End of term three – Once more, the end of another term has crept up on us, with just 8 school days remaining after today. School will finish for Term 3 at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 20th September. OSHC will be available from 2:00 p. m. on the 20th. If you require care please email Mike acs.westgarth.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or call on 9482 3323 to make a booking.

Term Four – As one term ends, so another begins! Next term we look forward to many more exciting school activities. Of course, there is the WPS Whopping Great Fete which will be held on Sunday 20th October. We also have the 2013 WPS Art Show, which will be held on Thursday 21st November. Rushe and Julia have been working tirelessly with students throughout the year to develop their art portfolio and, as the big night approaches, students will be carefully selecting pieces from their portfolio for display at the art exhibition. John will also be working with both the Senior Choir and Grade 4 Recorder ensemble; these groups will be performing on the night.

Transition activities are being planned for Term Four. This is a time where students look forward to learning more about what they can anticipate in 2014. These activities give students a chance to get to develop wider relationships with other students. The main transition day for students currently attending Westgarth will be on Tuesday 10th December. For students attending a Government Secondary School in Year 7, this is also the day current Year Six students get to visit their new school. As you can imagine this will be a special day for everyone, especially our Year Six students who have just one term left at WPS before they embark on their secondary school journey in 2014.

Preliminary School Organisation News for 2014 - The likely student enrolment for 2014 will be approximately 625 students, which means that we will require an extra portable classroom on our Clarke Street campus. At this early stage, we anticipate that there will be either 4 or 5 Prep classes and we expect to retain our current specialist classes - Art, LOTE, Music and PE - with each child attending each specialist class for 1 session per week. With additional students in Years 3 to 6, it will be necessary to review the current timetable arrangements including the Kitchen Garden timetable. More information will be provided in Term Four.

Languages Review Working Party – A Languages Review Working Party (LRWP) has been formed to complete a comprehensive review of the Languages Education Policy at Westgarth Primary School. The inaugural meeting of the LRWP will be held tonight, with the review anticipated to be completed twelve months from now. The committee will be convened by Mary Skarpetis, and consists of parents Ully Merkel, Libby Zerna, Erika Hellstrom, Bruce Levett and Belinda Johnston, as well as staff including Betty Mihailidis, Brenda O’Leary, Nettie Heron, Glenn Richards and myself.

Jump Rope for Heart – Last Friday saw all students from Prep to Grade 6 participate in our Jump Rope for Heart jump-off. Students rotated through a succession of activities designed and led by our Grade 6 Jump Rope for Heart Captains. Feedback from students on the day reflected a great degree of enjoyment, and no small amount of energy was expended by students and teachers alike! Thank you to our Jump Rope for Heart Captains for their contribution in designing the day’s activities, and to Ricky for enthusing all of the students and staff.

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Discovery at Westgarth - Throughout the course of this term, students right across the school have been embarking on voyages of discovery on a wide variety of topics. The Preps have been investigating different types of toys as well as making their own. Last Friday they were visited by a woodwork teacher who helped our prep students build wooden rockets. Next Tuesday 17th September from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., the Preps will be hosting a toy expo in their classrooms where they will showcase all of their hard work to their family, and other students.

Grade 1/2 students have been exploring sound and discovering how different sounds are made. Last Thursday, they visited the Arts Centre for a production of ‘Theo and the Lion’ and then, despite the inclement weather, visited the Federation Bells at Birrarung Marr. Grade 1 and 2 classes will also be performing a percussion piece next week using instruments they have constructed from reverse garbage.

Grade 3/4 students have been exploring the history of Victoria throughout term 3, and recently visited the State Library and the City of Melbourne as part of this inquiry. Next Wednesday 18th September in the WEB (ex-BER), Grade 3/4 students will be hosting an expo to display their investigations into Victorian history.

Grade 5/6 students have been investigating ancient civilisations this term and recently held an "Ancient Civilisations Showcase" where they shared their learning about one ancient civilisation with their peers. Students are now researching a "passion project" into their chosen area of ancient civilisations, which they will present to classmates and which will be on display in the WEB.

Planning for Term 4 - This week has been planning week at Westgarth. This means that the regular timetable which includes specialist classes has been modified. Instead, all specialist staff have been releasing teams of teachers to plan and organise curriculum content for Term 4. It is also an opportunity for all teachers, including specialist teachers, to evaluate term three programs and plan for student needs and learning for next term.

During mutual planning time, teachers plan curriculum content including Literacy, Numeracy and Information Communication Technology (ICT). Teachers develop assessment tasks for the term by focusing on concepts taught through core curriculum areas including each Inquiry/Discovery topic. In Term 4 these will include-

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By week 2 in Term 4, each team will send home a newsletter which will detail the inquiry/discovery units together with information about curriculum areas of Literacy and Numeracy as well as homework requirements.

