

# ‘Around the Grounds’ WPS Newsletter

Monday 18th March, 2019

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## REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS

**TOMORROW  
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH  
IS SCHOOL PHOTO DAY  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO GO ONLINE  
TO ORDER YOUR PHOTOS OR  
BRING THE ENVELOPE TO SCHOOL**

### REMINDER

**FRIDAY 22ND MARCH**  
Is the last day for

**HOT CROSS BUN  
ORDERS  
& BUNRAISER**

**TUESDAY 19TH MARCH**  
Student Banking

**WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH**  
School Photo Day

**THURSDAY 21ST MARCH**  
District Cross Country

**FRIDAY 22ND MARCH**  
Gr 5/6 I.S.S. versus Gladstone Park  
(Home Match)

**MONDAY 25TH MARCH**  
Junior School Council Meeting  
Foundation Parent Teacher Interviews  
6.30pm School Council Meeting

**TUESDAY 26TH MARCH**  
Student Banking  
Foundation Parent Teacher Interviews

**WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH**  
Foundation Parent Teacher Interviews

**THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**

**FRIDAY 29TH MARCH**

**MONDAY 1ST APRIL**  
Gr 5/6 I.S.S. versus Gladstone Views  
(Away Match)

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#### WEBSITE

# Ms. D's Diary

## **KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONS**

This week has certainly filled us all with a range of emotions and feelings as we try to comprehend the enormous recent tragedy in Christchurch, Auckland. Our children are all responding differently depending on how much they have been exposed to and through how much parents and families have been discussing the event. With this in mind, I have attached two articles to support parents to talk to their children if they are finding that their child is not coping so well. The articles have been provided by The Department of Education and Training.

## **DON'T AIM TO BE DEAD ON TIME**

We have two school crossings to support the safe movement of pedestrian traffic around the school. If your child walks to and from school would you please have a conversation with him/her to plan the safest route. Please instruct your child to use either the Kenny Street or Shadforth Street crossings even if this will take them a little longer. Let them know that your priority is for them to be safe and sound.

## **CURRICULUM DAY**

Our Curriculum Day was extremely productive for all staff involved. Our focus was unpacking the Reading & Mathematics Instructional model that is used to deliver lessons in all classrooms. Teachers worked in cross teams to plan sequences of lessons using the model, student data and quality resources. The process was a very rigorous and challenging debate between staff members leading to a collective and in depth understanding of working with this model.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 will be the first meeting of the newly elected School Council. The new office bearers for all positions will be voted on during this meeting. I will let you know the full run down in the next newsletter to ensure you know who to contact if you have any queries or suggestions.

The Annual Report will also been presented on the evening. Once endorsed by School Council this report will be made available on our website. I am over the moon with the Performance Summary which maps different sixteen areas. We rated higher than all Victorian schools in seven areas, similar in eight and lower in one.

## **WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School Photo Day is tomorrow (Wednesday). Please make sure your children are looking bright and beautiful ready for our photographers to catch them at their best. Children will be asked to have their hair tied back for the class photograph and of course will need to be wearing our school uniform. All School Leaders are to wear their badges. Please ensure you return your order form or order online for Family Photos as images will only be taken if this has been provided to the school.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable week,  
Jane Donaldson



*Our Deepest  
Sympathy*

*It is with great sadness that I  
inform our school community of the  
passing of one our parents  
Bronwyn Jones, following a long  
illness.*

*I know you will join me in sending  
all of our love and support to Indi  
Lee Blyth (Grade 2I) and her family  
during this very difficult time.*

# WPS NOTICE BOARD

## STUDENT BANKING

**Tuesday 26th March**

Lorraine James & Shirenne Grech

**Tuesday 2nd April**

Angela Bouas & Stephanie Alexopoulos

**TERM 2**

**Tuesday 23rd April**

Abbey Tudhope & Kayelene Carney

**Tuesday 30th April**

Melissa Trueman & Sarah Carr



## CANTEEN ROSTER

**Wednesday 20th March**

Belinda Collins

**Friday 22nd March**

Kayelene Carney & Melissa Trueman

**Monday 25th March**

Tania Perdevski & Steven Caldwell

**Wednesday 27th March**

Sarah Carr & Melissa Trueman

**Friday 29th March**

Charina Holmes & Melinda Phillips

**Monday 1st April**

Tania Perdevski & Sarah Carr

**Wednesday 3rd April**

Heather Bamfield & Sue Tucker

**Friday 5th April**

Megan Long



**This week the CANTEEN will be selling CELERY BOATS for 50c each and next week BLUEBERRY MUFFINS for 80c each.**

## SICK BAY

**Friday 22nd March**

Stephanie Alexopoulos

**Friday 29th March**

Amanda Betros

**Friday 5th April**

Dora Loukas



## CALL FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

**URGENT need for Volunteers on Wednesday's and Friday's.**

**Please leave your name with Maree at the office.**

**You will need a working with children's card to help in the Canteen.**

## Tips for parents, carers and educators for supporting children and young people

### Common reactions

It is common to think about safety and predictability of the world when tragedies such the Christchurch incident occur. Reactions are influenced by many things, knowing someone impacted, identifying with the victims and survivors, seeing and hearing terrifying images and discussions. The developmental age of the person influences what they understand and how they respond. Some may be unaware, others will be following all the discussions and media coverage, looking for understanding.

