WOW BOARD… WHAT’S HAPPENING AT WESTGARTH…

Appreciative Inquiry Workshops… As part of the review of the Student Engagement & Wellbeing Policy, the Grade 5/6 students have been involved in these workshops, conducted by Kate Copping, one of our Leading Teachers in conjunction with the 3-6 staff. Next week the 3/4 students will also be taking part in these workshops.

Appreciative Inquiry is a particular way of asking questions and envisioning the future that fosters positive relationships and builds on the basic goodness in a person, situation, a community or an organisation. These inquiries ask the students to tell their stories about their connections with others when they have been at their best. It involves systematic discovery of what has happened in the past, appreciating what we have already and imagining what could be and how we could make it happen.

DEFINE…DISCOVERY…DREAM…DESIGN…DELIVER……

Already the 5/6 students have provided some very positive feedback, that will be used to inform policy developments and school operations, procedures and processes.

Playground buddies… Your child may have already reported to you that we have extra helpers in our P/1/2 playground. The Grade 6 students have been invited by Ricky to assist with games in the Brooke St playground each week. The Grade 6 playground buddies assist with skill development activities, ensuring everyone has someone to play with and assisting with rules of the games and playing safely together. Here’s what 1/2 Julia’s grade had to say about the playground buddies.

Zac - the playground buddies are nice and caring. They help with football.
Harper - they help to share the space out there. They talk and sort things out.
Agnes - the playground helper found someone for me to play with and they helped us organise a game that we both wanted to play.
Darcy - a buddy came and sat with me because I was feeling lonely and then after I felt really good.
Ellery - they taught me a new game.

So well done to the playground buddies. Thanks for giving up your playtime to assist the younger students, the P/1/2 students really do look forward to seeing you in the playground. Ricky has also been using the Brooke St space for the Prep 1/2 PE sessions, so students can learn about using the outdoor space safely and learning new games, they can play in the Brooke St outdoor play space.

Parent teacher Interviews… Wednesday 26th June 2.00pm to 7.00pm. The Compass Portal is open for you to make your bookings online, using your log in and password instructions sent to each family last week. If you are having difficulties please speak to Susan in the office who will be able to assist you.

Reminder to parents in Prep Kat and 1/2 Nettie that interviews are taking place in the Resource Room, tomorrow Wednesday 19th June from 2.00pm - 8.00pm as both these staff members will be on leave next week. Please enter via the Brooke Street front door where there will be directions to this room. There will be a waiting space for parents in the corridor. A note about the teacher replacement for your child’s grade will be coming home tonight.

Planning Week… Staff members are busy planning together this week - collecting resources, organising excursions and excursions, discussing the rich questions and actions arising from the investigations for the Inquiries, developing planners for literacy, values/social skills and numeracy and discussing student data to inform growth points and focus areas for Term 3. A newsletter with the overview from each grade level will be coming home early in Term 3.

Lost property will be on view all of this week from Wednesday. Please take the time to look. Take home any pieces that your child may have misplaced, especially plastic containers. We keep all green uniform pieces but we bundle up the rest and give it to Diabetes Australia at the end of term.

Thank you Noeleen Tuke for taking on this ever increasing work load !!!!

Regards, Lynne Mackie
Diary Dates
Thurs 20th June  School Assembly in gym 2.40pm. Item: Gr 6 Phana
Wed 19th June  Parent Teacher Interviews for Prep Kat
              Parent Teacher Interviews for Gr 1/2 Nettie
              Interviews held in the Resource Room Brooke St
Fri 21st June  Reports and Portfolios go home.
              C.S.I.R.O Gr 5/6 In House Activity
Wed 26th June  Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 28th June  Last Day of Term 2. Students dismissed at 2pm
              (OSHC available from 2pm for care)
Sun 20th Oct  Westgarth Fete
Thurs 12th Dec Grade 6 Graduation
Meetings
School Council  Wednesday 19th June 7pm

Chocolate Fundraiser - I hope everyone is enjoying the chocolate fundraiser. Please sell them to your family, friends, neighbours and workmates. 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. Additional boxes are available upon request.

Prep Enrolments for 2014
If you have a pre-school child who will be attending W.P.S in 2014, please contact the office for an enrolment form. As school tours are nearing completion, we strongly encourage enrolments to be completed to assist with planning for 2014.

Parent Teacher Interviews - Wednesday 26th June
• Log in to make an appointment at Compass: http://wgps.vic.jdlf.com.au
Log in instructions and password were emailed last Tuesday 11th June, please check your emails before contacting the school. For those without email access a letter with instructions was sent home. Please call Susan on 9481-5577 if you have any queries or do not have the internet.

What's happening in OSHC?  Term 2, Week 10 June 17th – 21st

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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.

