WOW BOARD......What's happening at WESTGARTH.

On Friday we hosted a visit from 30 students and 5 staff members from Eunos Primary School in Singapore. Thank you to our School Captains Charlie, Jessica, James and Sadie for their welcome and to Phana, Andy and pre service teacher Marnie, for their organisation of the day, engaging students in the wonderful programs offered at W.P.S. The Singapore students were buddied up with our students so they could work alongside each other in the Kitchen, cooking Pizzas, taking part in science and biodiversity activities in the Garden and finding out how the 'Stop Motion' presentations are developed. This is what Eva and Daniel from Andy’s grade had to say about the visit...... *I'm sure all the Grade 6’s enjoyed taking the children through and around the garden because the Singapore students loved all the colours and smells, especially the lambs ears (the furry leaves). They were very helpful in stop motion taking care with every photo and movement. We learnt that at their school there are about 1,200 kids and we feel very lucky that they came and gave us a wonderful experience.*

Parent Teacher Interviews........Wednesday 26th June 2.00pm-7.00pm

On Wednesday afternoon 26th June parents of students in Years Prep-6 (*excluding Prep Kat & 1/2 Nettie – see below) will be having Parent Teacher Interviews. The normal teaching program will be suspended from 2.00p.m. so that classroom teachers can be released to meet with parents/guardians. Once again, we will be using the community portal 'Compass' for interview bookings online. Further booking information will be advised soon. This time usernames and passwords for logging on will be emailed. If you are not on the W.P.S email register, information will be available in next week’s newsletter to assist you. Individual classroom teachers may have other times available during this week, Monday 24th – Thursday 27th June, which they will indicate on the online booking portal.

*Please note Prep Kat and 1/2 Nettie will be conducting interviews the week prior, on Wednesday 19th June from 2.00pm – 8.00pm. We are unable to use the online booking system for these interviews, so a note will be sent home where you indicate your preferred times to meet the teacher. Nettie and Kat will then advise you of your interview time.

Have an enjoyable week everyone.

Cheers, Lynne Mackie. Acting Principal

PS. Grace is making good progress after her arm surgery. Thank you to all the members of the W.P.S community who have enquired about her health.

Idol.... A huge thank you to all parents, staff and community members who once again delivered an electric performance from the stage, organised the venue, sold tickets, promoted the evening, attended numerous band rehearsals, prepared the trivia, counted votes, developed the entertainment and once again provided an outstanding social occasion for everyone who attended. I know that the sale of tickets was hotly contested. It is such a positive experience to have everyone come together and enjoy each other's company in a social setting outside of school. There are so many people to thank but a special mention must go to Justin and George who are hanging up their microphones...... Great job everyone!

We always enjoy the banter that comes from the stage. Carolyn Shiels
Diary Dates
Thurs 6th June  School Assembly in gym 2.40pm. Item: Prep Sarah
Mon 10th June  Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Fri 21st June  Reports and Portfolios go home.
Wed 26th June  Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 28th June  Last Day of Term 2. Students dismissed at 2pm
              (OSHC available for care)
Sun 20th Oct  Westgarth Fete
Thurs 12th Dec  Grade 6 Graduation

Meetings
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 Fundraiser - Chocolate boxes will be sent home tonight. Please sell them to your family, friends, neighbours and workmates - anyone with a sweet tooth! Each bar sells for $2.50 and the whole boxes equates to $60. Money and/or unsold chocolates are due back by Friday 21st June 2013

School Reports - If you require 2 reports for your child please let the office know on 9481 5577 or email Nella at bordin.nella.n@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Cross Country
Congratulations to all the runners who participated at the District Cross Country last week. You all represented the school with confidence, enthusiasm and were outstanding in your performance. Thank you to Brenda, Taryn, Andrew and Tash (pre-service teachers) and Laz Bardakos (parent) who went with the students on the bus and helped with marshalling. Thank you to all the other parents who also attended and supported the Westgarth students on the day. Westgarth finished first in the boys and sixth in the girls events. Below are the students that competed. Good luck to the students (shown in bold below) who will go on to compete at the Division Trials on Wednesday 12th of June, after finishing in the top 8 at District Trials last Wednesday. Cheers, Ricky Davis. PE Coordinator

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Primary School Under 12 State Soccer Squad
Congratulations to James D who last week made the final 30 for the Primary School Sport Victoria Under 12 Years Football (soccer) squad. It is a great achievement so well done James! Cheers, Ricky Davis. PE
## What’s happening in OSHC?  Term 2, Week 8 June 3rd – 7th

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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.
- OSHC News: On some mornings we are having as many as ten children arriving who do not have a booked place and many are not arriving. Could parents and carers please remember to notify OSHC of absences and make bookings for casual attendances for both before and after school care. For legislative and staffing reasons it is important that we know accurately how many children will be attending at any one time.

### You Can Do It! 🌟

**Congratulations to these Students of the Week!**

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School Council met last night to follow up on the issues raised at the Parent Forum (held early May) that fall within the School Council’s area of responsibility. Those issues are: ‘parental involvement’, ‘wellbeing’ and the ‘Languages other than English (LOTE) Program’. The school has already started considering and implementing many of the other issues raised at the Parent Forum relating to operational matters and school organisation – the proactive approach that staff are taking is commendable. Needless to say, School Council and staff will continue to keep the other apprised of what each is doing and in many cases work together.

These are the issues that were under consideration at last night’s meeting:

**Parental involvement**: The school is in the process of preparing a new school handbook that will be a reference point for parents and carers, and will cover how parents and carers can be involved in various aspects of the school. Importantly, School Council ‘related’ matters will be considered by the recently established Parents & Friends Working Party. These are matters such as: opportunities for all parents and carers to get involved, including those who work full-time and want involvement out of school hours; scheduling information sessions; and mentoring new parents and carers.