Is your child missing an item of clothing or two? In spite of all our best intentions we have accumulated even more lost property than usual. Next week we will have school uniforms on display on both the Brooke Street and Clarke Street campus. Junior School Council members will be helping us to sort out named items and returning them to classrooms. We still have the majority of lost property unnamed and ask that parents/carers come and look through the clothing early next week to claim anything that might be yours. Any unclaimed items will be either kept to sell as 2nd hand uniforms or sent to a charity.

Thank you to Barbara and Glenn for contributing to today’s newsletter column 😊

Regards,
Grace Conway
Principal
**Sunday - Smart** - As part of our Sun-Smart policy, all students need to wear a wide brimmed hat or a legionnaire hat when outside from September through to April. If students are not wearing a hat, they will be asked to play in a sheltered area of the playground. The Westgarth motto is NO HAT, NO PLAY.

### What’s happening in OSHC? Term 3, Week 9; Sept 9th - 13th

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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. Student Free Day Monday 4th November - Please call or email OSHC if care is required.

### Election Day BBQ - Thanks to the saucy women and sizzling men for bbqing on Saturday.

We started early with 100kg of snags. It proceeded consistently and then the hungry masses hit from 11am til 1pm. It was heads down and tongs up in order to make the sizzle queue move faster than the voting queue. Surprisingly, we sold out and packed up at 2pm. It was lots of fun to work at this pace. Many thanks everyone - Emma, Annette, Alistair, Ross, Kristie, Jacqui, Anton, Belinda, Kym, David, Nicole, Mon, Libby, Mike, Katrina, Marylouise, Stefan, Justin, Kirsten and all the kids who sold the drinks. A great job well done. Thanks, Tamsen

### Sports Diary Dates

**Term 3**  
Friday 13th September  
District Athletics (selected students only)  
Monday 16th September  
District Athletics Reserve Day  

**Term 4**  
Wednesday 16th October  
Regional Athletics (selected students only)  
Friday 15th November  
Grade 3-6 Team Triathlon (optional)  
Friday 22nd November  
Triathlon Reserve Day  

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Westgarth Primary School 3
Congratulations to all the students for some wonderful skipping on Friday. A report on the day written by some Grade 6 students can be found in the newsletter. Please note that any money raised for participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program needs to be collected and deposited by Friday 13th September online at: www.heartfoundation.org.au/sites/jumpropeforheart Prizes for the fundraising will be distributed next term. Congratulations to you all and don’t stop skipping!

Jump Rope for Heart activities

Last Friday a group of Grade 6 students ran Jump Rope for Heart activities for the whole school. From session 3 to 6 they ran activities in groups of 2 and 3. Some of the activities included skipping races, long rope skipping, trick skipping and much more. Hannah says “it was really fun seeing everyone having loads of fun”. Alexei says “it was great fun and I wish it was longer”. It was a fun day for everyone.

By Eva and Hannah 6 Andy
Westgarth Primary School
Whopping Great Fete
Sunday 20th October 2013

School Holiday Activity! Our Whopping Great Fete is approaching and we need many feet!!!!
Ready and waiting at the office are 100’s of Fete Brochures ready to be dropped in our neighbourhood letter boxes. (Maps included) Grab a bundle, walk the dog, scooter, stroll in the spring sunshine! and ........... lets tell everyone about our Whopping Great Fete!!!

SOFT DRINK DRIVE !!!!
With the fete drawing closer it’s time to start the fabulous WPS Soft Drink Drive!
This year we are collecting soft drinks, water and/or juices for the Fete. There will be a wonderful prize for the classroom(s) with the largest donations. You can drop your donation off at the classroom or in the foyer on Brooke Street - remember to pop your child’s name and class on it! If you have any queries let me know - Megan 0417 168 098.

BOOKS - keep 'em coming!
Remember everyone, now is the time to clear those shelves and donate some books to the bookstall. There is a drop off point outside the gym where you can leave any donations or please get in touch with us to make other arrangements for drop off or we are happy to arrange collection: Belinda on 0400 947 318 or at belinda@cobwebs.id.au Thanks heaps to the people who have already started donating!

