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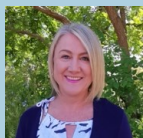
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KEY DATES

Pupil Free Day – Term 4, Week 7
Friday, 29th November

End of Year Concert – Term 4, Week 8
(Option 1) Wednesday, 4th December
(Option 2) Thursday, 5th December

Newsletter

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Composite Classes

Every year we receive inquiries from parents and carers about composite classes. I hope this information assists you in understanding the reasons why we have them.

Class Structure

Class structures vary from year to year influenced by the numbers in year level cohorts and the total number of students across the school. Schools are currently funded on the total number of enrolments and no direct consideration is offered to the numbers in individual year levels in this formulae. Individual schools then create effective learning groups of children often spread across 2-year levels. These are commonly referred to as Composite Classes.

One reason for having composite classes is a very practical one. Students simply do not enrol in neat groups of 26 junior primary or 30 primary students in each year level. Neither do parents enrol children in a balanced number of boys and girls! The primary reason for having composite classes, however, is educational.

There are significant advantages for children learning in multi-year level groups. At Westbourne Park Primary School, we make every effort to cater for the individual needs of children whether in a single year level or multi-year level class. Teaching in composite and straight year level classes occurs through whole class, group or individual activities. Topics are presented to the whole class and learning tasks and expectations are varied according to individual student needs and abilities.

Children also differ greatly in their rate of development e.g. all children learn to walk and talk at different ages and in different ways. However, when it comes to the learning at school, there is often a parent/carer expectation that all children learn the same things at the same time, same rate and the same age. This is not the case. All teachers cater for all students' individual needs.

In a composite class there are up to 30 students with different needs. In a 'straight class' there are also 30 students with different needs. A child's year level at school indicates their age (with in a fifteen-month span) and the average length of time each age group has been at school.

Composite classes are constructed very carefully and take into account many factors. The Year 3's in a 2/3 class, for example, are not of a lower average ability than those in a Year 3/4 class. Likewise, the Year 2's in a 2/3 class are not of a higher ability than those in a straight Year 2 class. Children have the opportunity to learn from and with each other whilst participating in learning tasks that are tailored to their individual needs.

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Composite Classes (cont'd from page 1)



Some Questions about Classroom Placement

Will my child have the same teacher two years in a row?

Teachers, like students, may move year level from time to time. This may mean that your child will have the same teacher 2 years in a row.

If my child is in a composite class this year could they still be placed in one next year?

Your child may be placed in a composite class in subsequent years due to the reasons previously discussed.

Will my child have all of his friends in her/his new class?

Our students nominate peers they would like to be in class with. This process is supported by their classroom teacher. Please note that peer requests will not always be possible. Where a teacher recommends a separation due to a learning, social, emotional or behaviour related issue, this will take precedence over any friendship preferences made. Parent/Carer requests for friends/peer separations are taken into consideration where relevant.

"Research shows it makes no difference to performance whether students are in a straight year group or in a multi-age class – it's the teacher who makes the difference." Multi-age or composite classes: 2008 to 2014, NSW Department of Education and Communities.

Cleo De Gouw

Acting Principal



Volunteering in the Canteen

As 2019 draws to a close, we will be saying goodbye to families who are leaving the school. This also means the canteen loses many of its wonderful volunteers.

Your help in 2020 would be greatly appreciated. The canteen can not operate and offer the many homemade choices it does without the help of parents and grandparents who give up their time to volunteer in the canteen.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in volunteering please contact the canteen via email wpps.canteen286@schools.sa.edu.au, the Front Office or call into the canteen.

The canteen is open on Tuesday-Friday and the shifts are for approx. 3 hours each day.

I would love to hear from you and welcome you in the canteen.

Many thanks and kind regards

Sally Stefanopoulos

Canteen Manager

Polling Process for the Materials & Services Charges for 2020

All families should now have received their polling application and voting slip.

Please note that voting slips need to be returned to the Front Office by

Friday, 22nd November 2019.

Tricia Ritchie

Business Manager

Habits of Mind



*Gathering data through all senses
Use your natural pathways!*

Play tasting, smelling, feeling, and sound location games. Draw pictures to music. Encourage "hands-on" experiments, cooking, model building, sewing, gardening and carpentry at home.

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Remembrance Day Memorial Service 2019

On Friday, M4 hosted the 2019 Remembrance Day Service. Our guests were Ms Nicolle Flint, the Federal Member for Boothby, Ms Carolyn Powers, the State Member for Elder, WO2 Scott Cawsey and Musician Emily Hewitt from the Band of the 10th /27th Army Battalion.

WO2 Cawsey was the guest speaker, who had already visited M4 and talked to the class about his job in the Defence Force.

M4 students wrote a report on his visit.

- I asked a question about if he had made any friends during his time serving? He said that he made a lot of friends all over the country and world. **Tom S**
- Scott's backpack is very useful, it normally weighs about 45kg (including his uniform and food). On the outside of his pack he keeps 4 bottles of water, 2 camel packs with a hose for easy drinking. In the middle of his pack he keeps a sleeping bag, a fold-out foam mattress and a cover for the sleeping bag with a zip and net for mosquitoes. He also has a first aid kit and a mozzie spray. **Isaac W**
- Out in the field they have to wear helmets. They weigh 3 to 4kg. They have night vision goggles to see really well in the dark. They work so well that you can even read a book with them on. **Abbie**



On Monday, 11th of November, Isaac W, Lucy and William B represented Westbourne Park Primary School at the Mitcham RSL Remembrance Memorial service at Mitcham.



