What’s happening...

THE WOW BOARD.... What’s on at WESTGARTH......

Today I thought I would use this space to let you know about student lead activities happening around the School. I met with the School Captains and the Grade 6 Junior School Councillors this morning to gain some feedback about their leadership roles and what they liked about leading the student body at Westgarth Primary School.

Tomorrow at the Open Morning 9am to 10.45am, Jessica and Charlie, the School Captains, Sadie & James the Vice Captains and the Grade Six Junior School Council representatives, Aidan, Ashleigh, Jude and Chryzelle will be assisting staff members with the school tours throughout the morning. Below are some thoughts from the student leadership group about Westgarth.

What do you like about W.P.S?

♦ we are encouraged to walk to school
♦ interschool sport is not selective, everyone gets a chance to play in a team to represent our school
♦ students here are respectful of each other and of the environment we play in
♦ friends look out for you
♦ the outdoor space is big and the turf is really good to play soccer on. The dual campus gives us plenty of room to play. It’s also good because we get to be responsible for a buddy from the Brooke St side.
♦ that students are given responsibilities in their own classroom as well as around the school like composting, recycling, rubbish free lunches, organising assemblies, assisting with sustainable practices around the school and inside the buildings, looking after and being a role model/buddy for the junior classes and having a chance to lead fundraising activities across the school.
♦ the wonderful specialist programs, lots of instruments in Music, the amount of sporting events, the Kitchen Garden where we learn to grow plants and then how to use them in cooking and the Art lessons where you learn about different techniques and you get to practise them in your own work and learning Greek.
♦ I like the classrooms, where there are connecting doors so you can interact with another class.
♦ the technology is really good too- ipads, computers, interactive white boards.

What are the Junior School Council and Captains working on at the moment?

We are currently running a competition to rename the BER building. In each classroom there is an ideas sheet so students can add their names for the building on it.

We have also been looking at a range of games to be offered at the school fete. Chloe and Janine have asked for our feedback about the games we prefer to be offered from the list. We are putting together a student preference sheet about these games to give to the Fete committee. Finally, we are organising the student lead fundraising calendar of events for this year.

What improvements would you like to see?

♦ it is really congested in the street before and after school
♦ everyone needs to walk their bike past the wire fences and into the school grounds
♦ it would be good if the bike gate could be opened earlier
♦ it doesn’t feel safe out in the street because parents park illegally
♦ I’m worried about the preps crossing as they don’t always look both ways before they cross.

Con’t next page...
Thank you to this group of students who have shared their ideas this morning. I look forward to showcasing the school tomorrow, alongside our student leaders. Please take this opportunity to come and see your child’s grade at work or let a kinder family know about this event. I encourage you to walk, ride or park a little further away tomorrow to avoid traffic congestion.

School Assembly... This week we start our weekly assembly on Thursday in the Gym at 2.40pm. The School Captains organise this event in conjunction with the Grade 6 students. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to be practising their presentation and public speaking skills. At this first assembly we will not be awarding any Pupil of the Week certificates as we will be acknowledging the 2013 student leaders including School House Captains and Junior School Councillors Year 3-6 and awarding their badges. Please refer to a short synopsis on Page 3 of this newsletter regarding The Values Program and Student of the Week Certificate which is celebrated weekly at assemblies.

Spotlight of Sustainability at Westgarth
By Despina & Nikki
Nikki & Despina choose to promote rubbish free lunches as the focus of their Sustainability Passion Project last year. These practices are continuing to be implemented by students around the school and encouraged in all classrooms as the school works towards a Sustainability accreditation.

Why are Rubbish Free Lunch Packs so important?
"Because Australian households produce the second most amount of rubbish in the world (per capita). A lot of this rubbish ends up in the streets. It then goes down the drains to our rivers and beaches where it can kill water animals.

Rubbish free lunches also means that less rubbish will go to landfill. Some of the plastic in the landfill takes 100 years to decompose. Landfill sites also take up lots of land and produces nasty Green House Gases, so we want to reduce landfill. Packaging creates rubbish and uses precious resources to make plastic."

