WOW BOARD… What’s Happening at Westgarth…….

Set on the path to success at Westgarth…….
It is always great to hear about ex-students from Westgarth, so I was very pleased to learn that three girls from the 2006 Grade Six Year were all awarded Premier’s Awards for their Year 12 studies. Congratulations to Sophie Cassar for Studio Arts, Cassi Jones for Literature and Maddison Nash for Economics. What a fantastic achievement girls, you should be very proud of your efforts.

Also I would like to acknowledge a number of the Westgarth staff who have been completing professional development, or studying Higher Education courses at night and/or in weekends. This is not an easy task when you have completed a busy day in a classroom and are juggling family and social commitments. Apart from the obvious benefits to our school of gaining more knowledge, continued learning links teachers and educators to the most current teaching innovations and classroom practice and it can also remind teachers of what it’s like to be a student themselves.

So congratulations to those staff for taking the opportunity to continue to learn and to share this knowledge freely across all teaching levels of the school.

Parent Teacher Interviews……….. We look forward to sharing your child’s learning and achievements with you at Parent Interviews this Wednesday 26th June starting at 2.00pm. The following table shows you where your child’s teacher will be conducting their Interviews. There will be signage to follow and chairs outside in the corridors for you to wait for your interview.

We encourage all parents to speak with their child’s teacher and/or Lynne or Carolyn, the Assistant Principals about any concerns that may arise at any time during the year. Apart from Teaching and Learning responsibilities, all teachers have a duty of care to ensure the wellbeing of all students. We are able to link families with support services and can make referrals to a Department Psychologist or Speech Pathologist. If you have any questions regarding student welfare do not hesitate to call on 9481 5577.

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<td>3-6 –Clarke St BER Open Space</td>
<td>All 3-6 staff will be placed around the open space. 3/4 staff - Holly, Ryan, Sarah, Bianca, Taryn &amp; Hannah Gr5 staff - Brenda, Glenn, Mark , Gaby Gr 6 staff - Phana &amp; Andy</td>
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<td>Specialist staff</td>
<td>If you have made an appointment these staff can be seen in the Gym or the Music Room or the Art room till 5 o, clock.</td>
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Staff Leave.....A number of staff will be on leave during Term three. Nettie will be absent for the first week with Mary replacing her and Ben [ICT] and Betty M will also be on leave for the first three weeks. Melanie will be replacing Betty in her absence. I will be taking leave towards the end of term three as well.

Pen Pal Visitors........On Friday a group of children from Buln Buln Primary school came to visit our Grade 6 students. They have been writing to each other over the last few months and finding out about each other’s home and school life. I spoke with Jude, Chryzelle and Patrick about their visit-

- Buln Buln is near Warrigal and Drouin and there are lots of farms near their school.
- They learnt a lot more from us about the K/G because they haven’t started to plant out their garden yet.
- There was one boy, nicknamed Muzza, who could run really fast and another boy who was really good at football.
- Their school has a full sized oval and not so many children playing on it.
- We are hoping that we might get to go on the train to visit Buln Buln school later in the year.

Thank you to Betty in the K/G, for cooking and gardening with all the Gr 6 children and their pen pals, the Volunteers, the Westgarth staff and to Andy for organising the day. The Westgarth students were wonderful hosts and I’m sure it was a memorable day for all involved.

PJ Day at Westgarth...We have raised approximately $667.00 for needy communities - great effort! Thank you to the Grade 1/2 children for thinking about this proposal after learning about communities in their Inquiry and seeking the Junior School Council’s assistance in organising this event. The money raised will go to Homeground, whose vision is to end homelessness in Melbourne and to Oxfam who promote social justice and fight poverty by working with communities around the world.

Lost Property..... Please check at school this week and on Wednesday night. All Lost Property and containers will be on display. If it looks like yours or it is the same size - take it home and label for next term.

Thank you Volunteers.... On behalf of the staff our sincere thanks to all our volunteers, for giving of your time and expertise so freely across all levels of the school. Your contributions make Westgarth a great place to be each day!

School Break Up.... Term two ends on Friday 28th June at 2.00 p.m. If you need to book your child into the Outside School Hours Care please contact Mike the Coordinator on 9482 3323.

School Resumes on Monday July 15th .... I take this opportunity to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication to making the school a vibrant one and wish each and every one of the school community a happy, restful and safe holiday.

Cheers Lynne Mackie
Acting principal
### Diary Dates

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### Chocolate Fundraiser - Money is now due for chocolates (box $60).

Each bar sells for $2.50 and the whole boxes equates to $60. Additional boxes are still available upon request (we are unable to send any chocolates back so if you can still sell them in your work place etc. that would be fantastic).

### Parent Teacher Interviews - Wednesday 26th June


Log in instructions and password were emailed 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. Access to the Compass site will close at 12.00 noon tomorrow 26th June, in order for teachers to allow enough time for interview preparation.

### School Council Report

At our meeting last Wednesday evening, we were fortunate to have Therese Mercader attend, who is the Manager of the Languages Unit at Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD). Therese is very passionate about languages education and very knowledgeable. She ran through the key policy and practical issues from DEECD’s perspective, including information on the kinds of support DEECD can offer. Therese answered many of our questions and gave some tips on how to approach a review of our current LOTE programme.

