

# 'Around the Grounds' WPS Newsletter

Monday 13th February 2023

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# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Wednesday 15th February. Information for ordering photos is available on COMPASS. All students are required to be in school uniform for Photo Day. All students with shoulder length hair need to have their hair tied up.

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

**WED 15TH FEBRUARY**Candice O & Amy A

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY Melissa F & Ami S

MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY Heather B

WED 22ND FEBRUARY Sylvia B & Barb A

FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY Ami S & Kimberley S

# CANTEEN SPECIAL TREATS

This week 's special treat in the Canteen will be Vanilla & blueberry Pikelets and Apricot Bliss balls.. Next week will be Raspberry & Banana Muffins and Pizza Scrolls All items are \$1 each at recess and lunch breaks.



### **WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY**

- School Photo Day
- Grade 1 Parent Information session 6.00pm—in the Gym
- Grade 2 Parent Information session 7.00pm—in the Gym

#### **THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY**

 Foundation Responsible Pet Program

### **FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY**

- Inter School Sport Away Game Vs School of Good Shepherd
- Volunteer Helpers Session 9.15—10.45am

## WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

- Grade 3/4 Parent Information session 6.00pm—in the Gym
- Grade 5/6 Parent Information session 7.00pm—in the Gym

# THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

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#### FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

• I.S.S.—Home Game Vs St. Dominics



# **Out of School Hours Care**

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

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# Ms. D's Diary

### Dear Parents,

As we commence Week 3, we are so looking forward to seeing everyone at our Parent Information evenings this week for those who have children in either Grade 1 or Grade 2. Just a reminder, the details are as follows:

<u>Grade 1 Parent Information Night</u> - Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February @ 6pm in the Gym. <u>Grade 2 Parent Information Night</u> - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February @7pm in the Gym.

The sessions will cover everything you will need to know and more to set you all up for a successful 2023 School year. You will hear about our classrooms, the learning, behaviour expectations, homework etc. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions.

It is important that there is at least one representative from each family who attends the appropriate session.

Our sessions for the Grade 3-6 students are scheduled for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

#### Birth Announcements

Just in case you missed the exciting news over the last month, I am so excited to let you know that Cassie Keath and Nicole Rigby have both safely welcomed their new bundles of joy.

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Cassie welcomed baby Samuel José Perez on the 30th of December 2022

Nicole welcomed Aidan Jordan Rigby on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

I know you will join me in wishing both families every happiness.



# Whole School Photo Day

This Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February is also our whole school photo day. Please make sure your child is wearing a clean uniform and has his/her hair neatly styled. If you have any questions about the photo day, please call Maree on 9309 4350.

### Thoughts for the People of Turkey and Syria

Our thoughts and love are with those who have been affected by the devastation of the earthquake in Turkey and North-West Syria. We know that many of our students have relatives and friends in these locations and we are saddened knowing that you are going through such a difficult time. Please reach out to us for any support you think we may be able to support you with.

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Finally, thank you to everyone for such a smooth and positive start to the 2023 School year. Our classrooms are humming along magnificently and there is certainly a very positive buzz around the school. I look forward to seeing you at the Parent Information sessions over the next few weeks.

Jane Donaldson PRINCIPAL

# SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2023

CAPTAINS	INDI-LEE BLYTH	JACKSON ALBANIS
VICE CAPTAINS	ELANUR CALI	FINN HARVEY

# HOUSE CAPTAINS 2023

RALEIGH HOUSE	GOLD	
CAPTAINS	Tia- Jane Firth	Dash Minton
VICE CAPTAINS	Olivia Daly	Jack Hubbard
RIDDELL HOUSE	BLUE	
CAPTAINS	Summer Cowan	Bodhi Taylor
VICE CAPTAINS	Sarah El Turkmani	Ryder Aldridge
KENNY HOUSE	RED	
CAPTAINS	Emerson Hill	Callan Prescott
VICE CAPTAINS	Alyshia Laure	Zac Bibby
SHADFORTH HOUSE	GREEN	
CAPTAINS	Jacinta Quagliarella	Jason Camm
VICE CAPTAINS	Kaylah Osman	Joel Wings

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Be Safe!

#### **Privacy Collection Notice**

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education (the department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the <u>Schools' Privacy Policy</u>. This notice explains how the department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the <u>School Entrance Health Questionnaire</u> (SEHQ) and the <u>Early Childhood Intervention Service</u> (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- Emergency contacts Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- Student background information Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor,

plan and allocate resources.

- Immunisation status This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.
- Visa status This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: Enrolment: Student transfers between schools

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a Freedom of Information (FOI) application.

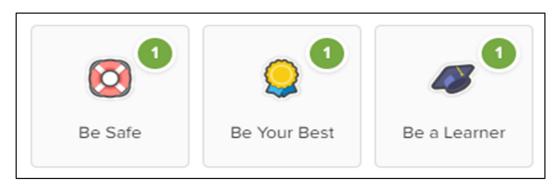
To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: <a href="Schools' Privacy Policy">Schools' Privacy Policy</a>



At Westmeadows Primary School, Class Dojo is implemented in every classroom to promote positive behaviours and actions.

Students are awarded 'Dojo' points based on our three behavioural expectations:



Points can be awarded in and out of the classroom. Class and Specialist teachers, the leadership team, ESS, Canteen, and administration staff can all award points.



It is important to note that this is a *positive* reward system for displaying positive behaviours and **not** a deficit system. Students cannot lose points.

Dojo points accumulate throughout the week and each class awards a weekly winner who receives a certificate. The Class Dojo Weekly Winner's name is placed on a randomiser wheel at our weekly school assembly with the winner collecting a prize.





Additionally, as their weekly points accumulate, students are then able to `cash in' their points using `Virtual Rewards'. Students brainstormed and shared some wonderful idea with each area level designing a **Dojo Virtual Rewards Store**. Awards include *stickers*, *stamps*, *lunch with a teacher/friend*, *free time*, *a class game* and a stand-out favourite `Lunch with the Principal!" Ms. Donaldson has enjoyed many of these so far!

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