Westgarth Students are Reducing Landfill by:
- Using reusable storage containers for lunch boxes, snacks & drinking water
- Bringing "nude food" to school; food that has an edible or a compostable covering such as an apple, banana
- Composting food scraps
- Collecting weekly data on "Rubbish Free Lunches" across the school

What are the GOLDEN BOOT and GOLDEN LUNCH PACK Awards?
The Golden Boot and Golden Lunch Pack are weekly awards that are presented to the classes who have the highest percentage of students travelling to school by ‘green’ means, e.g. walk, scoot, skate, ride, public transport, carpool or the class who has the highest number of rubbish free lunch packs. Nominated class representatives, on a rotating roster collect this data, on varied days throughout the week. This data is entered and recorded to establish the winning classes. This year we will be awarding a trophy for the winning classes from both Brooke Street and Clarke Street sites each week at assembly starting next Thursday.

The Golden Boot & Lunch Pack Trophies are a way to bring attention to waste minimisation and clean, healthy transport to and from school. The Sustainability Team

Maths Night for Parents and Carers... We would love to see many parents and carers from all year levels at this interactive forum being conducted by Cath Pearn, from Melbourne University this Wednesday 22nd May at 7pm in the BER building.

Cath will be talking about the foundation numeracy skills needed in the primary years and ways parents and carers can assist numeracy development from Prep to Grade 6. See you there.

Have a rewarding week.
Cheers, Lynne Mackie, Acting Principal.

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**Diary Dates**

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**Term Dates 2013**

Term 2 15/04/2013 - 28/06/2013  
Term 3 15/07/2013 - 20/09/2013  
Term 4 07/10/2013 - 20/12/2013

**Uniform Shop**

Open Tuesday from 3:15pm

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**School Photos - Tuesday 28th May**

School Photos will be taken next Tuesday, the 28th May. A reminder to families to return forms to the office. Individual forms are required for each child and a family order form to be completed should a family photo be required. Alternatively, you can order online [http://www.arthurreedphotos.com.au/schoolorder.aspx](http://www.arthurreedphotos.com.au/schoolorder.aspx).

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**Student Health and Well-being**

We would like to welcome Louise Green to the role of school nurse at WPS. Over the next few weeks, Louise will be introducing herself to all the students and speaking with each class regarding hygiene and hand washing practices whilst at school. All classrooms are supplied with a soap dispenser, tissues, paper hand towel and access to a sink within the class environment.

On this note, it is important that if your child has shown signs of gastro or vomiting overnight or before school, that they are given an opportunity to rest and recover. This assists in minimising the spread of infections to both students and staff. We all appreciate your consideration in this matter, particularly as the cold weather and coughs and colds are upon us. Carolyn Shiels (Assistant Principal)

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**Brooke Street Playground Update.**

As a school community we have received many positive comments relating to the third entrance on Brooke Street. The next stage of the playground re-development will involve the removal of the existing canopy over the sandpit on the west boundary and the relocation of a new sand pit further north. The Environment Sub-Committee is currently confirming quotes for the purchase and planting of mature age trees in the playground, whilst the weather is cool. It is anticipated that further earth works will be carried out by the same contractor to develop other aspects of the playground. Carolyn Shiels (Assistant Principal)

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**The Values Program and Student of the Week Certificate**

The school teaches values by integrating the You Can Do It! Program throughout the curriculum.

The purpose of the You Can Do It! Program is to cultivate social, emotional and behavioural well-being in students. It aims to provide them with a positive mindset necessary to develop the following four foundations:

**Confidence** - Being Independent, Taking Risks, Accepting Myself  
**Getting Along** - Playing By the Rules, Thinking First, Being Tolerant of Others  
**Organisation** - Planning My Time, Setting Goals  
**Persistence** - Working Tough, Giving Effort, I can Do It

The Student of the Week certificate is awarded to a student who has demonstrated that they possess one or more of the four foundations. Their achievement is celebrated within their classroom, and the school community through our whole school assembly.
**Cross Country**
What a great turn out of students we have had over the last few weeks for cross country trials at lunch time. Thank you to all of the students who participated and congratulations to those who made the team. It was great to see so many students keen to run and I encourage all of you to continue. A big thank you to all the parents and teachers that assisted with the trials.
The selected students for the District Cross country are listed below. They will compete at Bundoora Park on Wednesday 29th May. Good luck to all runners.
Cheers, Ricky Davis. PE

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**Book Club News**
Book Club orders are due back at school by Friday 31st May. Orders will not be accepted after this date. Please put student name/grade on the order form. Orders may be returned to school anytime before that due date. Dianne (Book Club Organiser)

**Book Fair News**
Thank you to all the students, parents and carers who supported the Book Fair. All back orders have been delivered to students and I hope you enjoy reading all your new books. Look out for new books arriving in the library.
Dianne (Book Fair Organiser)

**Book Club Ordering**
Many of you will be aware that for many years we have had a relationship with Scholastic Book Club. In return via commission, we choose a selection of books for our library. Dianne, the school's library technician co-ordinates the Book Club and is responsible for delivering the catalogues and order forms to your child’s classroom. In order to deliver a responsible service, we ask that you please complete the form below and return it to the school office by next Friday 24th May if you DO NOT wish to receive the Scholastic catalogue/order form in the future. Please note that if you choose to receive the catalogues you are under no obligation to place an order. We trust this process is a satisfactory arrangement for all families.

