What's happening...

Welcome back everyone... If you were lucky enough to have some free time then we hope you had a relaxing break and that all students have enjoyed the school holidays and feel refreshed and revitalised for an exciting and busy term 4. I'd especially like to welcome back Lynne, Carolyn and Vicky who have all returned from extended leave during term 3.

Term 4... Term 4 is always an exciting time at WPS. Upcoming events include the 2013 WPS Whopping Great Fete, Art Show, Prep Orientation-dates include Friday 8th, 15th and 22nd November, Whole-School Transition, Grade 6-Year 7 Transition, Grade 6 Graduation and our End-of-Year Concert. Additionally, for the first time, we will be conducting three-way student-led conferences, involving parents, teachers and students during the first week of December. Reminders about these events are also listed under “diary dates” in the Newsletter.

NAPLAN... Student achievement details have just been forwarded to the school by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). If you have a child in Year 3 or Year 5 you will receive the NAPLAN student report during the next week. Please retain your child’s report in a safe place should you require it for future reference.

Playground... Works are ongoing throughout the playgrounds on both Brooke Street and Clarke Street. During the holidays our new caterpillar sandpit was installed on Brooke Street, much to the delight of returning Prep-2 students. Many students have started playing and inventing new games around the newly sprouted toadstools and mud rocks that form part of the new play area.

During term three I had signalled that an arborist was scheduled to carry out some work during the school holidays however, due to the extreme weather and high wind gusts the work was unable to be carried out and has had to be rescheduled. As it turns out the wild weather was responsible for one of the diseased trees partly coming down and damaging the front fence on Brooke Street.

Division Athletics... Congratulations to all students who participated in Division Athletics today. As ever, I would like to express my great pride in all students who represent Westgarth in a variety of events throughout our community. You do both yourself and WPS great credit with your determination and persistence to be your best. Congratulations!

2013 Fete... The 2013 WPS Whopping Great Fete is rapidly approaching. Fete day is about the school and wider community coming together and sharing in the community spirit that is very much valued by children and adults alike. As the day draws near, we cross our fingers (and toes!) for a favourable weather forecast, and reach out on behalf of our diligent fete co-ordinators, Chloe Crawley and Inger Pearce, one final time for any support you may be able to offer. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Chloe and Inger for their tireless work in the lead-up to this great day.

Please remember that there is major setting up to do on the Saturday before the fete as well as packing up after the fete. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Hope you have a sunny week.

Grace Conway, Principal
Diary Dates

Thurs 10th October  Grade 5/6 Forensic Frenzy In-House Activity
   School Assembly in gym 2.40pm.
   Item: Gr 1/2 Kenji & Gr 1/2 Betty


Tuesday 15th October  Hands on Science Activity 3/4S, 3/4T & 3/4B

Sun 20th October  Westgarth Fete 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mon 4th November  Student Free Day. OSHC available for care

Thurs 21st November  Art Show

Tues 10th December  Grade 6 Orientation Day (State Secondary Schools)

Thurs 12th December  Grade 6 Graduation

Meetings

Environment  Thursday 10th October 4 pm Resource Room
Policy  Friday 11th October 8.30 am Resource Room
OSHC  Monday 14th October 2 pm WEB Office
Language Working Party  Monday 14th October 5.30 pm Staffroom
Finance  Thursday 17th October 8.30 am Grace's Office
School Council  Wednesday 23rd October 7pm Staffroom

Term Dates 2013

Term 4:
07/10/2013 - 20/12/2013

Student Free Days:
Monday 4th November

Congratulations to these Students of the Week!

Prep Emily - Taeha T
Prep Heidi - Rayan A
Prep Kat - Duncan M
Prep Nadine - Denise A
Prep Sarah - Lachlan A
1/2 Barbara - Whole Class
1/2 Betty - Whole Class
1/2 Cameron - Akira E
1/2 Julia - Pippi A
1/2 Kenji - Solly L-A
1/2 Nettie - Toby M
1/2 Noreen - Daniel F
1/2 Rosie - No selection this week.