### What to say and how to care

Parents, carers and teachers can help children and young people feel safe by:

- provide reassurance that the incident is over
- keep to routines, they are reassuring
- take time to listen and talk: listening to concerns and worries and discussing strategies for feeling safe, dealing with worry and being able to take action that helps feel part of repairing safety and calm
- provide a calm response to their concerns,
- keep your explanations developmentally appropriate:
  - start at their starting point: ask what the child/young person understands about what has happened and what their key worry is, each will have a different understanding and will find different parts of what has happened frightening or worrying
  - very young children need simple, factual information balance with assurances of safety
  - older children will be appraising their own, and love ones, safety. They may need assistance with separating reality from fantasy, dispel rumours
- reduce exposure to media coverage and conversations that are distressing and not age appropriate
- monitor children's emotional state
  - changes in behaviour, appetite and sleep can be an indicator of children's level of anxiety or worry
  - young children often express worry through bodily aches and pains



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## Westmeadows

Westmeadows Reserve, Ardlie St

Saturday 9.30-10.30am starts 27th April

Kellie Liersch  
[kellie.liersch@bigpond.com](mailto:kellie.liersch@bigpond.com)

Visit [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



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**COME BE A PART OF  
WESTMEADOWS FC 2019**

**SEASON STARTS APRIL 7TH**

**TRAINING WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**

We have a the following vacancies left in each of our  
junior teams.

Let us know if you would like to fill one of the remaining  
spots. Join in the action for #WestyTigers

To find out more please send an email to  
[juniors@westmeadowsfc.com.au](mailto:juniors@westmeadowsfc.com.au)

Team	Years
U11 Boys/Girls	2008 - 2009
U13 Boys	2006 - 2007
U15 Boys/Girls	2004 - 2005



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**HOLIDAY  
PROGRAM**

## GREENVALE HOLIDAY PROGRAM & SPORT CAMPS

Sports orientated holiday program designed for children to emphasise fun, enjoyment and maximum participation.

**WHERE** **Aitken College**  
1010 Mickleham Rd, Greenvale 3059

**WHO** **Ages 5-12**

**WHEN** **Monday 8th April – Thursday 18th April**  
(Excluding weekends)

**INFO** **Easter Holiday Program - Week 1**

Enjoy your school holidays with Kelly Sports. These programs are designed to help kids develop basic skills such as kicking, throwing and catching, all in a fun engaging and exciting environment. See back for all of the sports and exciting activities we will running these Holidays.

**Sport Specific Camps – Week 2**

If you child is currently enjoying a specific sport then one of our Sport Camps might be more suitable. Our new Basketball & Soccer camps are designed to have a focus on the specific skills associated with both sports. See back for more details

**COST** **\$55 per day (including Camps)**

**ENROL** **TWO WAYS TO ENROLL**  
1. Online: [www.kellysports.com.au](http://www.kellysports.com.au) and enter the events postcode, 3149. (Preferred Method)  
2. Call/email Mitch (contact details above)

**SPECIAL  
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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM & SPORT CAMPS**

Sign up online before Friday March 29 and use voucher code: HP15 to receive 15% off your total booking.

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## GREENVALE

### HOLIDAY PROGRAM & SPORT CAMPS

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**\$55**  
per day

WEEK 1 DATES: 8<sup>th</sup> April – 12<sup>th</sup> April

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8:00-9:00	FREE SUPERVISED ACTIVITIES				
9:00-10:30	MONDAY MADNESS	TOTALLY WILD TUESDAY	WACKY WEDNESDAY	CRAZY THURSDAY	FRIDAY FRENZY
11:00-12:30	GYMNASTICS	ALL ABOUT GOLF	BASKETBALL	FOOTBALL	SOCCER
1:30-2:30	BASKETBALL	HOCKEY	DISCO PARTY	SCAVENGER HUNT	DODGEBALL
3:00-4:00	DODGEBALL	SOCCER	TOUCH RUGBY	CRICKET	CRAZY GAMES
4:00-5:00	FREE SUPERVISED ACTIVITIES – PARENT PICK UP				

WEEK 2 DATES: 15<sup>th</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> April

### BASKETBALL CAMP

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April & Tue 16<sup>th</sup> April  
Enrol for 1 or both days

Have fun learning and practicing Basketball with your friend. Each day's activities have been designed by one of our staff members Grace. Grace has a bachelor's degree in Sports Science & Physical Education, as well as Rep, Community and Referee Basketball qualifications. This program will focus on all the skills necessary to become a Basketball superstar with each day ending with a Basketball tournament.

### SOCCER CAMP

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April & Thu 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Enrol for 1 or both days

Learn to play like your favourite Soccer stars. Each day kids will participate and learn all the skills, match play rules and participate in a day with a World Cup Soccer tournament. If your child already plays soccer this program will take their game to the next level. The team of coaches attending the day include ex NSL and A-league players as well as current B license FFA coaches.

PH 0403 149 391 OR BOOK ONLINE [KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU](http://KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU)

- Cost per person \$55 per day.
- Pick up by 5:00pm, a late fee may apply if pick up is after 5:15pm.
- Structured activities run from 9am - 4pm - activities may vary from schedule.
- Mornings act as an ice breaker.



**LOCATED AT**

Aitken College

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