Please **DO NOT** provide the regular Scholastic Book Club Catalogue and order form to my child/ren.
Please reply by Friday 24th May.

Child's Name_________________________Teacher_________Grade_________
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Westgarth Idol – Saturday 1st June 2013

Very Enormous Ticket Sale THIS FRIDAY, 24th May

Thornbury Theatre has stood for 87 years. No-one wants to overegg the pudding, but based on the electrifying rehearsals to date, it is safe to suggest the trusty boards of the noble stage of the grand old lady are about to host an event like no other that has gone before. Except maybe the wrestling last week.

Now that Julie Atkin, Tamsen Osbourne, Mick Coleman and Tony Swingler have joined existing acts, there are no less than 28 Idols across 12 acts, 13 musicians, 1 comedian and 3 dim sim pastry chefs working furiously on what will be a night for the ages. Hopefully they'll calm down soon. The jam packed evening commences at 6:30, that is 1830 hours, ie 6:30 pm.

Here are the details for the Very Enormous Ticket Sale:

- Tickets on sale at 9 am this Friday at the eastern end of the new BER building on Clarke St site, ie the last door before the kitchen garden.
- Tickets are $20 each. Payment can be cash or cheque to “Westgarth Primary School”
- Tables seat 10 as standard though can stretch to 12 fairly comfortably.
- You can buy full tables, part tables or individual tickets.
- Tables on the dance floor offer prime Idol viewing then are packed away for a late evening dance frenzy
- There is not a bad seat in the house. Balcony seating provides a deluxe view and proved popular last year.

Could those planning on queuing overnight please ensure that bivouacs, campfires, billys and toasted marshmallow remnants do not impede access to the Farmhouse building. Only four years in a row for that lame gag.

Unbelievably, Jon Bon Jovi tickets are on sale this week too. The dinner package is a bargain at $650 though you still need to hire your mullet wig and bling.

Reminder: Please notify OSHC either by phone 9482 3323 or email asc.westgarth.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au if your child is absent or has been collected form sickbay during the day and will not be attending the program.

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Parents & Friends Working Party - I've been getting feedback from various parents that WPS Parents & Friends should have a broader role than fundraising for the school. Some ideas that have been floated include welcoming new parents, running social events, educational evening talks to assist parents in supporting their child/ren at school, special interest groups eg craft, gardening etc.

School Council has approved the formation of a Working Party to consider the role of Parents & Friends at WPS, and to come up with a set of policy/guidelines/framework to operate under. We will be using a variety of methods to collaborate on this so please don't feel you are unable to contribute if you are not available during school hours. If you are interested in either the working party or in contributing an idea/suggestion, contact Emma.

Silent Auction Stall Holder - Who bagged themselves a marvelous treat at the Silent Auction last year? There were a wealth of prizes offered and we're looking to do the same this year, but to do it WE NEED YOU! We're looking for a Silent Auction Stall Holder who will:

- source items to offer the punters (we can help with an exhaustive list of contacts from last year)
- seek donations from the school community (eg weekend loan of a holiday house)
- Prepare items for display at the stall
- Running a roster of volunteers to staff the stall on Fete day

If the Silent Auction stall is for you (or for you and a group of friends), contact either Chloe or Inger.

Kids Café Stall Holder - STILL LOOKING! - Last year Jo ran a fabulous Kids Café. This year she's had to hang up her stall holder's cap due to other commitments, so we're on the hunt for a new kids café stall holder. You'll be:

- deciding the type of menu you'd like to offer and putting forward your ideas for discussion with the Fete Committee
- calling (via the newsletter) for volunteer bakers to either cook to your specifications and/or to provide their own delicious treats
- arranging the purchase of food/drinks if required (budget to be approved by Fete Committee)
- running a roster of volunteers to staff the café
- maintaining the Kids Café volunteer baker's register listing who baked what treat, its ingredients

This year the Kids Café will be based in the school canteen so you'll have a real tuckshop with full facilities at your disposal (including windows to sell from!).