1/2 Yolanda - Charles H & Eva T
3/4 Bianca - No selection this week.
3/4 Hannah - Ben H
3/4 Holly - Whole Class
3/4 Ryan - Whole Class
3/4 Sarah - Caeden Y
3/4 Taryn - Lenny D
5 Brenda - Jasper A
5 Gaby - Nikki B
5 Glenn - Alice H
5 Mark - Whole Class
6 Andy - Sandra B & Jude C
6 Phana - Ransan S

Student Free Day - Monday 4th November
OSHC will be available for care if sufficient bookings are received. Please call Mike on 9482 3323 or email asc.westgarth.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to make a booking. Bookings are to be made by Friday 25th October 2013.
Sports Diary Dates

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Uniform Shop Changes

The Uniform Shop is now being run offsite by A Plus Schoolwear.

The A Plus Uniform shop is situated at 133 Bakers Road, North Coburg, Ph: 9354 8345. Uniform fittings must now be made at their shop.

If you are unable to get to the Uniform shop in Coburg, orders along with payment, can be handed into the school office. All orders will be collected by an A Plus representative once a week and returned to the school for you to collect from the foyer.

Online ordering with deliveries to your home or school will become available in November (more details later).

Due to our Sunsmart policy hats will be available for purchase through the office at any time.

Shop Hours:  
Tuesday 1.00pm - 4.30pm  
Wednesday 9.00am - 1.00pm  
Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Back orders - If you are waiting on a back order, the school will be attending to your orders and will be available for collection from the office.
WHOPPING GREAT FETE
SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2013

It's time again for the fabulous Westgarth Primary School Whopping Great Fete. As you may know, each year leading up to our Whopping Great Fete, we give our school community the opportunity of purchasing a wristband which will give the wearer unlimited access to the rides listed below. As well as our usual attractions, we have 2 new exciting amusements this year for our older students: Lazer Tag and Kite Flyer.

Wristbands sold PRIOR to the Fete will be at a discounted price of $20.00 per wristband. Wristbands sold on the day of the Fete can be purchased for $25.00 each from the Ticketing Booth. If a wristband is not your preferred option, tickets for rides will be available for purchase individually from the Ticketing Booth located near the amusements on Fete day.

The Lazer Tag and Kite Flyer amusements have an age and height restriction of 8+yrs and 120cm respectively. To assist parents/carers and the amusements supervisors, there will be 2 kinds of wristbands available - 8+yrs/120cm or junior wristbands. By purchasing the 8+yrs/120cm wristband, you are permitting your child/children access to these restricted amusements - there is no difference in the cost of the wristbands - ALL wristbands remain at $20.00 presale or $25.00 on Fete Day.

Rides included on the Wristband are:

- Kite Flyer and Lazer Tag (8 yrs+ or 120cms)
- Jumping Castle (0 - 4yrs)
- Commando Combat (4 yrs +)
- Chair-O-Plane (3-15 yrs)
- Giant Slide (3yrs +)
- Formula One Racing (4 yrs +)

The Westgarth Kindergarten playgrounds will also be open for the 0-5yrs

Wristband orders together with payment are due back to the School office no later than Thursday 10 October 2013. Wristbands will be sent home with your eldest child the following week leading up to the Whopping Great Fete. If your child is absent at the time wristbands are distributed, they will be available for collection from the Ticketing Booth on the day of the Fete. If financial hardship is an issue, we encourage parents to contact the School to discuss.

WPS WHOPPING GREAT FETE 2013 - PRE-PAID AMUSEMENT WRISTBANDS

I would like to purchase _________ of the 8+yrs/120cm wristbands @ $20.00 each

I would like to purchase _________ of the junior wristbands @ $20.00 each:

Child's Name: ___________________________________ Grade: ________________
Parent/Carer Name: ________________________________ Enclosed $ ______________
Contact Number: _________________________________
Cash □ / Credit Card □ : Card Number: _______ / _______ / _______ / _______
Expiry Date _____/_____ Parent/Carer Signed: _______________________________

NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE TAKEN FOR LOST WRISTBANDS
Whopping Great Fete
Sunday 20th October 2013

Fete Brochures: Our Whopping Great Fete is now approaching fast and we need many feet!!!
Ready and waiting at the office are 100’s of Fete Brochures ready to be dropped in our neighbourhood
to 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!!!

