What's happening...

Years 5 and 6 Stop-Motion Movie Afternoon... Two weeks ago students, teachers and parents joined together for an after school movie afternoon. Students in years 5 and 6 produced and directed movie clips depicting scenes from natural disasters. Students used role play, animations, sound and lighting, art work to portray earthquakes, tsunamis, flood and other environmental catastrophes. Students portrayed emotion and a real sense of drama at various levels through short clips that told their individual/group stories. We were all impressed with the student's work. Congratulations to them on doing such a creative job with their stop-motion clips. Thank you to all the staff for assisting the students with their narratives and creative works. We look forward to further artistic debuts in the future.

Invitation to Attend Parent Information Evenings... There are two parent information evenings coming up in August. On Thursday 15th August an information session about the Skooville Program will be offered by one of the Skooville facilitators. The Skooville Program involves students working in a cyber learning environment for the purposes of learning to communicate safely. Skooville is endorsed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). The information session has been organized as part of the school Information Technology Program and we plan to trial Skooville with students in years 3 to 6 with the aim of developing on-line student safety skills. Further information including an RSVP is being sent home today. Thank you to Ben Cunningham who has been organising the program.

The second Parent Information Session is a combined staff and parent evening which has previously been advertised through the Newsletter. The program being held on Wednesday 21st August is about Values in the 21st Century. If you would like to attend this session please return the reply slip or call the school to RSVP. We look forward to your participation in these events.

Civics and Citizenship... This year a sample of Grade 6 students from across Australia will be taking part in a sample assessment of Civics and Citizenship under the National Assessment program [NAP-CC]. Civics and Citizenship refers to the knowledge and understandings, and the attitudes, beliefs and skills associated with the capacity to function as active and informed citizens. The assessment will cover three main areas: Government and Law, Citizenship in a democracy and Historical perspectives.

The purpose of the sample assessment is to inform schools, education ministers and the community about the outcomes of civics & citizenship education for Australian students in Year 6.

The students will complete the assessment, supervised by a trained administrator, on a date selected by the school between mid-October and mid-November. A group of twenty Grade 6 students will be randomly selected and the assessment will be delivered online at school.

More information will be distributed once our choice of date to complete this assessment has been confirmed.

Student Engagement, Well Being and Support... At the last School Council Policy Sub-committee Meeting, student well being and support formed a large part of the conversation. The well being of students is a priority for our school and it is acknowledged that student well being may be enhanced when teachers and parents work in partnership sharing this important responsibility. WPS has a framework for delivering programs that foster well being such as the You Can Do It Program. Support ranges from coordinating and liaising with DEECD Psychologists and Speech Therapists and Social Worker to support provided by the school’s Program Aides.

Assistant Principals, Lynne and Carolyn coordinate programs building on student resilience and developing social skills, as well as supporting at risk students to develop their literacy and numeracy skills. In addition staff participate in Mandatory Reporting and other training. Last week 20 staff attended an evening seminar with Mr. Ramon Lewis (an experienced and esteemed educator in the area of student well being). The number of staff in attendance is a reflection of how important student welfare is regarded by staff at our school. Cont’ next page...
To further support the welfare of students, programs are offered either as part of the normal school timetable, lunch time or after school. Some of these activities include the Prep-year 6 Buddies Program, Junior School Council, Year Five First Aid Training, Walk-Ride to School Days, Special after school sessions such as Stop-Motion Movie afternoon, Student of the Week, Weekly Assembly, Art Show, student performances, Kitchen-Garden Program, and numerous other programs not listed here. There is also a formal process the school uses for tapping into support services where the school and the Region share a partnership. We hope that the information provided here is of assistance to parents. Thank you to parents Belinda, Mary-Anne, Mary and to Lynne (AP) for your contributions regarding student welfare.

If you would like any further information regarding student well being policies, you can contact the School Council Policy Subcommittee via the Convenor, Belinda Johnston at belinda@cobwebs.id.au

Processes WPS follow when working in partnership with DEECD Network Student Support Services

The student support program at WPS is overseen and coordinated by Lynne Mackie with the assistance of Carolyn Shiel. Lynne and Carolyn liaise with teachers and student services staff from the Region who contribute to improving learning outcomes for all students. Student services staff provide targeted support for those with additional needs and children, young people and their families who are disadvantaged or vulnerable. The student support staff consists of Psychologists and Guidance Officers, Social Workers, Speech Pathologists & Visiting Teachers. There are generally four stages of student support services delivery.

