WOW BOARD… What’s Happening at WESTGARTH

This week is Reconciliation Week - recognising Aboriginal people as the first Australians and their unique contribution to our national identity and culture. Students will be talking about the value of Recognition. Recognition is important to all of us. Being recognised as a valuable member of society or for a specific contribution makes us feel included and valued.

For Aboriginal people, welcoming to country and paying respects to custodians are important protocols. This week at the morning assemblies, students will be acknowledging this Aboriginal custom. Activities in classrooms and across the school will give students opportunities to discuss how to ensure recognition protocols are meaningful and to raise awareness with our students of the importance and value that the Aboriginal culture and heritage has contributed to our society.

Maths Information Night…..
Thank you to the parents who participated in this very informative and interactive night with Kath Pearn. Some of the wonderful feedback from parents included - I learned ways that are actually fun to learn maths, how simple it can be to incorporate maths into each day, the importance of counting to "get" maths, the use of board games as a maths tool and I learned some simple games to use with my kids at home.

Kath provided the group with some very practical strategies for parents to use at home and she highlighted the important foundation numeracy skills that all children need as they progress along the maths continuum. Congratulations Kath, on a fun filled night of practical Maths activities.

Student of the Week.....
This week, at our Whole School Assembly, we begin presentations of Student of the Week, the Golden Boot and the Golden Lunch box awards. As there are many students receiving awards at assembly, we will now be announcing in our classes, the students who will be receiving the Student of the Week Award. In the days leading up to the Thursday assembly, the class will recognise this student’s contributions/achievements, by making a book or a poster about the values that the student has been displaying. At assembly, Student of the Week Certificates will still be awarded by name only and this will then be printed in the next newsletter. Whole School Assemblies are held on Thursdays at 2.45 in the Gym. The School Captains and Staff look forward to seeing you there.
For Reconciliation Week we have been watching some amazing films from the “Dust Echoes” series. This is a series of Dreamtime stories made into animated films. It is on the ABC website, so the short films are OK for kids of any age to watch. Check them out at: http://www.abc.net.au/dustechoes/dustEchoesFlash.htm

Dreamtime stories are tales that have been passed down through the generations to help people learn lessons and know the rules and responsibilities of the tribe they live in.

The Film entitled “Whirlpool” is about a group of people who get chased by a tribe of villainous men. The chase each other down a river and a sea monster stops the villainous tribe, saving the group of people. I think the story teaches us not to bully because there are consequences.

Alexie  Grade 6 Andy

Here is an image of the Sea Monster from the movie “Whirlpool”}

If you park near the school please follow the parking restriction signs. These are designed to improve safety for everyone, especially our children.

Westgarth Primary School 2
Diary Dates
Thurs 30th May School Assembly in gym 2.40pm. Item: 3/4 Bianca
Fri 31st May Visit from Singapore Students
Sat 1st June Westgarth Idol
Wed 26th Jun Parent Teacher Interviews
Sun 20th Oct Westgarth Fete
Thurs 12th Dec Grade 6 Graduation

Meetings
Extraordinary School Council Meeting Monday 3rd June 5pm - 6:30pm
OSHC Thursday 6th June 2pm in Grace's Office
Environment Thursday 6th June 4pm in Resource Room
Policy Friday 7th June 8:30am in Resource Room
Finance Thursday 13th June 8:30am in Grace's Office
School Council Wednesday 19th June 7pm

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

Chocolate Drive
Chocolate boxes will be sent home early next week. A note will be sent home tonight should you wish to NOT participate in this school fundraiser.

What’s happening in OSHC? Term 2, Week 7 27th to 31st May

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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.

Fete ~ Hand Craft Stall
Now that the cold weather is upon us many of us may be staying in on the couch and keeping ourselves busy with sewing, quilting, felting, crochet, knitting and the like. We are putting out an early call to consider making something a little extra to donate to our wonderful Hand Craft Stall at this years Whopping Great Fete on Sunday 20th October.
We are also on the lookout for volunteers to make up some items for us, simple knitted items (we will supply wool and patterns) simple sewing projects (again we supply fabric and patterns) and also for some volunteers (adults or children) to make up some pom poms! We have wool, though if anyone has any to donate we would love to accept it.
I will place a basket in the office area for any donations of wool or made items, and please do contact Catherine (Louis 5 Glenn) or myself if you are able to make up some items for us. Email (Jo, Geordie PH, Lulu 34D and Asha 5M) ashalulu@gmail.com Thank you!
## Westgarth Primary School - Parents & Friends Association

Requests for Assistance

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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, 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 being on the working party, contributing an idea/suggestion or have any queries about WPS Parents & Friends, please contact me. Cheers, Emma Savage.

### Westgarth Idol - Saturday 1st June 2013 - Utilitarian Westgarth Idol Article

Parents of Westgarth, how truly dost thou rock? With over 350 tickets sold a bumper Westgarth crowd will ensure a bumper Westgarth evening. Mega thanks for the mega support. There are still tickets available via Mary Louise on 0402 496 895

Right, no more rubbish. Down to business:

**Theatre:** 859 High St Thornbury.

**Start time:** 6:30 pm this Saturday. ie six thirty pm. That is 1830 hours.

**Idols:** Twelve preposterously exciting acts. Vote early, vote often. Autographs may be available at the Purple Emerald afterwards.

**Dancing shoes:** Pack. Band will do a ripping dance set. Optionally rehearse popular patterns, ie “The Sprinkler”, “The Shopping Trolley” etc.

**Trivia:** The Amazing Golden Trophy will be back up for grabs. Can whoever won it please bring it?

**Bars:** There is a full service bar at rear and an express bar within theatre. Please note no BYO drinks at all; this is in breach of the theatre’s licence and bags may be checked.

**Food:** Welcome to BYO food or buy from Bar Menu here: [http://thethornburytheatre.com/menu/](http://thethornburytheatre.com/menu/)

**Idol Signs:** Welcome to bring same, eg “Kate Rules, OK?”. The teachers will be conducting random grammar checks.

**Jam packed program:** It sure is. That’s why it will be great to be there at 6:30pm.

**Pathetic jokes:** No time to think any up this week.

**Tingles of anticipation:** Welcome same. Marble staircase and memorably gob smacking performances beckon.

### Entertainment Books - Imagine saving between 5% and 50% on everything you do and buy!

Imagine being able to save 25% - 50% on dining out, doing things with your friends and family, and 5% on your groceries and petrol all year round! How? By having an Entertainment Book. Check one out at [www.entertainmentbook.com.au](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au) or go by the office to have a look at one. Each book contains over $15,000 in valuable offers from businesses large and small (including many local ones). The books cost $65 with $13 going towards our school’s fund raising. So not only do you save, but Westgarth gets some fund raising dollars. A win-win! How can you get 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 contact me Mary Skarpetis on 0423 195 001 or [mskarpetis@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mskarpetis@optusnet.com.au). Buy a book now and start saving immediately!