Jammy Countdown!
A huge thanks to everyone who came along last Sunday to work on getting all our jars
jazzy up for the fete - getting a grand total of 450 jars done on the day! So that means
we’re nearly half way there, with a couple more opportunities still left to lend a hand if
you’re keen: Thursday 10th (7.30-9.30pm) and Sunday 13th October (12-3pm),
Trudy’s garage (Union St, Northcote). Please text Trudy on 0434 376 411 to let her know
you’re coming.
We’re still keen for jars, particularly small ones (cleaned please!), so please drop in the trolley at the
office if you have any spare. Thanks, Anne & Trudy, on behalf of the Jammy Ladies & Chutney Chaps.

Mediterranean Food Stall
If you can spare an hour of your time to serve on the stall Sunday, please make contact
with Teresa or Suzie. If you can’t help on the day, we also need some help making salads
the day before the fete, please bring a sharp knife and some hot gossip to the
Farmhouse, Saturday from 11am.
Donations in an envelope marked Mediterranean Food and left at the office are always welcome.
Teresa Capetola (Elian 5M) teresa.capetola@deakin.edu.au 0409 011 749
Suzie Brooks (Roy 5M) suziebrooks@optusnet.com.au 0411 298 163

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS!
Just a reminder that you only have 2 weeks to sort out all your toy cupboards and pack
up any unwanted extras for us to sell back to your children at vastly inflated prices.
This recycling style of shopping makes it even handier if you package things up in sets
and label ‘complete’ or ‘2 bits missing’ etc, so then when it comes back to you it’s easy
to check that we haven’t lost any more of the bits.
Drop off times are Friday 18th October from 3pm until 5pm and Saturday 19th October from 8am
until 4pm. We will be at Bianca and Sarah’s portable, drowning in bionicles and beanie kids. Feel free to
stay and sort as you drop, all help really appreciated. Contact Bec on 0409 183 523 with any queries.

Books - your second last chance to offload them! And a first call for helpers.
It’s the last weeks and our book supplies are looking a little on the low side. Now is the
time to do that clean up and move on those books you don’t need to people who want
them. We’re happy to arrange drop off or collection or there is a drop off point outside
the gym.
Also, if you’re looking to help out on fete weekend, please consider the book stall.
There’ll be a huge amount of work going on in the art room on Saturday 19 preparing for the stall - you
can either let us know in advance what time you think you can help or just drop by on the day. A roster
for helpers on fete day will go up this week outside 1/2 Cameron (the portables) - even an hour of your
time will make a huge difference. If you can’t make it to school to sign up, get in touch with us and
we’ll make a note of the time you can do. Call Belinda on 0400 947 318 or email belinda@cobwebs.id.au.
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Sunday 20th October 2013

Fete Plant Stall update - stock your garden on fete day!
If you’ve got a bumper crop of herbs, vegie seedlings or any other plants, it’s not too late to donate. You can drop them off in the kitchen garden on Saturday 19 October from 3pm to 4pm or on the Sunday morning of the fete, preferably before 10am - but we’ll accept them any time! Email or call to let us know what you can contribute:
Robyn: rjs45@bigpond.com / 0437 105 052 or Vanessa: 0431 766 715.
Huge thanks to everyone who has already contributed plants, pots and time to help us build up an astounding range of plants!
There are already more than 50 types of flowering plants including natives and annuals, and 60 types of herbs and vegetables from artichokes to zucchini, including heaps of heirlooms.
Our seedlings include: 15 varieties of tomatoes in seven colours, more than 100 eggplant seedlings in three varieties, six types of cucumber, five types of melon, eight types of succulent, three types of orchid plus so much more, all at fantastic prices!