Thank you: We would like to thank all parents, carers, and children who participated in our Woolworths “Earn & Learn” sticker collection; this year we collected around 2400 stickers!
If you have any remaining stickers at home, could you please drop them into The Farmhouse – as we will be submitting completed point sheets next week.
**You Can Do It!**

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

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"Grade 6A creates a mandala during a wet lunchtime"

**Entertainment Book - School Holiday Savings**

The school holidays are just around the corner and we’re all wondering what are the kids going to do and how can we keep the costs down? With the Entertainment Book, which offers discounts on activities such as movies, bowling, Luna Park, the Aquarium, Melbourne Zoo, Sovereign Hill, go karting, paintball, laser games, Pancake Parlour and much much more. A flyer will be sent home during this week with more ideas for savings and you can also peruse the online book at [http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au). Books cost $65 of which $13 goes towards our school’s fundraising. You can “share” buying a book with a friend, and save even more. Books are valid until 1st June 2014. Books can be purchased from the school office, or online (contact me for details) or by completing the order form on the flyer. If you have any questions feel free to contact me Mary Skarpetis on 0423 195 001 or mskarpetis@optusnet.com.au.
Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a reminder about the lunchtime Chess Club (www.chesskids.com.au) for Term 3. If your child is in Grade 2 - 6 and is interested in joining lunchtime Chess Club, please print this form and return it to the office with payment. There are paper copies available in the office.

This program is only available to students in the Grade 2 - 6 classes during lunchtime as it is important that students have the capacity to concentrate when they return to the classroom after the session. The focus for Prep - Grade 1 students continues to be promoting the values of ‘getting-along’ outside in the playground.

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 operate 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: $____________________

Expiry Date:  /  

Cardholder’s Name: _____________________________________________ (Please Print)

Cardholder’s Signature: _____________________________________Date:____/____/______
Community News

July School Holiday Program at the Abbotsford Convent 1 - 12 July
African Drumming, Children’s Creative Art Space, Create your own Cartoon Characters, Book Making, Drawing and Puppetry, Hula Hooping Tricks, Games and Performance, Painting and Drawing Animals, Dream Catchers, Simple Animation, A World of Nonsense Art Workshop.

City of Yarra Vacation Care Winter Program July 2013
For further information about the holiday program please call 9205 5482 or visit www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/vacation-care.

Children’s Performing Company of Australia
Confidence, Public Speaking, Co-operation and Teamwork, Communication and Motivation.
Join us in the spotlight. Weekly classes, workshops and costumes included. Performances onstage twice a year.
Experienced teachers. Show costumes from our vast collection (no need to make or buy) Call us on 9384 1644 to book your free audition now or visit cpca.com.au. With 18 venues across Melbourne, it’s so easy to get involved.

Bright Sparks Creative Workshops Holiday Program
Bright Sparks is a creative arts program designed to help children learn about themselves and develop a sense of inner strength, promoting confidence, resilience and general wellbeing. Sessions are run by an Art Therapist and cater to small groups of children from Prep to Grade 3.
10.30am - 2.30pm July 9, 10 & 11
$140 / $110 for a 3 day course or $50 per session
Eika Jika Community Centre - Corner of Union and Plant Streets, Northcote
Bookings essential by Friday, July 5.
Contact Naomi on 0421 914 229 or email: naomi@brightsparks.id.au

2013 FOOTY CLINICS - Saturday Mornings For boys & girls aged 4-12. Participate in a fun, safe and non-competitive environment. Starting 27th July 2013 at Princes Hill Primary School Pigdon St Carlton North.
9.00am - 10.00am and 10.00am - 11.00am Enquiries: Mike Bishop 0418 303 432 or email mabish@optusnet.com.au Melway 29 J11

GARAGE SALE!
This Saturday 22nd June at 26 Ellesmere St. Lots of toys, books, household items, kid’s bikes, furniture etc etc. 9am - 1pm

Art Exhibition - All Welcome! Opening Thursday June 27.
Please come to our opening! Merri Studios, a group of Northcote artists including WPS mums Kate Gorringe-Smith (Sam, 3/4 Ryan), Monique Keel (Leila, 5 Glenn), Suzanne Hutton (Jasper in 5 Brenda and Ravi in 3/4 Taryn) and Helen Kocis Edwards (Bella - now in Yr7), have an exhibition titled ‘With Wilderness All Around’ opening at Anita Traverso Gallery on Thursday June 27, 6-8pm. Please come and support your local artists!!! Nothing like a nice bit of art to warm you up on a chilly winter’s night!! 7 Albert Street, Richmond (Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 11-5)
www.anitatraversogallery.com.au

Northcote Town Hall Winter Artisans’ Markets - Northcote Town Hall’s much loved annual Winter Artisans’ Markets are on again with over 40 stall holders selling locally hand crafted items such as designer fashion, winter woollies, giftware, jewellery, ceramics, homewares, kids’ items and much more. Bring the family and enjoy free live entertainment each week, and stop for high tea at our pop-up tea room by the delicious Lady Bower Café. Dates: Saturday June 22, June 29, July 6 and July 13.
10am - 4pm at Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote. Entry to the Winter Artisans’ Markets is free.
For more information please call 9481 9500, visit www.northcotetownhall.com.au or email ntownhall@darebin.vic.gov.au

Twisters Gymnastics - We are looking for more girls to join our cheerleading group (Gr 5-6) We train every Wednesday from 7 - 8pm. We have an awesome coach Emma: she is a cheerleader and gymnast. We have heaps of fun lifting people up, tumbling and doing cheer routines. Our cheerleading is not American, so we do not use pompoms and we don’t shout out words.
You can come along and try it at 5/177 Beavers Road Northcote. Head to twisters website at twistersgym.com.au. We hope to see you there.

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