TRASH 'N' TREASURE!
Your old junk might just be someone else's cherished find...and 100% of proceeds go to the school! We will be seeking donations of unwanted quality possessions - bric a brac, kitchen- wares, homewares, jewellery, records, knick knacks. You name it we’ll sell it!
NOTE: ELECTRICAL GOODS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. School holidays are just around the corner and what a perfect time for a spring clean and to clear out those overcrowded cupboards! Goods can be dropped off at the school the day before the fete or by prior arrangement. For more information please contact Rhonda 0427 058 340 or Catherine 0437 687 107 or Bernadette 0408 030 245.

PIRATE BLING
Keep those donations of pirate bling coming! Anything that sparkles, shimmers or shines - we want it. Pirate box located in the office foyer. Thanks, Libby 0418 324 674.

DESPERATELY SEEKING SEWERS....and knitters, and jewellers, and quilters etc.
With the fete only weeks away, we are making a call out for items for the 'Handmade and Craft Stall'. Last years stall was a massive success due to the generosity of all our contributors. We would love to see that same success again as we raise much needed funds for our school. Whether you knit, sew, embroider, quilt, bead, crochet, make jewellery, toys, cards or wooden items, we would really appreciate it if you could make a piece, or multiples, and donate them to our stall. If you would like to contribute but are not sure what to make we have patterns and some fabric. Just give one of us a call and we can pass them on to you.
Donations can be dropped off at the school office or we can organise collection. Jo Beveridge 0428 160 228 oshalulu@gmail.com & Catherine Street 0448 880 118 cest@optusnet.com.au

Silent Auction Needs Help!
Please donate for the auction. If you are an artist, consider donating a piece of work. If you have a voucher you haven't used...donate!! If you have a present sitting in the cupboard that didn't quite work out.....donate!!
Contact Tamsin on 0428878066 or Tamsin.franklin@turnthecorner.com.au
Congratulations to these Students of the Week!

| Prep Emily - Jada S | 1/2 Yolanda - No selection due to excursion |
| Prep Heidi - James P | 3/4 Bianca - Inez M |
| Prep Kat - Charlotte H | 3/4 Hannah - Tilda M & Oscar W |
| Prep Nadine - Ruby D | 3/4 Holly - Theora M & Ruby T |
| Prep Sarah - Luka S | 3/4 Ryan - Sebastian T |
| 1/2 Barbara - Sebastian P-S | 3/4 Sarah - Labanya Z |
| 1/2 Betty - Sophia P | 3/4 Taryn - Koh N |
| 1/2 Cameron - Claudia O’F | 5 Brenda - Leilani K |
| 1/2 Julia - No selection due to excursion | 5 Gaby - Marlo P |
| 1/2 Kenji - No selection due to excursion | 5 Glenn - Tilda M |
| 1/2 Nettie - Marley G-G & Jay L | 5 Mark - Kai McM |
| 1/2 Noreen - No selection due to excursion | 6 Andy - Noah S |
| 1/2 Rosie - Oskar V | 6 Phana - Jack B & James D |

Community Advertisements

**Bunnies** - free to a good home.
Please call Katharine on 0415 400 867.

Free to good home x1 Cubby House! Will require dismantling and reassembly. Please contact Shona 0403 006 430.

September Holiday Drama Programme
For Kids 5 to 12 years. Mon 30th Sep & Tue 1st Oct at 314 Church Street, Richmond.
Call Rosa Campagnaro (Director) 9495 1980
E: info@makeascene.com.au or www.makeascene.com.au

Picture Time Competition - Insights into Dyslexia
Picture Time is about letting the world know how dyslexia impacts on a person's life. You can draw, paint, make a sculpture or collage about your experiences. You can take a picture or make a short film.
You can write a story or a poem, or even write and sing a song. Its up to you!
But Hurry, submissions close 30 Sep 2013.
For more information visit www.ldnetwork.net.au

Pure Tennis Junior Holiday Clinic.
Monday 23rd Sept- Thurs 26th
Sept 9.00am - 12.00pm daily at 180 Victoria Rd Northcote. Ages 5 years and up. Fundamental motorskills Program/ Hots Shots / Games & Mini Tournament Catering for all Levels. Beginners welcome Contact Danny Fuge 0409 514 940 or download an enrolment form - http://puretennis.net.au/holiday-clinics/

Clay Club - Messy, Muddy, Madness for kids! Clay Club is a chance for kids to have fun learning the art of clay using the potter’s wheel + sculpting in our beautifully equipped studio led by experienced tutors. Holiday classes 3rd + 4th October, 10am - 4pm $140, includes all materials + firing. Term 4 weekly classes Wed + Thurs afternoons from 10th October, 4pm - 5.15pm. $280, includes all materials + firing. 12 students each class. Bookings essential. 13 Keele St Collingwood. 0418 106 039, info@slowclay.com or www.slowclay.com

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