

# Westall Whispers

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### WELCOME

I would like to welcome everyone to the start of the 2017 school year. I would also like to offer a very special welcome also to all of our new families. I trust your time at Westall will be very enjoyable for both you and your children. We have a school newsletter (Westall Whispers) that comes out every two weeks. We will also keep parents up to date with the web site and Instagram accounts. Please let either myself or the office know if there is anything we can do to help.

### CAMPS AND EXCURSION FUND

The state government has provided money for the children with parents on a Health Care Card to help with camps and excursions. If you hold a current health care card, please bring it to the office and we will add you to the system.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council is a very important part of every government school. We meet twice per term to discuss matters relating to the school. Each year we ask for nominations to our school council from parents or carers. In the past few years, meetings have started at 3.40 and usually finished by 5.00. If parents would like to be on but can't make that time, we can look at moving it. If you know someone who would be interested in joining the SC, we would like to hear from you. Please ask myself for a nomination form.

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE

This year we have started an After School Care program from 3.30-6.00. If you can't be at school to collect your child(ren) by 3.30, this is an excellent way of getting great help, with the children really enjoying themselves too. Please ask at their room, just next to the canteen.

### PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

The school will be holding Parent Information Evenings during the week of 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February. Please keep a look out for information regarding this event.

### BUILDING NEWS

We have had several meetings with architects and plans seem to be progressing well. This is a very exciting time for Westall Primary and Secondary schools, as well as the Clayton South community. On Friday I will be meeting with the architects and the Department building people to go over our plans for the new buildings. Keep a look out for plans and concepts around the office area. The Hub development is coming along nicely as well. The expected finish date is still around April/May of 2017, with it being operational from July 2017.

MR. RICHARD LLOYD  
Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
Summer Sports begins

**February 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Parents Information  
Evenings

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup>  
February**  
**NO school for  
FOUNDATION students**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
School Photo Day

### Melbourne Storm visit Westall

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Dylan, Jesse and Holly from the Melbourne Storm visited the students from Years 3 to 6. During their visit they discussed the role of the community in our lives, diversity in sport, respecting and getting along with people and their roles in playing for the Melbourne Storm. There were numerous video presentations and discussions on **Respect** and how we can help people at school and in our community.

They stressed the importance of the 3 H's as a way to embrace new people in our school and awarded many prizes to the students for the willingness to share their responses and join in the discussions.

**GO STORM.**

Kevin Nolan  
Physical Education



## SCHOOL BANKING

**Getting involved in School Banking is easy! We do most of the work for you!**

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

### 1. Online

Visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

### 2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is each Tuesday. Each week you need to bring your book with deposit money to school.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

### Free Dental Check-up Keeping Kids Smiling Program

Keeping Kids Smiling will be attending Westall Primary School from the  
6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The Keeping Kids Smiling is a program aimed to identify children in need of dental care and will help teach children how to look after their teeth at home. Children will receive a **FREE** dental check-up in the dental van by a Dental Therapist from Link Health and Community. The session will also include a toothbrushing lesson. Consent forms have been sent home with your child and are due back **10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**.

Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend on the day and all children will be sent home with a show bag. Parents will receive a letter informing them of the results of the dental check-up.



CLARINDA  
TENNIS CLUB

Clarinda Tennis Club (Crawford Road, Clarinda) is holding a **Free Tennis Day** on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February between 9am and 12 noon. Come along and have some fun.

Clarinda Tennis Club  
4 – 14 Crawford Road, Clarinda  
Phone: 95516339

Email: [clarindatc@gmail.com](mailto:clarindatc@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.clarindatennis.com.au](http://www.clarindatennis.com.au)

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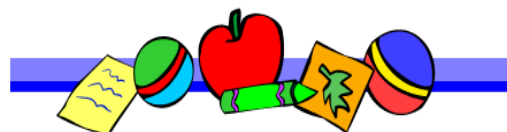
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## School Nursing Program

**SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM –**  
SCHOOL NURSE VISIT – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm

**Lynne Hardy** your visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school to conduct the Prep grade health assessments.

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment to link children, families and the school to relevant community services; and provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

If you have any concerns you would like to discuss with the Primary School Nurse and your child is in Prep a 'School Entrant Health Questionnaire' needs to be completed. If your concerns relate to a child in Years 1-6 a School Nurse Referral Form will need to be completed. Please speak to your class teacher who can assist you with this. The School nurse can then contact you regarding your concerns.