If the Kids Café is for you (or for you and a group of friends to share), please contact either Chloe or Inger.

Raffle Sales Coordinator - PLEASE HELP! Dan, our Fete Raffle Prize Coordinator, is still hard at work putting together a fabulous prize pack for this years Fete raffle. But so far no one has come forward to handle the sales side. It's really not as scary as it sounds, and members of the Fete committee promise to sign up to help you sell tickets at the Saturday sales tables!! You would be:

- liaising with the School Office for the distribution of ticket booklets to WPS families
- calling (via the newsletter) for volunteer sellers at the Fete and at Saturday sales tables set up at local shopping centres/strips
- running a roster of people to sell tickets on Fete day at the Raffle stall
- organizing sales of tickets at two (or more!) pre-Fete Saturday morning sales tables (booking a site and rostering sellers)

The Fete Committee has contacts for Saturday sales table sites, so don't be at all daunted by the last dot point! If you can help Dan out, please contact either Chloe or Inger.

If you have any queries about WPS Parents & Friends, please contact me Emma Savage.
Twisters Gymnastics Club has moved to a new fully set up permanent facility in Northcote. Twisters provide a supportive environment, for children aged 2–13 years, to explore gymnastics. Try your first class for only $15 with no obligation to join. 5/177 Beavers Rd, Northcote. School aged classes: Weeknights 4–8pm and Saturdays 9–4pm. Preschool classes: Mondays, Wednesdays 11am, 12pm, 1pm. Cheerleading: Wednesdays 7–8pm. Contact Sarah 0409 432 893. Website: www.twistersgym.com.au Email: twistersgym@dodo

Entertainment Books – Would you like to save 5% when you shop at Coles / Kmart / Safeway / Big W / Dan Murphy / Dick Smith / Masters?

You can when you purchase the 2013/2014 Entertainment Book. In addition to those savings the book is full of hundreds of valuable 2-for-1 and 25% to 50% off offers for attractions, cinemas, restaurants, cafes, sports, hotel accommodation and much more. Many local businesses are included. A sample book is available at the office for perusal and can also be viewed online at www.entertainmentbook.com.au

The books cost $65 with $13 going towards our school’s fund raising. To purchase a book complete the order form which was sent home recently and return to the school, or drop by the office or you can order online (contact me for details). If you have any questions feel free to contact me Mary Skarpetis on 0423 195 001 or mskarpetis@optusnet.com.au. Buy a book now and start saving immediately!

Kids Back to School Screening Day 2nd July 9.30am

Victorian Aboriginal Health Service at 186 Nicholson St Fitzroy, Come along and enjoy our deadly day with us here at VAHS. NRL players & AFL players, entertainment, games, face painting, Koori dancing & more. Call Shelly or Tamekah on 9419 3000.

School Holiday Programs 28th June to 12th July

Extend Holiday Program: Call 1300 366 437 or visit extend.com.au

City Of Darebin Holiday Program: Collect brochure and registration form from the school office or call the City of Darebin on 8470 8117.

The Great Gatsby - Glamour Fundraiser - Westgarth Cinema Sunday 16 June 5:45pm

See Baz Luhrmann’s decadent new film in style and raise money for Orphfund at the same time. Keep the date free and let me know if you are interested - more details to follow. The night will include ticket, glass of bubbles, choc-top, raffles and glamorous prizes. All profits will go to help build a school for orphans in Sierra Leone. Check out Orphfund’s great work at www.orphfund.org. Email or text me to get on the invitation list: caroline-roberts@netspace.net.au or 0412 367 153. Numbers are limited! Hope to see you there, Caroline (Percy 1/2 Rosie & Hugo 3/4 Bianca’s mum)

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Fibre Red returns (momentarily)! For those of you craving more of the beautiful Melbourne designed and made knitwear (100% merino wool), Fibre Red is back for the month of May only at the location below. Alternatively you can email orders/enquiries to: enquiry@fibrered.com.au, view catalogue http://www.fibrered.com.au/catalogue.php

Melbourne 18-21 May and 25/28 May Level 2/95 Victoria St, Fitzroy. Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm Mon–Tues 10am—6pm

SealPony Soccer is a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5–10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic skills. Fun games & activities, Great giveaways. For more information call Joe 0415 388 028 or email jyamen@optusnet.com.au. Every Sunday morning starting 2nd of June 2013. Registration Date: Sunday 11 am – 11:30 am 26th of May 2013 at James Street Reserve. Heidelberg Heights 3081

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