



Community Memo

27/09/2018

*To see a world in a grain of sand and heaven in a wild flower
Hold infinity in the palm of your hand and eternity in an hour. - William Blake*

Hi Everyone

I hope you are enjoying the school term break.

As we commence a new term we ask parents to be mindful of children's attendance. Primary students are ideally to be at school by 8.25am each morning, giving them time to greet friends and transition to school mode before they enter the classroom at 8.30am. We aim to build a lifetime of good habits just in this one rhythmic gesture. Repeated tardiness impacts not only the late child but other students as well.

Items below to keep in mind for the new term. Thank you.

TERM FOUR DATES

Day 1 for students: Monday October 8

Walkathon: Tuesday October 16, 1.30pm-2.30pm

Walkathon is back! A Walkathon Sponsorship Form was sent home on the last day of Term 3 for children to gather sponsors over the holidays if they wish. It is also available on the Parent Tab of the school website.

School Busy Bee: Saturday October 20, 8am-1pm

Circle of Security: October 13- December 8 (excl. Nov 3)

Open Day Fair: Saturday November 3, 10am-3pm

Information on the preparation and agenda for the day will be communicated by Julia, our Communications and Marketing Officer. Please note that attendance for the children is compulsory as these are registered school hours for West Coast Steiner School in 2018. All in our school community are invited to contribute wholeheartedly to this day of celebration.

Pupil Free Staff Development Day: Monday November 12

Children do not attend school on this day.

Bluearth Workshop for Parents and Staff: Wednesday November 7, 3.45pm-5pm

Rosemary Rowntree Presentations (Too Much Too Soon Evening Session and Transition to Class 1 Talk): TBA

Class 1-6 Excursion "The Nutcracker": November 27 - Details TBA

Class 6 Camp and Graduation

- Camp: October 22-26
- Graduation: December 12

Last Day for Kindy 5, 2018

- Tuesday December 11

Crowning Ceremony for Kindy 6, 2018

- Wednesday December 12 in the Performance Room.

Last Day of School Year for the Primary Children - December 13, 12pm

Staff Appraisals

Staff Performance Appraisals for the 2018 school year are held this term.

Parent Information Evenings

All Classes have a Parent Information Evening this term – dates TBA.

End of School Day Arrangements – Term 4, 2018

All children go home at the end of the school day for the students which is:

3.05pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

2.15pm Thursday

Any children who have not been collected by 3.20pm, wait in the office until parents arrive.

The back-pedestrian gate is locked at 3.30pm each day.

Communication Process

The first point of communication is the teacher, then if needed the Coordinator for Teaching and Curriculum (CTC). The CTC consults with College if required and follows up with the School Administrator as needed.

WCSS Website

Thank you to all who visit our school website. It is such a wonderful platform to stay in touch with what is happening across our school community. It is especially wonderful also to see the engagement on our Facebook page, such life-giving comments and school news. Just google West Coast Steiner School and open the doors to updates on the amazing things happening, including most recently the Michaelmas Festival and Kindy 4 Spring Festival.

Thank You

All support for the journey of each child is gratefully received. I look forward to the new term with the joy and privilege afforded as a member of a welcoming and life-giving community.

Our *witness* to that is our best teaching for the children and each other.

Gerard