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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### BUILDING NEWS

Over the holidays we met with the architects and department planners over our new school plans. They look very exciting, and will be up near the office area. We will hear an announcement in the state budget on May 9<sup>th</sup> whether we are going to be funded for the building. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school and the whole community. Please feel free to look over the plans at this stage (they are likely to change slightly over the next few weeks).

### ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all those students who have made a great effort to be at school every day!! We appreciate this, as you will too in the coming years.

### 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.

### NAPLAN

On May 9, 10 and 11, the national Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (**NAPLAN**) testing will take place for all year 3 and year 5 students in Victoria. If you have children in these year levels, there will be some information coming home soon. The results of the tests are generally not known for several months unfortunately.

### EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is from May 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, and we have lots coming up during that week, including the Police band, a trivia night (Wed 24<sup>th</sup>) and other activities all around the theme of "**Healthy Body, Healthy Mind**".

Parents and friends will be invited along to take part in some of the events as well. Please keep a look out for details coming up soon.

MR. RICHARD LLOYD  
**Principal**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Parent / Teacher Interview

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**  
Winter Sports

**9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> May**  
NAPLAN

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
Education Week

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Police Band Incursion  
Whole School

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
Trivia Night  
5:30 – 7:00

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**  
District Cross Country

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
Division Cross Country

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
**NO School**  
**Queen's Birthday**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June**  
Regional Cross Country

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
Reports sent home

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**  
Last Day of School  
School  
**End of Term 2**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
Term 3 Begin



### JUNIOR MAYOR

Last week, our school leaders **Viva, Zion, Rema and Farhan** went along to the Kingston Junior Mayor competition, where they were to select a year 6 person to be the "Junior Mayor" for one year.

The junior mayor gets to go along to openings and important council functions, so it a very sought after position. Each candidate had to make a two-minute speech on the benefits of volunteering. Viva was our speaker, and she did a wonderful job, but unfortunately was not selected to be mayor.

As always, our students were exemplary with their attitude and behavior during the day, and should all be congratulated for their efforts for the competition. Well done, all!

### Interschool Winter Sports

#### Round 1

Westall v St. Elizabeth

Team		Score
Rugby Mixed	W	4-3
Soccer Boys	L	1-2
Soccer Mixed	W	3-2
Netball Girls	W	4-2
T-Ball Girls	L	8-10



Parents play a part in role modelling and encouraging children to developing creative atmospheres. At Westall Primary School, After School Care are welcoming to all parents to contribute your cultural and social creative activities with your children and have fun to bring smile for the children. You are most welcome to share your favorite cooking recipe, creative activities to bring your childhood back and happy!!!

Regards,  
**Shammi Sultana**  
Co-ordinator

### Homestay Providers wanted

# Do you have a spare bedroom ?

Are you able to provide a caring, safe and supportive environment for an international student?

Westall Secondary College's International Program is looking for English speaking families to accommodate for secondary aged International students who require homestay provision.

Our students are predominantly from China, Vietnam and Cambodia. Families receive weekly payment for providing this valuable service.

For further information, contact Mrs Po Sim Ngian on **95463233** during school hours, mobile: **0457569361** or email [png@westallsc.vic.edu.au](mailto:png@westallsc.vic.edu.au)



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### Parenting after separation is quite a challenge!

#### Do you need to improve your co-parenting arrangement?

In this Post Separation Parenting workshop, we redefine co-parenting as the "business" of maintaining a working relationship with the child's other parent in order to put the child's needs first.

The workshop aims to equip parents with greater skill in remaining child-focused, reducing conflict, improving communication with the other parent, and developing positive post-separation co-parenting arrangements.

Parents will be supported to reduce the stress around a challenging situation, while providing a safe space to discuss and explore co-parenting issues. You will develop a range of strategies to manage and improve the relationship with the other parent, and most importantly enhance the connection with your child and help with the adjustment to a "new normal".

#### Topics include:

- Communication
- Children's development
- Co-parenting strategies
- Parenting styles
- Managing conflict
- Self-care

Nobody wants their children to suffer in a relationship breakdown. Our workshop can help you to navigate the twists and turns of separated parenting.

#### Best suited to:

Separated or divorced parents, and carers. Only one party of the relationship can be accepted in each workshop.

#### When:

The workshop runs across four Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday 24th May 7pm to 9pm  
Wednesday 31st May 7pm to 9pm  
Wednesday 7th June 7pm to 9pm  
Wednesday 21st June 7pm to 9pm

Light refreshments provided.

#### Where:

Family Life meeting room, 197 Bluff Rd, Sandringham

#### Cost:

\$220 per person (\$200 concession)

Certificates of participation, suitable for submission to Court are available on completion of the workshop.

#### Bookings and more information:

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