WOW BOARD….. What's Happening at WESTGARTH…..

Communication when your child is sick and/or not attending School or Out of School Hours Care…..

Did you know that the attendance roll is a legal document and the information recorded can be used in a court of law? As such, the school needs to be notified that your child/children will not be at school at any time.

If families are going on an extended holiday they must notify the school, via class teachers, with a written letter stating the dates your child/ren will be absent from school. The Co-ordinator of the OSHC Program must be notified five days in advance if you will not be using this service, either in the morning or after school.

The Co-ordinator of OSHC can be notified by calling 9482 3323 or emailing asc.westgarth.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If your child is not attending school because of illness, please phone the school in the morning, so the teacher can be notified or send a note to school explaining their absence on their return.

If your child is taken ill at school and is collected by yourself or a carer from sick bay, then OSHC need to be notified that you will no longer be using this service, after school, on this day. The Co-ordinator requires this information, so we can promptly collect the P/1/2 students at the end of the day and walk them across to the OSHC program. At present, much time is being wasted, on Brooke St, checking the P/1/2 student attendance roll and phoning parents to find out about their child's whereabouts. As you can imagine, at this stage of the afternoon, P/1/2 students in particular, are anxious to get to the Farmhouse to have their afternoon tea and settle into activities.

Parent Teacher Interviews… on Wednesday afternoon 26th June parents of students in Years Prep-6 will be having Parent Teacher Interviews. Apart from these times individual classroom teachers may have other times available during this week. Once again, for bookings we will be using the community portal 'Compass'. This time parents will receive their log in and password details and instructions by email. Access to the Compass site will be available to parents on Monday 17th June at 9.00am. For those families without email addresses in our system the information will be posted home.

A school computer will be available during school hours if you do not have internet access at home or elsewhere and in some circumstances the office staff will be able to assist you to make your interview time. Call the school office on 9481 5577.

*Please note Prep Kat and 1/2 Nettie will be conducting interviews the week prior on Wednesday 19th June. A note with the booking slip is being sent home with students this afternoon. Please return your booking preferences as soon as possible so Nettie and Kat have time to process them and return your appointment time to you. These classes will not be using the online 'Compass' system.

We look forward to providing this great opportunity for you, as a parent, to find out how your child is progressing. As these times are tightly scheduled, you may like to prepare so you are ready to make the most of your time with your child's teacher. Here are some guidelines to make the most out of these interviews –

- Prepare well and list any questions you want raised.
- Let the teacher give an assessment of your child's progress before the discussion begins.
- Clarify any information that you don't understand as it is important that you have a good understanding of the message your child's teacher is giving. Take notes if needed.
- Think about your child's performance so you can share your ideas.
- Ask how you can help your child if there are any areas that need to be strengthened.

If there are any unresolved issues or you wish to discuss your child's progress further, please consider making another time to continue the discussion. This ensures that all parents are able to have their time with the teacher.

We look forward to seeing many parents attending the interviews.

You may also be aware that this year's reports will look slightly different to last year as they will not include the dot showing your child's previous performance. This is due to Victoria converting to the National Curriculum. A cover letter will be enclosed with your child's report to further explain the new AusVELS format.

Have a rewarding and short week! Cheers, Lynne Mackie
Chocolate Fundraiser - I hope everyone is enjoying the chocolate fundraiser. 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. We have plenty of boxes if you want more!

School Council Report

Policy Committee
First Aid Policy : Westgarth’s Policy Subcommittee reviews school policies on a regular (usually three year) basis. This year, the school’s First Aid Policy is one of a number of policies due for review. A copy of the current First Aid Policy is available at:
http://www.wgps.vic.edu.au/systems/school_council_docs/First_Aid_Policy.pdf (please copy and paste this link) or in hard copy from the office. If you would like to provide any feedback on the First Aid Policy to the Subcommittee, you can email the convenor Belinda Johnston at belinda@cobwebs.id.au or you are welcome to attend the next meeting (date to be advised in the Newsletter).