**Pre Referral** - The pre referral process provides an opportunity for staff to conduct an informal assessment of students identified as requiring additional assistance, at risk of disengagement or experiencing difficulties with learning or wellbeing.

Staff are able to form an opinion about a student in their grade by monitoring student assessment and observing learning behaviours, speaking with parents, the year level coordinator, other staff and the Assistant Principal/Student Welfare Co-ordinator to gather together information regarding a child who they believe needs additional support. The pre referral process does not always lead to an external student support referral. The pre referral assessment may be used as a basis for teachers to work on an individual learning plan for students that has been developed by the teacher with the support of parents and on some occasions, students. Prior to any referral being made to Network Student Support Services, parents will need to sign a consent form and have a full understanding of how the support request will benefit their child.

**Consultation** - The Assistant Principal/Student Welfare Coordinator will communicate with the Network Student Support Service liaison person to discuss potential referrals or student wellbeing issues that may require intervention. This consultation assists in seeking the most appropriate support service, which may be student support services, another Departmental program or an external organisation.

**Referral** - Once the referral is accepted by the Network Student Support Service team the Assistant Principal/Student Welfare Coordinator and the classroom teacher will liaise with the Network Student Support Service personnel. This process helps to identify the type of service being requested (e.g. individual student assessment/intervention or other services such as consultation, professional learning, involvement in early intervention programs or group work, or ascertain if allied health or visiting teacher support will be required).

**Intake** - Prior to intake, referrals are considered on a network basis to ensure prioritisation of need across the local area. The referral will be reviewed in consultation with the student support services multidisciplinary team and assigned to the most appropriate team members.

**Service Delivery** - Following the intake process the Network Student Support Service team will:
- advise the Assistant Principal/Welfare coordinator of the service intervention aims and strategies and usually contact parents to obtain further information
- develop an individual support plan where appropriate
- report progress/outcomes to school, family and student
- review service delivery to ensure that outcomes have been achieved
- communicate conclusion of services to the school, family and student.

**Services that the school may coordinate for students and their families include**
- providing advice & intervention relating to student wellbeing & engagement
- providing diagnostic and/or assessment services
- building the capacity of teachers, parents and guardians
- providing therapy, counseling and/or intervention to individual students or groups of students

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- contributing to the development of school wide student wellbeing & engagement policies, processes and programs
- providing direct teaching and learning of students and consultancy support [visiting teachers]
- assisting with recovery support following critical incidents
- working collaboratively with other services to meet the needs of students and schools

If you have a child who is experiencing difficulty with learning / wellbeing please speak with your child's teacher in the first instance or contact Lynne, Grace or Carolyn on 9481 5577.

Regards, Grace Conway. Principal

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Art Fundraiser - School calendars, Cards and iPhone Covers
This term students will be creating a piece of artwork that will be made into calendars, cards and iPhone covers as a fundraiser for Westgarth Primary School. A sample from the printing company (Kids Art Works) is on display at the office.
An order form for the calendars, cards and/or iPhone covers is being sent home today. The calendars are $12, a set of 8 cards is $14 per pack and iPhone covers are $15. The same piece of artwork will be used for all items.
The order forms and money will need to be returned to school no later than Friday 6th September, 2013. Any late orders will not be accepted due to processing deadlines.
It is very important that a separate order form is used for each child, as this is to identify each child's artwork. Thanks, Rushe & Julia R

Parent Opinion Survey - A reminder that Parent Opinion Surveys are now due back. Surveys were sent home last week to a group of families selected at random. If you received a survey we kindly ask that you complete it and return it to your child's teacher. Thank you for your time.

Sick Bay / Nurse Alert
There have been several cases of Gastroenteritis reported at school in the past week. Parents can contribute to containing this outbreak by ensuring any affected children (who have experienced symptoms of Gastroenteritis, i.e. vomiting or diarrhoea) do not attend school for 48 hours after symptoms have ceased.
It is also important to remember to keep hydrated if suffering from Gastroenteritis and ensure children are fully hydrated before returning back to school.
Thank you for your consideration. Louise, School Nurse
Girls Football Day Report
By Ophelia, Eleni and Emily

On Thursday the 1st of August the 5/6 girls who chose to participate in Girls’ football went to MacDonald Park to play against other 5/6 girls from other schools. Westgarth played a really good game. They all had a really good time and tried their very best during all the games they played. Even though Westgarth didn’t win, winning didn’t really matter, what mattered was having FUN and trying our BEST! A medal was awarded by the SEDA coaches to Jamie S and Alice G for showing good team work and sportsmanship. Overall the girls had a lot of FUN and were great sports! Great job girls!