We then formally established the Languages Committee and appointed Mary Skarpetis as the Convenor. Mary is the Vice President of School Council, has had a long association with the school and is an experienced committee member. Mary and the other School Council members on the Committee will now have a think about the composition of the Languages Committee, aiming for a good mix of parents and staff, as well as the right mixture of skills, knowledge and experience. The next step is to clarify the aims and objectives of the Committee. We will continue to keep you informed.

Some of the other matters covered at the meeting included the usual sub-committee and Principal’s reports; the new OSHC Fees Policy and the updated Anaphylaxis Policy and Guidelines; and discussion of the progress regarding the proposed new Kindergarten Licence (to replace the outdated lease arrangements). As always, the minutes will be available at the office to read within a week.

Ully Merkel, President
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. Enrolments are due in by this Friday 28th June.

Sports Diary Dates
Term 3
Tuesday August 13th - District Basketball tournament (selected students only)
Thursday 15th August - Grade 3-6 House Athletics Day
Tuesday September 3rd - Grade 3-6 House Athletics Reserve Day
Friday September 13th - District Athletics (selected students only)
Monday September 16th - District Athletics reserve day

Term 4
Tuesday October 8th - Division Athletics (selected students only)
Wednesday October 16th - Regional Athletics (selected students only)
Friday November 15th - Grade 3-6 team triathlon (optional)
Friday November 22nd - Triathlon reserve day

Cross Country
Congratulations to all the runners at Cross Country this term. Well done to Mia I, Ruby P, Adem I, Heath R, Jacob B, and Ben A-D who competed last week at the Regional Cross Country event. Great effort!!!
Cheers, Ricky Davis - PE Coordinator
What’s happening in OSHC?  Term 2, Week 11 24th to 28th June

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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 from sickbay during the day and will not be attending the program.

We are currently in the process of replenishing our “Dress Ups” box. If any parents have any suitable clothes or accessories at home we would be happy to accept your donation!

Entertainment Book - Support local businesses and save money at the same time!

How? By using the 2013/2014 Entertainment Book. Businesses such as The Denn, Ember Lounge, Qube, CocoInC, Westgarth Cinema, Red Door Corner Store, Furlan Club, Croxton Park Hotel, Nando’s, Wendy’s, Pancake Parlour, Taco Bill, Gringo Vibes, Chemist Warehouse, McDonalds, KFC, Video Ezy etc are all included in the Entertainment Book which has 2 for 1 offers and 25% to 50% off offers on a huge range of attractions, activities, cafes, sports and much more all across Melbourne. You can find local businesses by using the search engine at [www.entertainmentbook.com.au](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au), or you can download the FREE Entertainment™ Companion App (for both Android and iPhones) to see what interests you (local or otherwise).

And of course holders of the Entertainment Book can enjoy 5% off Coles, Safeway, Coles Express, Caltex, Kmart, Big W, Dan Murphy’s, Liquorland and Dick Smith shopping all year round!

The books cost $65 with $13 going towards our school’s fundraising. 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! I will be able to supply books during the school holidays.

Need a boost to your mid-year school budget?

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to $205 for each primary student and up to $410 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

If you think you are eligible and you haven’t already updated your child’s education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by 29 June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.

To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment in July, check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus.
Community News

Meditation in motion, Yoga class
Fridays in term 2. Starts **28th July. 9.15 - 10.30am.**
Jika Jika Community Centre.
Cnr Plant & Union Sts.
Northcote.
$12 casual $100 for 10 classes
More info/booking: Amanda
Ph: 0412 65 32 87
amandahawkey@mac.com

**Integrated Yoga at Jika Jika Community Centre**
"Strengthen your body, quieten your mind, nourish your soul."
**Mondays 1.45pm-3.00pm (Starts Monday 29th July)**
With Harriet Morgan, accredited yoga teacher.
Suitable for all ages
No bookings necessary
$15 / $12 conc. (Enquiries: 0416 977 272)

**LOST AND FOUND SECTION**
Have you lost a watch lately? If you have, one has been found! Please contact Ophelia Murray, Grade 5 Gaby, B.E.R. space.
Also, have you lost any containers, jumpers, hats or anything that went to school but never came back!? Please make sure to check out the lost property on the Brooke Street and Clarke Street Campuses!

**Basketball Clinics in School Holidays**
Beginners, Experienced and Rep
3rd, 4th, 8th – 11th July
7 years+

**Beginner Programs**
Saturdays commencing 20th July
Aussie Hoops 5 – 8 years at 9am
Mini Ball 7 – 10 years at 10am and 12.30pm
Tuesdays commencing 16th July
All Star Hoops grades prep – 3 at 4.30pm
Mini Ball grades 3 – 6 at 5.30pm

**Access for All Abilities**
Saturdays commencing 20th July
11.15am – 12.30pm
For children 6 – 16 with special needs

For more information and to register go to
www.collingwood.basketball.net.au

Programs have limited numbers.
Enquiries: Megan Rouse 0417 106 490
manager@collingwoodbasketball.com.au

**STEAM TRAINS FOR KIDS**
**Family Railway Fun**
**MALDON STATION**
Sat / Sun : July : 13 / 14
Train Rides - Steam / Diesel / Rail Trolley
Animal Farm. Model Railway.
Clown on board. Jumping Castle
Fairground Rides. Games.
Sausage Sizzle. Horse Cart Rides

**Great Family Day**
From 10.00am
PH : 54706658
On Line Bookings available
www.vgr.com.au

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