Ahh! - what’s that treasure being donated? The pirate treasure needs donations of wishing stones, marbles, foreign coins, bits of jewellery (real and toy), anything else that sparkles. Donations can be left in the container at the office.
Any questions, just ring Libby 0418 324 674.

Silent Auction
I am now officially BEGGING for donations for the Silent Auction. To all those who have given something THANK YOU...but it is going to be a very brief auction unless we get more stuff!!!
Vouchers, food, clothes ( new), holidays, used cars...new cars!!...I’ll take ANYTHING.
Have a look around at home, ring friends, please call me or email. Please bring in your donations to the school office. A box will be available to drop off your goodies.
Tamsin: Tamsin.franklin@turnthecorner.com.au, 0428 878 066.

WINE DRIVE WINE DRIVE WINE DRIVE
One of our fantastic raffle items is beer and wine to the value of $400, but with less than 2 weeks to go we currently have NONE!
We are desperately asking for bottles of wine to be dropped into the school office.
Even one would help, but we will accept anything you can give. Thank you.

Cake Stall
Cakes, slices and biscuits, we are asking all families to bake, bake, bake.
We need as many cakes, slices and biscuits as you are prepared to offer up to fill our cake stall and make it as popular as ever.
Early next week cake packs will be coming home that includes a plate, cellophane, ribbon and labels so you can bake and wrap. We have plenty of recipes and ideas if you need or feel free to offer up your family favourite.
Help us make this years cake stall a whopping cake success. If you need extra packing equipment please let me know.
If you can spare some time at the cake stall there is a roster is outside Gr 1/2 Rosie’s grade.
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TRASH 'N' TREASURE!
Your old junk might just be someone else's cherished find...and 100% of proceeds go to the school! We are seeking donations of unwanted quality possessions – bric a brac, kitchenwares, homewares, jewellery, records, knick knacks...you name it we'll sell it!
NOTE: ELECTRICAL GOODS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED
Drop Off Details: Saturday 19 October at the portables closest to Clarke St.
For more information please contact Rhonda 0427 058 340 or Catherine 0437 687 107 or Bernadette 0408 030 245.

Story Telling
Do you have a story to tell? We have a beautiful setting on the kinder verandah where children with eager faces will be waiting to listen.
Can you join our lineup of readers / storytellers to make this a wonderful addition to the fete activities?
Please contact Janine 0413 867 061 or email janine_oconnell@bigpond.com.

Desperately Seeking Pamper Parlour Co-Ordinator
The children are keen to do some pampering at the fete this year - hair braiding, nail painting and (temporary) henna tattoos. They just need some adult support to organise them and collect money on the day.
Help is available to prepare this activity before fete day.
Contact Janine on 0413 867 061 or email janine_oconnell@bigpond.com.

Community Advertisements

Free Bike Confidence Training for Parents
If you'd like to be more confident about riding with your kids, City of Darebin is offering free hands-on training sessions for parents. Sat 23 Nov 9.30am-12pm or 1.00-3.30pm and Sun 24 Nov 9.30am-12pm or 1.00-3.30pm
Enrolments are limited to only eight people, so sign up early. Note: sessions are for parents only, and you will need to bring your bike along to Wales Street Primary School, Thornbury. Bookings: stephanie.preston@darebin.vic.gov.au or 8470 8506
All participants receive a quality D-lock.

Hook in2 Hockey - Interested in playing hockey? Or want to give a new sport a go?
Yarra Valley Hockey Club is running a beginner's hockey program for children aged 5-12 on Saturday mornings between 10am - 11am. Program commences October 19 and concludes November 30th. Your first session is free and if you wish to continue it costs $85 (includes a starter kit of equipment) or $50 (if you provide your own equipment). Any queries, contact Rachel Watson on 0438 315 757 or register at www.yarravalleyhockey.com.au.

Local organic fruit and vegetables from CERES FAIR FOOD
Order fresh, seasonable fruit and veg online and pick up on Tuesdays from house in Clarke street, just around the corner from school. Go to www.ceresfairfood.org.au. Brendan Murray (Sabine - 1/2 Barbara, Minna - Prep Emily).

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