5/6 Boys Darebin Footy Carnival
On Tuesday 30th of July, some of the 5/6 boys went to McDonald Park to do a footy tournament against other schools. The Westgarth team won 2 games against Alphington. They sadly lost 2 against Preston. The boys played amazingly and encouraged each other on the field and off. The boys all showed great bravery and James E, Daniel E and Finn H even received some hard hits from the opposition. Preston and North Fitzroy made it in to the grand final. It was a good match but Preston came out on top. Tom Delahunty from AFL Victoria presented medals to 1 player from each team and a small trophy for Preston. Josh B won it for Westgarth for demonstrating a fair performance. He could’ve scored 3 goals but he kindly let his teammates have a feel of glory. The Westgarth team enjoyed the whole tournament. A special thanks to Ricky Davis and Andy Ashton. By Daniel E, Josh B and Finn H.

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

Term 4
Tuesday 8th October Division Athletics (selected students only)
Wednesday 16th October Regional Athletics (selected students only)
Friday 15th November Grade 3-6 Team Triathlon (optional)
Friday 22nd November Triathlon Reserve Day
### What’s happening in OSHC?  Term 3, Week 4 - 5th to 9th August

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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.

**OSHC Activities:**

"Marli and the children spent the afternoon making some wonderful creations in Plasticine. There were cats and snails, melons and carrots, and strange other worlds inhabited by horned creatures. Phoenix’s world, in particular, got a lot of attention; for there, in the centre, sits Marli – the Plasticine Queen – in all her slender yellow glory."
Congratulations to these Students of the Week!

| Prep Emily - Claudia M | 1/2 Yolanda - Lauren G |
| Prep Heidi - Felicia K | 3/4 Bianca - Georgia P |
| Prep Kat - Susannah M | 3/4 Hannah - Phoenix C |
| Prep Nadine - Liam U | 3/4 Holly - Nicholas M |
| Prep Sarah - Martha M | 3/4 Ryan - Lewis W |
| 1/2 Barbara - Roland B | 3/4 Sarah - Lachlan M |
| 1/2 Cameron - Eloise K | 5 Brenda - Thea V |
| 1/2 Julia - Harper W | 5 Gaby - Josh B |
| 1/2 Kenji - Catherine M | 5 Glenn - Whole Class |
| 1/2 Nettie - Sunday S & Zoe C | 5 Mark - Joe H |
| 1/2 Noreen - Lachlan M | 6 Andy - Lucas B |
| 1/2 Rosie - Kushe F | 6 Phana - Grace H |

Entertainment Books are running out – free postage extended to 31 August!

Time and Entertainment Books are running out, so if you haven't got around to buying the new Entertainment Book, now is the time to do so. We will wrap up selling the books shortly, so get in now to enjoy all the savings the books can offer. If you haven’t taken the time to look at a book and what savings it can offer you, you can peruse the on-line book, use the FREE smartphone apps (created for both Android and iPhone’s), or drop by the office and look through the display book. You may be pleasantly surprised. I’ve been using the book for many years and have literally saved hundreds of dollars each year. My “savings” have come from the 5% savings at Coles, Safeway, Dan Murphy and Big W, movie tickets, local cafes, restaurants, ten pin bowling, hotel accommodation, hot air ballooning, Sovereign Hill, the list goes on. It doesn’t take long to recoup the cost of the book – $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.

As an added incentive, if you order your book online before 31 August, you get free delivery to your door (contact me for details). Of course, you can still get the book by dropping into the school office or by contacting me directly.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me Mary Skarpetis on 0423 195 001 or mskarpetis@optusnet.com.au.

Whopping Great Fete – Sunday 20th October 2013

It's a SECRET! - There’s a new activity being planned for the Fete and we need your precious junk! Old jewellery of any sort, (unmatched earrings are perfect! and plastic is also great!), wishing stones, marbles, - in fact, anything that pirates might be keen to find!