Yard A Update

Fantastic News!

The installation of our new playground will commence on Thursday 12th December. As of the end of the school day on Wednesday 11th December the area will be fenced off and the playground will be closed on Thursday and Friday.

The process should take two weeks.

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Music Count Us In



On Thursday November 5th at 12pm, Westbourne Park participated in **Music Count Us In 2019**. Every year students across Australia take part, learning the song in the lead up to Celebration Day which sees students all around the country sing the same song, on the same day, at the same time.

Music Count Us In is Australia's largest school music advocacy and participation initiative, which has been growing steadily since 2007. Last year more than 3,000 schools and over 660,000 students took

part in the Music Count Us In program, which provided students with the opportunity to develop their music skills and simultaneously perform with schools around the country in a celebration of music.

This year the song is 'We Are'. It is a reminder of what music can do, how it makes us feel, and how it brings us together.

At Westbourne Park, Celebration Day involved all students from R-7 in this nation wide event. We projected a live stream from Surfers Paradise into the hall and sang, signed and played along with thousands of students from across the country.



Students in LC1 and LC2 played chime bars and Boom whackers, students in J1 and J2, and LC3 and LC4 played recorders, students from Upper Carlisle played ukuleles, and the entire school sang 'We Are' in both English and Australian Sign Language.



International research has demonstrated that children who learn music and arts have improved educational, social and personal outcomes – we are proud of the Performing Arts program at Westbourne Park, and what a wonderful way to celebrate it! Well done to everyone involved.

Anj
(Performing Arts Teacher)

Salvation Army Donations



Dear Families,

M11 are collecting tins and long-life packaged food on behalf of our whole school community to donate to the Salvation Army.



We are asking each child in our school, to donate at least 1 tin or packaged food item.

If every child in our school does this, we will collect well over 500 food items, which the Salvation Army will then be able to distribute, to people in need.

All food can be placed in the Chimney Box in the Library.

We thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

Kindest Regards,

Athina and the Year 1/2 students in M11.

Christmas Performance

A Christmas performance will be presented by the Central Mitcham Inter-Church Council on Monday, 9th December.

The presentation will involve a range of activities and interaction between students and the presenters. The duration of the seminar will be approximately 40 minutes.

This performance is not designed to promote religion, nor is the purpose to indoctrinate students in any direction. Rather, it is designed to educate students about the Christmas story and its role in the Christian faith.

If you would prefer your child be exempt from this presentation, please let us know via email to dl.0475_info@schools.sa.edu.au by Monday, 2nd December.

Students not attending the seminar will undertake other work under the supervision of a teacher.

Bethany Thompson
Pastoral Care Worker



School Banking

Well done to all the students who have banked their savings this year. Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot.

Our final School Banking day for 2019 is **Monday, 2nd December**.

If your child has collected 10 Dollarmites tokens and would like to redeem them for a reward item this term, please fill in a Redemption Slip and submit it with their banking wallet by Monday, 25th November. This will ensure the reward item arrives before the school holidays.

Any Dollarmites tokens that are not redeemed this year can be used in 2020.

Kate Holoyda - Banking Volunteer



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Student Achievements



On Saturday, 26th October, Lucy competed in the 2019 State Championships Women's Artistic Gymnastics Level 5 Under 12 competition. She placed 1st on floor and vault, and 3rd on beam and came first overall!

Congratulations Lucy!

We are always happy to share your child's achievements with our School Community, so please let us know by emailing to dl.0475_info@schools.sa.edu.au

We want your pens, textas, mechanical pencils and white outs now!



Well, the Oral Waste competition has finished and we didn't quite get there, but the challenge is not over.

We are now recycling pens, textas, mechanical pencils and white outs, in the Bic recycling program.

Writing Instruments are simple tools that we use on a daily basis, whether it be at home, school or work. Thanks to TerraCycle and BIC®, it is easy to recycle them for free, which helps to protect the environment. Please find our collection box outside of LC4.



Christina and LC4



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FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ORCHESTRA 2020



YEARS 5-10

AUDITION DATES

KLEMZIG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thursday 14 November, 8am to 6pm

Sunday 17 November, 2pm to 6pm

Thursday 21 November, 9am to 5pm



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT 8261 5438

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Sun 1pm - 4pm

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JOIN THE GLENELG Rebels SOFTBALL CLUB

Glenelg Rebels is a local softball club in the Adelaide competition, and we'd love you to join the Rebels Family.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

Our training ground is at the Marion Sports and Community Centre, on Sturt Rd at Marion. Games are played during summer at Barrett Reserve, West Beach.

We still have some room in our girls U14s team this season so are keen to hear from anyone interested! Beginners are welcome!

If you are interested contact Amy on 0424 908 075, or via glenelgrebels@hotmail.com or

[facebook.com/glenelgrebels](https://www.facebook.com/glenelgrebels)



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Marion Tennis Club

School Holiday Tennis Coaching

December	9-10am	15 16 17	20 21 22
January	9-10am	3 4 5	18 19 20 27 28 29

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COME AND TRY DAY
1st December
10:30am
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For further details contact
Fabian Muller
Female Football Director
gsfc@goodwoodstaints.com.au

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MFS Station Day St Marys

Saturday 23 November 2019 | 10:00AM - 2:00PM
1125 South Road, St Marys

Fun activities for the kids | Road Crash Rescue demonstrations
| Fire trucks | Recruitment information | much, much more!

