

# Westall Whispers

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### BUILDING NEWS

Early in February, I met with the department planning people to find that we have been 'upgraded' to Major Project status, which is terrific news. The architects are going ahead with planning in the schematic design phase, and we will get the chance to have a look on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. I will have more information after that date.

### ATTENDANCE

We all know how important it is to come to school every day that it is possible. We also know that from time to time, people get sick or injured and need a day off. What the research shows us though is that if a student misses one day a week, over their school life, it can put them **over 2 years behind the other students in their learning**. It is vital that your students come to school unless they are very ill. I have heard some excuses (from other schools) like "It was my birthday", or "We were taking Grandma to the airport". These are not valid reasons for students missing school.

### PARENT PAYMENTS

I know that it can be difficult for parents with payments sometimes, especially if you have more than one school aged child. If this is the case, please come to the office and we are happy to work out a payment plan for you. Discounts are still valid for school fees paid before the end of term.

### FOUNDATION STUDENTS

It has been great to see that since the start of March; our Foundation students have been coming to school five days per week. It is very common that they will be a little more tired than usual while they adjust (so are the teachers!)

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March is school Photo Day. Please make sure your child is dressed in his/her school uniform for the day. Hopefully it is warm, and windcheaters will not be required. All the information regarding photos and payment is being sent home soon.

### HARMONY DAY

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March is our annual Harmony Day, and Mrs Braganza has a great day planned for everyone. There will be cultural games, a musical performance cultural food and then a performance from the children. It really sounds like a great day. Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

### MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Next Monday is a public holiday, and there will be no school.

### FINAL DAY OF TERM 1

It seems strange that we are thinking about the final day of term already! School will finish on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30, and resume on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April (Monday 17<sup>th</sup> is Easter Monday)

MR. RICHARD LLOYD  
Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
Shave 4 A Cure Day  
Blue Day

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

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Harmony Day

### Interschool Summer Sports Result Round 2

Westall Versus Silverton

Basketball Mix	L	0-17
Basketball Girls	L	10-12
Volleyball Mix	W	40-15
Volleyball Girls	W	40-19
Hot Shots Girls	W	8-4
Hot Shots Mix	W	9-3
Softball Girls	L	8-14

### Round 3

Westall Versus St. Elizabeth

Basketball Mix	L	8-14
Basketball Girls	W	12-4
Volleyball Mix	W	40-14
Volleyball Girls	W	forfeit
Hot Shots Girls	W	8-4
Hot Shots Mix	D	6-6
Softball Girls	L	2-11

# Holiday Program Enrolment



It's time to enroll!

**Important Notice: Annual Enrolment is due again this April. Please ensure you complete Forms A, B & C (previous enrolment forms will no longer be used)**

**With the short term we are ready to start enrolment again from 9am Monday 6 March, closing 5pm Friday 24 March.**

Go to [kingston.vic.gov.au/schoolholidayprogram](http://kingston.vic.gov.au/schoolholidayprogram) to download the brochure and enrolment forms.

**Don't miss out! Make sure you return your enrolment forms to secure your place!**

**Children are invited** to attend excursions at the park, movies, comedy festival, the farm, Arthur's Seat Chairlift. In-house workshops, children can join in Laser Tag, African Drumming, Martial Arts and lots more. Epic Fun guaranteed. "See you there"

**Breakfast:** Is available between 7 – 8am (except Mill Street)

**Excursions:** will depart at 9am now instead of 8.30am. All children and educators will wear Hi-Vis vests when on excursion.

Program Locations: Yarrabah School, Aspendale, Dingley Primary School, Bonbeach Primary School and Moorabbin Primary School.

## **Enquiries and enrolments**

To enquire or enrol please contact Julie 95814846 or Kim 9581 4875

[schoolholidayprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:schoolholidayprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au)

Enrolment forms and additional information can be found at

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### Can't get through to your pre-teen or teen? Is the frustration affecting your relationship?

The Communicating with your Adolescent workshop will support parents by targeting personal effectiveness in communication skills to enhance your relationship with your child. You will explore the origins of your communication style, better understand the communication styles used by others and develop personal communication skills.

You will gain a better understanding of your approach to the relationship, and specifically to communication with your adolescent. The workshop will enable you to develop valuable strategies and tools to become more effective in your communication, fostering a stronger relationship with your pre-teen or teen.

#### Topics include:

- Self-awareness: understanding who you are and how you came to be at this point
- Active listening skills
- Conflict resolution and problem solving
- Being assertive
- Practical tools and strategies

Investing a few hours now, will create a valuable roadmap for navigating those challenging teen years.

#### Best suited to:

Parents and carers adolescents aged 10 to 17 years.

#### When:

The workshop runs across three Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday 15th March 7pm to 9pm

Wednesday 22nd March 7pm to 9pm

Wednesday 29th March 7pm to 9pm

Light refreshments provided.

#### Where:

Family Life meeting room, 197 Bluff Rd, Sandringham

#### Cost:

\$165 per person (\$150 concession)

#### Bookings and more information:

To book or for more info, visit us at [heartworks.com.au](http://heartworks.com.au)  
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