Dear Parents/Carers,

To celebrate Book Week we are having a variety of activities during the week of 27th-31st July. Due to the proximity of the School Musical we will be celebrating Book Week a few weeks earlier than the official Book Week.

As Book Week is a time where books should be enjoyed and celebrated, all teachers are inviting parents to come into the class and read a favourite book to the students. You can arrange this with individual teachers at a time that suits you both.

**Monday 27th July: Visiting Author for Prep/One/Two Students**
Lorette Broekstra writes and illustrates children’s picture books. Lorette wrote and illustrated the best-selling *Baby Bear* and *Hugo* series. She will be spending a session with each of the Prep/One/Two classes.

**Tuesday 28th July: Multi-aged Activity Day**
Students will be mixed Prep-6 and rotate through two activities with different teachers during the first four sessions of the day. The session times are:

1) 9.15-10.40am
2) 11.20-12.45pm

**Wednesday 29th July: Visiting author for 3-6 Students Trace Balla**
Trace Balla works with people of all ages and abilities to inspire their creativity and awareness of the wonders of the natural world and the ample stories that surround us. Her book *Rivertime (which is a Shortlisted book this year)* is about appreciation of nature, facing challenges, not needing so much, and connecting with the earth. She will be spending a session with each of the 3-6 classes.
The cost of these activities is $5.00 and has been taken from the Excursion/In-House Activities Levy that is paid at the beginning of the year. The remainder has been subsidised by the Literacy budget. If you have not forwarded the $70 Excursion/In-House Activities Levy yet, please do so as soon as possible or enclose the fee in an envelope with your child’s name and grade to the classroom teacher.

**Friday 31st: Dress up and Book Parade**
Dress up as a character from your favourite book! The Prep-2’s will parade in the WEB space and 3-6’s in the Gym. Both Parades will begin at 9.15am. Parents are most welcome to attend both parades or alternate between the two.

**Shortlisted books**
Voting for the ‘Best Shortlisted Book’ will be completed in individual classrooms throughout the following weeks. The winning Book Week authors and books will be announced at morning assembly when they have been finalised by the Book Council of Australia.

If you have any questions about Book Week please feel free to ask your classroom teacher.

Thank you,
Westgarth Teachers.