Send them all in to the box marked Pirates at the office. Thanks, Libby
Dance/strengthening class for adults at Dragonfly Dance
Leave the kids and the tele and the endless washing at home and join us on Victoria Road, Northcote for a class to keep you fit in the most fun way possible. Beginning with a pilates style warm up/strength building exercises, we then do a combination of dance styles including jazz/modern, tap, ballet/contemporary, and even a bit of hip hop, depending on requests. No prior dance experience necessary, just a willingness to learn. Weds 8 – 9 pm, $12/class paid on term basis. Contact: Deb Prentice (Mum of Orlando 3/4 Sarah & Asher Prep Nadine) 0412 215 328 or prenticed@optusnet.com.au or have a chat at pick up time.

Special Person’s Day / Father’s Day Stall - seeking wrappers to help with bling
The Special Person’s / Father’s Day Stall will be held at school Thursday 29th August from 9.00 am.
Myf and Caroline are organising the stall again this year and could do with some help to ‘bling up’ the goodies for the kids to buy. Come along to the bling gigs on either one or all of these dates. We’ll supply the bubbles, cheese & nibbles if you can bring along nimble fingers and conversation!
Monday 12 Aug from 8pm or Wed 21 Aug from 8pm at
Where: Caroline’s: 6 Wastell Street Northcote
RSVP: Caroline-roberts@netspace.net.au or 0412 367 153.
Plant packing ‘bling up’ on Tuesday 27 Aug in the CANTEEN at school 10:30 to 12:30.
ALSO if you have any Men’s Gifts you could donate for the raffle - please drop them into the box in the Brooke Street foyer. Hope to see you there! Further information will sent home soon.
Cheers Caroline (Hugo 3/4 Bianca & Percy 1/2 Rosie) and Myf (Harry 3/4 Hannah & Akira 1/2 Cameron)

Community News

Looking for BOOKKEEPER to take care of my office, small business in Heidelberg West, 1 day a week, school hours, we work on MYOB, Exel, Mac. woodcraftmobiliar@gmail.com tel. 0423 599 970. Thanks, Dirk.

Want to Play Cricket? Then join the 2013–2014 season at Dennis Cricket Club
At Dennis we have a thriving junior program which welcomes all players from 5 to 16 years of age. Register at McDonnell Park, Clifton St, Northcote. Under 11 to 17 players - Aug 24th 2013, 12 to 2pm. Age 5 to 9 for Milo - Oct 26th 2013, 9 to 11am. So come along and join in. We provide a friendly and encouraging environment for all players. For more information: Call Frank Maher on 0401 204 086 or email - dennis@club.cricketvictoria.com.au

Does your daughter like AFL football? Would she like to learn the game?
Fitzroy-Carlton Auskick is inviting girls to join us at our ALL GIRLS Auskick program.
We encourage all primary school aged girls to come and have a kick, learn some skills, make new friends and enjoy training in a supportive and friendly environment. Auskick not only teaches the skills of AFL football, it also developmental skills, motor skills, agility, decision making, courage, leadership & teamwork.
Did you know: in 2014 the AFL will have a State Women’s League, 2016 the AFL will have A Girls TAC Cup and 2020 the AFL will have A National Women’s League. Fitzroy Junior Football Club would like to establish a Fitzroy Girls Team By 2015. Auskick is a great way to start so come down and have a kick with the girls!! Brunswick Street Oval, Fitzroy (W T.Preston Oval) 9am–10:30am every Saturday morning until the last Auskick session on the 10th of August 2013.

WANTED: girls tap shoes size 5 or 5.5 Please phone Bridget on 0405 246 551 (Ruby 3/4 Holly)

Tupperware - If you would like a catalogue with the latest products and specials, need new lunchboxes or want to organise your pantry contact Melina (Amelie’s mum Prep N) - 0408 354 430.

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Wanted: Cute bunnies looking for part-time foster parents
We are looking for a family to share the care of two rabbits Bunna (desexed male) & Wombat (female). Both are cute, cuddly and love hugs. Wombat is shy at first but becomes friendly. They require regular attention and care but otherwise low maintenance. We have a month on/off arrangement with a Westgarth family and seeking a family to replace our contribution. If you are interested phone Cath 0407 822 579 or Monique 0417 347 806.

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