**Wellbeing**: The Policy Committee is in the process of reviewing the ‘Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy’. The relevant wellbeing issues raised at the Parent Forum will be addressed as part of that process.

**LOTE Program**: LOTE was the most noteworthy issue arising from the Parent Forum. This is clearly of interest to many parents and carers, and School Council has agreed to conduct a LOTE review. We talked about the need for extensive information gathering and dissemination before views are sought from the wider school community. There are so many considerations. We want to act while there is the momentum but at the same time, we do not wish to rush such a big decision. A decision will be made by the School Council and Principal based on careful consultation with the school community, including, of course, staff. It will involve deciding which language and what type of language program will be offered. One option will obviously be to retain Greek and/or the Greek program currently offered.

**At its next meeting on 19th June**, the School Council will proceed to establish a Languages Working Party and appoint the Convenor. The make up and terms of reference will then be determined. Guidance will be sought from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. We will keep you updated. In the meantime, you may wish to look at the DEECD’s guide on LOTE reviews: [www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/teachlearn/student/startlangprogguide.pdf](http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/teachlearn/student/startlangprogguide.pdf).

In summing up their impressions of the Parent Forum, every person at our meeting remarked on the positive and respectful attitudes they encountered that evening. We unanimously agreed it was a constructive experience and that we conduct again in the future. For now, we will begin the work ahead. We will be regularly communicating developments to you and will be seeking your contributions along the way.

Ully Merkel,
President
GOODWILL - A Participatory Arts Project designed by Kym Maxwell. GOODWILL is an arts project that utilizes participatory research as part of learning about the politics of social play with loose materials. Come and be part of this research by attending a non-gallery site at the times below to use the GOODWILL KIT to design a space, send an image to one of two social media archives. Small Block Café 130 Lygon St Brunswick West Thurs 6th June, Fri 7th June & Sat 8th June from 2-5pm. Perimeter Books 748 High St Thornbury Wed 12th June & Thurs 13th June from 1-3pm.

Children’s stationary needed for kids in India - Message from Kristal (mum of Oskar & Ineke) “I am in India and am volunteering at an NGO called HEEALS, which is based in Delhi. It is a grass roots org that focuses on sustainable development. Its key areas are providing awareness about the issues of safe drinking water and good sanitation in order to keep girls in school.” The rest of the family are traveling over to India at end of term and have a suitcase free to bring over: wax crayons, children’s educational books (encyclopaedias, alphabet books, number books), pencils/rubbers, small children’s educational games, card games, puzzles, colouring in books. A box is on the verandah of 4 Derby St. All donations of the above are welcome if in good condition or new. Thanks.

Community News

Sale Wooden Cot and Highchair
Both items in very good condition.
Phone Mel on 0416 176 784.

Alphington Football Club
soccer registration day.
Prep to U12 girls and boys for the Development Squad.
Time: Wednesday 12th June 4.00pm
Venue: Alphington Park Oval
Cost: $120 for the term
Season commences Wed 17th July, 4.30-5.30pm.
Queries: Stephanie Burrows on 0423 280 781

Westgarth Idol Wrap
The sun also rises in Northcote though what a panoply of emotion greeted the great orb Sunday last. A generally soporic panoply to be sure, but peeping through the haze, as much as any other, was a sense of experiential denial: did that really happen? Did twelve magnificent idols produce those twelve so ridiculously extraordinary performances? Did the Leader of the Pack really die? Did someone really bring cold dim sims? Did Robbie Williams really get his mohawk back stage? Did Nick Cave really channel into the room? And Tina? And Barbara, and Donna, and all the glorious rest???
As the grandstand said to the flagpole, no-one wants to over egg the pudding; but since it’s well and truly cooked to the gills anyway:

- To the magnificent 400+ people who attended and delivered to their community a generosity of spirit, warmth and exuberance that smacked the performers to their back teeth: viva youse
- To the 29 dynamic idol performers over 12 unforgettable acts: viva youse
- To Mary Louise Crusi and helpers who ran the tickets, the room, the voting, the counting: viva youse
- To Jason McGann and helpers for the absurdly sublime sound and light show: viva youse
- To David Oakley and his selfless video cameras: viva youse
- To all who contributed so generously to the Idol voting to take fundraising to record levels: visa youse
- To Sharon, Kate, Flame & Myf who took home the Golden Microphone as Westgarth Idol 2013: viva youse
- To the band and guests Liz, Kate, Nigel and Phil for getting all the tunes down: viva youse
- To George McEncroe and trivia team for yet another delightful operation: viva youse.
- To the Suspended Animators who had the joint surging: viva youse.
- To Nella, Susan and Janine for all your help: viva youse
- To Caroline, the band, and kind others for various excruciating though appreciated tributes: viva youse.
- To Soundpark Studios and Thornbury Theatre for warm help: viva youse.
- To the many generous folk who have kept this kitchen cooking over the years and will no doubt keep it cooking well into the future: viva youse.

PS: Should any children be reading the plural of you is actually you. As in “Hey you ewes, trot off to play with that other ewe.” You all dig?

To Robbie Williams and the solid gold dancers, what a great performance! Thanks Dave Fletcher for leading five idol acts over six years. I have had a great ride, worn some crazy outfits and loved every minute.
To Justin and Band - brilliant! (Especially in rehearsal – so many demands rejected!)
Idol is legendary and you are legends – thanks for my memories! Sandy Bell

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