Parents & Friends Working Party
Would you like to see any of these things at Westgarth Primary School?
♦ Welcome picnics
♦ Working bees
♦ Mentoring of new parents and carers
♦ Parent information evenings
♦ Class parent reps
♦ Community projects
♦ Co-ordination of existing parent interest groups and events

Or do you have other ideas for encouraging parental involvement and a sense of belonging in the school community?

Then we would like to hear from you. A working party has been established to rejuvenate Parents & Friends so now is the time to put forward suggestions. Recommendations will then be put to school council for discussion. Please contact Emma Savage on 0413 185 350 or emma@weller.id.au to join in this process. Also feel free to email your ideas or comments to Emma or myself (ullmerkel@hotmail.com).

Ully Merkel, President
Congratulations to these Students of the Week!

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Fete Plant Stall Update

Winter is a great time to tidy up the garden! The fete plant stall team will happily accept your excess pots, take cuttings or excess plants, divide clumps, and collect your self-seeding plants (or those packets of seeds you’ve decided you won’t plant). Please give us a call if you think you can contribute to the plant stall. Pots can be dropped off in the green donation bins near the bike shed and near the entrance to the Brooke Street office, or we can collect them from your place. If you have a green thumb and would like to do your own potting for the fete, we can supply potting mix.

Many thanks to everyone who has already contributed pots and plants. We have hundreds of plants already potted up, and with your help we are looking forward to a fantastic range of flowers, herbs, vegies and fruit plants at the fete.

Penny Smith (Jemima 5G, Lachlan PrepS) 0418 384 696 or email penny.smith@sydney.edu.au

How much are you spending on petrol and groceries each week?

Probably too much! Save over $500 a year with the 2013/2014 Entertainment Book when you regularly spend an average of $200 a week on groceries and fuel. The Entertainment book offers you 5% discount at Coles & Safeway (and also at their respective petrol partners Coles Express and Caltex), Liquorland, Dan Murphy, 1st Choice Liquor, Kmart, Big W, Dick Smith, Masters. In addition there are hundreds of other offers and savings on dining, travel, leisure activities, sports attractions and much more. Time is running out as we are down to our last weeks of selling the books. Purchase a book from the school office or online at http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/ (contact me for details) and start saving immediately. If you have any questions feel free to contact me Mary Skarpetic on 0423 195 001 or mskarpetic@optusnet.com.au. It’s the best $65 you’ll spend this year as well as supporting the school’s fundraising with $13 of your purchase going to the school.

Westgarth Primary School 3
Dear Parents/Carers,

In Term 3, we are once again offering a lunchtime chess club for students in Grade 2 to Grade 6, organised by the company Chess Kids (www.chesskids.com.au).

The classes will be on a Wednesday and commence in the second week of Term 3 on Wednesday 24th July in the Resource Room on Brooke St. The cost for the term is $60.00. A classroom teacher will assist during each session.

Due to the limited spaces of 25 in the group, you are asked to return the permission slip together with payment as soon as possible to secure a spot. It will be on a first in basis. Please forward $60.00 in cash/cheque or credit card (slip below) and return it directly to the school office as soon as possible and not their classroom teacher. Please note all cheques are to be made payable to Westgarth Primary School. Please complete the slip below and return it by Monday 17th June to the school office.

Please note we require 25 students to conduct this program.

Regards,
Nella Bordin

Chess Kids - Lunch Time Chess Club Term 3 2013
Grade 2 - 6 Students

My child_____________________________________________ Grade___________________
would like to participate in Lunchtime Chess Club.

I have forwarded $60.00 cash/cheque/credit card (please circle). Please complete details below.

