PE LOWER	Foundation B	
PE UPPER	5/6Q	
SCIENCE LOWER	2H	Foundation A
SCIENCE UPPER	5/6S & 3/4L	3/4N & 5/6O
LOTE LOWER		1/2 Emus
LOTE UPPER		5/6Q
PER/ ARTS LOWER		Foundation B
PER/ARTS UPPER		
VIS/ARTS LOWER	2I	1/2 Kangaroos
VIS/ ARTS UPPER		
CANTEEN AWARD	5/6T	Lucy A—5/6T
PALADINOS AWARD x 2	Lachlan R—1F Hailey L—3/4L	Jason C—2I Jackson R—5/6S
MAYFLOUR AWARD	Elizabeth V—0B	Maria M—3/4J
GELATI AWARD	Holly Z—5/6T	Jett HF—0A


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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.

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

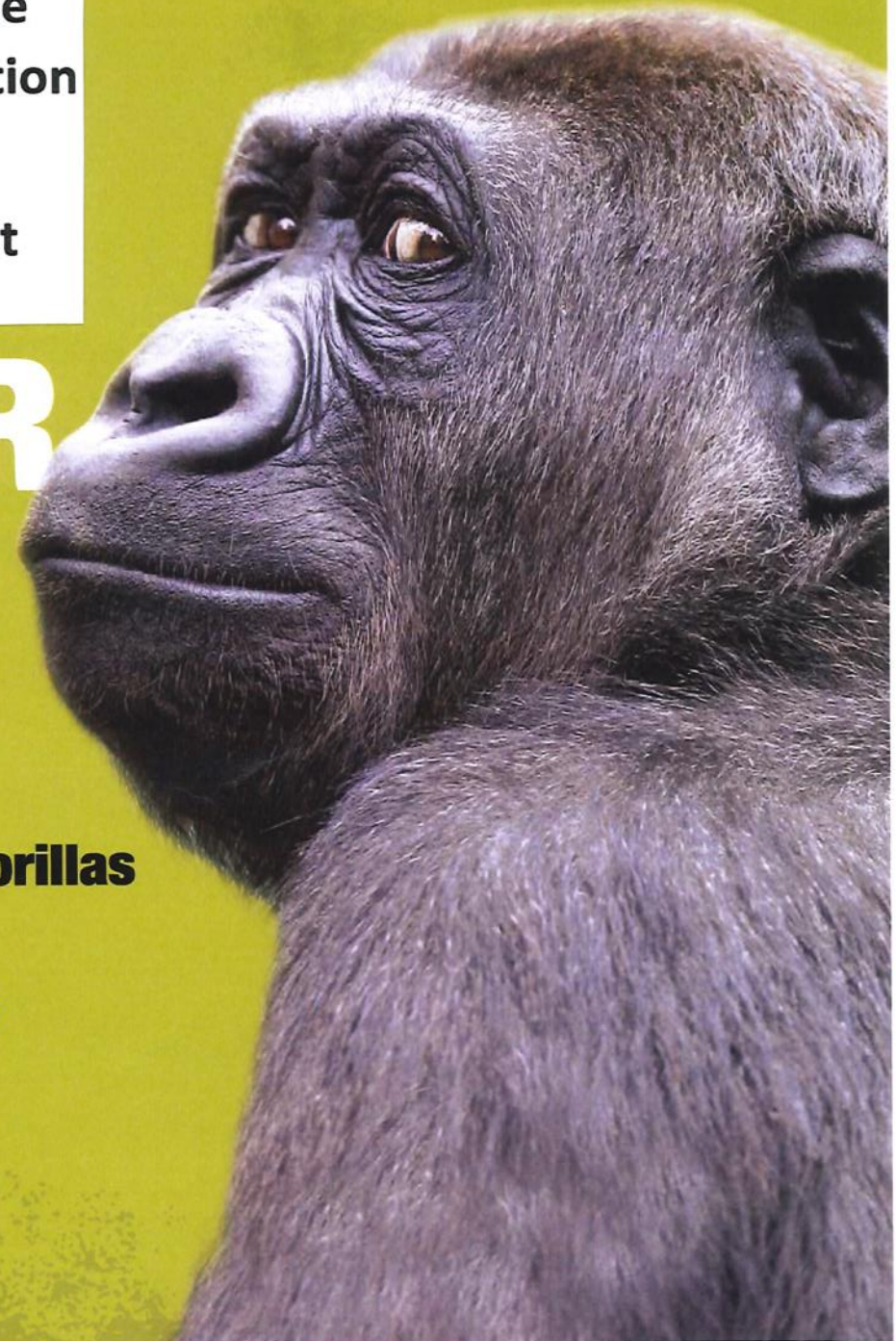
If you have an old mobile phone please drop it off at the office.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONE 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.



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