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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



BUILDING NEWS

We were devastated to learn last week that Westall was not included in the 2017 State Budget for funding to build the new school. The good news is that the architects have been told to continue planning with the expectation that we will be funded in the 2018 budget. The reality is (my "glass half full" hat on) that no work would have started this year anyway, and this will give us the opportunity to be fully prepared when/if we are funded. There are current drawings of what the buildings would look like up near the office, so please come and have a look. The Hub building is very near completion and they expect late June or mid-July for this to be finished. The Library will be the first area opened, with a "Grand Opening" scheduled for later in the year.

NAPLAN

This week the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (**NAPLAN**) testing is taking place for all year 3 and year 5 students in Victoria. Students have been working very hard on these, as have the staff. The results of the tests are generally not known for several months unfortunately.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is from May 21st-27th, and we have lots coming up during that week, including the Police band, a trivia night (Wed 24th) 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.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parent Teacher interviews last week. These times are extremely valuable for teachers, students and parents to further communicate where the students are at with their learning. If you missed or could not make a time, please contact the school or your child's teacher to arrange a meeting. They generally only take 10 minutes of your time.

MR. RICHARD LLOYD
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

9th, 10th, 11th May
NAPLAN

Monday 22nd – 26th May
Education Week

Tuesday 23rd May
Police Band Incursion
Whole School

Wednesday 24th May
Trivia Night
5:30 – 7:00

Friday 2nd June
District Cross Country

Friday 9th June
Division Cross Country

Monday 12th June
NO School
Queen's Birthday

Monday 19th June
Regional Cross Country

Wednesday 28th June
Reports sent home

Friday 30th June
Last Day of School
School
End of Term 2

Monday 17th July
Term 3 Begin

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.

FOUNDATION UNIFORMS

Parents of students in Foundation who receive CSEF payments should soon be receiving an offer from the state government for free winter uniforms. The offer includes shoes, track pants, shirt or windcheater or jacket. Please return the forms by the end of May. This offer is only available to parents who are CSEF recipients unfortunately.

Interschool Winter Sports

Round 2

Westall v Resurrection

Team		Score
Rugby Mixed	L	3-4
Soccer Girls	L	1-7
Soccer Mixed	W	10-1
Netball Girls	L	6-14
T-Ball Girls	W	14-9



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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



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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:

To book or for more info, visit us at heartlinks.com.au
Email heartlinks@familylife.com.au or call (03) 8599 5488



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