Parent/Guardian Signature_______________________________________________________

Phone Number____________________________________________  Date ___ / ___ / ______

CHESS PAYMENT METHOD - Term 3 2013

□Cash  □Cheque  □Card  □Visa  □Mastercard

Amount: $_____________________________

Students Name: ____________________________

Expiry Date:  □□/□□/□□

Cardholder’s Name: ____________________________ (Please Print)

Cardholder’s Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____/_____/______
Next Jammy (well, Marmalade) Cook-up, Sunday 17 June 10.30am to 2.30pm
Come on, come all to our next Home Produce Stall cook-up, this Sunday 17th June, 10.30am to 2.30pm (although anyone is welcome to come for whichever part of that time you like). At the Farmhouse on the Clarke St campus as usual.

We’ll be making marmalade this month with Brigitte’s oranges, Kellee’s cumquats and whatever else we can lay our hands on. Marmalade can be a bit labour-intensive, what with all of that lovely finely-cut rind – so the more the merrier! We still need lots of clean jars, particularly small ones. These can be placed in the shopping trolley in the school foyer.

Please let us know if you are coming by texting 0417 114 088 or emailing wundernelli@bigpond.com and if you have a favourite knife please bring it along. Cheers, Anne and Trudy

Community News

The Great Gatsby - Glamour Westgarth Kindergarten Fundraiser
Westgarth Cinema Sunday 16 June Drinks 5:15pm for a 6:15pm screening
See Baz Luhrmann’s decadent new film in style and raise money for Orphfund at the same time. Tickets are $25 (pay on the night) which includes ticket, glass of bubbles, choc-top & donation to Orphfund. Bring extra cash for the raffle with 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 let me know you’re coming: 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)

The Darebin area has had a significant increase of bicycle thefts over the past year. The highest number of incidents have occurred in the Northcote area, and the majority of bikes are being stolen from front porches or yards. They are also being stolen from Preston, Reservoir, Alphington, Thornbury and Bundoora.

Here are a few tips to try to avoid having your bikes stolen:
♦ Keep your bikes out of sight from the street. If you have a garage, keep it in there and lock the garage. If not, keep it in the back yard and lock it
♦ Lock your bike to a strong structure that cannot be easily broken. Consider what type of lock you use on your bike, some are easier than others to cut through. Discuss this with local bike shop owners
♦ You can get your bike engraved for free at a police station. This helps police to identify owners of bikes should they turn up at the station or should we arrest an offender.
♦ If you see someone suspicious hanging around, get a good description of them and ring 000 at the time you see them
If you have any information on anyone who you think may be stealing bikes, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. For more information you can contact Crime Prevention Officer Tina Robinson or Nick Wheeler at Preston police on 9479 6111.

Monthly Flying Fox Count: 19 Jun 2013 5:15pm-6:15pm. The bat count is held once a month at dusk when the whole colony of 10,000-20,000 bats fly out to feed around Melbourne’s suburbs. New counters are very welcome and much appreciated. Experience is not necessary as training is provided on the night. Wear comfortable shoes for walking, dress warmly and bring a torch. Parking available. Meet at Yarra Bend Park Golf Course car park at the start time. Melway Ref: 2D G7

Get Active Sports lead the way in providing children the opportunity to try sport for the first time in a fun, affordable and friendly program. For all children aged 3-8 years old. $80 for 6 weekly sessions, includes a ball, bat or racquet for your child to keep! Cricket Basketball Soccer, Aussie Rules, Tennis. One sport each term. No uniforms or additional costs. Saturday or Sunday morning. Tel 1300 772 106 www.getactivesports.com.au

Lieto Creative Dance Holiday Program For 4-10 Year olds: creative dance, craft by specialist craft teachers, stories, yoga, healthy and delicious morning tea, live music. 10.00am - 1.00pm Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th, Friday 12th July. Cnr McKean and Michael St North Fitzroy. Choose any combination of dates: one, two or all three! $50 for a single session, $130 for all three. Bookings: Mia Van Leeuwen. Email: vanleeuw@bigpond.net.au Ph: 9489 0141

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