Whopping Great Fete... All looks set for a wonderful community event - The Whopping Great Fete, this Sunday from 10.00 a.m. - 4.00pm. The weather forecast looks great for a sunny day, some amazing entertainment has been organised for all ages and there will be great bargains and scrumptious food to be consumed. So come along, invite your friends and enjoy the atmosphere.

The fete day is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your child’s friends, their parents and involve yourself in some stress free activities with your children and friends. All grades are responsible for finding helpers for a nominated fete stall. So if you have some time on the day to assist at a stall, it’s not too late to let your child’s teacher know so he/she can put your name down on the list on the class window. Any time you can offer will be much appreciated. Helpers are still needed for setting up and cleaning up after the fete as well.

As parking is scarce on Sunday, we are asking families, where possible, not to drive but to walk, scoot or ride to the Fete. Please think about our neighbours and do not park over driveways for everyone’s safety and well-being. We look forward to seeing you there!

Drink Bottles... With the early arrival of the summer weather please ensure that your child/ren have a water bottle at school each day so children are well hydrated throughout the day. This term a wide brimmed hat or legionnaire’s hats must be worn at all playtimes and lunchtime.

NO HAT PLAY IN THE SHADE

Student Welfare... If you have any queries or concerns about your child's academic, social or emotional well-being please see your child's teacher or contact Lynne Mackie or Carolyn Shiels to arrange a meeting time. The school has a number of Student Service personnel that support students at Westgarth and along with classroom teachers, can assist to develop individual learning plans for students. Confidentiality in these matters is maintained at all times.

Regards,

Lynne Mackie
Assistant Principal

Thank You

On behalf of myself, Nicholas and Thomas, I would like to thank the many parents and students who have passed on their condolences and sent flowers on the recent loss of my husband Brian to cancer. His fight was both quick and courageous.

While there is no script for coping, I would like to acknowledge the recent and on-going support that I have received from Grace, Lynne and all the staff at W.P.S.

Enjoyment of my work and being in such a supportive environment is assisting me to function on a day to day basis, whilst still feeling overwhelmed by my loss.

Carolyn Shiels.
Diary Dates
Thurs 10th October  School Assembly in gym 2.40pm. Item: Gr 1/2 Rosie
Sun 20th October  Westgarth Fete 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mon 4th November  Student Free Day. OSHC available (booking essential)
Thurs 21st November  Art Show
Tues 10th December  Grade 6 Orientation Day (State Secondary Schools)
Thurs 12th December  Grade 6 Graduation

Meetings
Environment
Finance  Thursday 17th October 8.30 am Grace's Office
School Council  Wednesday 23rd October 7pm Staffroom

First Aid - Asthma Management - Updating Care Plans and Single Person Spacer - Use Policy
The school maintains an Asthma Register for students who have an Asthma Care Plan in place at the school. Although our policy doesn't require an annual updated Asthma Action Care Plan, if there has been any change to your child's condition, we would appreciate an updated plan, in order to provide the best possible care in case of an Asthma episode.
Alternatively, if you child no longer requires an Asthma Action Care Plan, please notify the school.
Please note that in order to comply with Asthma Victoria's policies: Westgarth Primary School has adopted a "Single Person Spacer-Use’ Policy which recommends that any child who requires a spacer to administer Ventolin must have their own spacer available for use at school, OSHC and on school excursions/sporting activities and camps.
All students requiring the use of Ventolin inhalers and/or spacers, must ensure that both are clearly labelled and are either kept in the First Aid room or (preferably) in their school bag.
Regards, Louise Green, School Nurse.

OH&S
This Thursday, weather permitting the tree surgeon will be working at the front of the Brooke Street site to remove trees that were damaged during the recent storms. This will involve closure of the main double gates for a period of the morning, this will occur after 9.00 a.m. Works will also be undertaken on Clarke Street to attend to storm damage on the north boundary and near the Kitchen Garden.
Thank you, Carolyn.

UNICEF DAY FOR CHILDREN - 23rd October 2013
Another reminder about this event on 23rd October. Kids please wear blue & bring a gold coin donation. Hopefully we can raise lots of money to help children who aren’t as fortunate as us get an education.
Thanks a lot. Charlie M. School Captain

Book Club - All Book Club orders are due back at school this Friday 18th October. Please ensure your child's name and grade are on the order from. Thank you, Dianne.

School Uniforms - Back Orders
If you are still waiting on a back order please come to the Office where Natalie will be available from 3:30pm Monday to Thursday to collect your items. Please ensure you have your pink order form.

Father's Day / Special Person's Day Stall
We are pleased to advise that the stall made $3,041-00. What a fantastic result. Thank you to the stall organisers and the children who purchased fantastic presents for their special person.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ANAPYLAXIS

Potential allergic reactions to nuts, nut products, seeds & other food products

As you may be aware for some children even a minor exposure to nuts or foods containing nut products or seeds can set off a severe allergy which may cause loss of breathing.

The parents of children who may have a severe reaction would like you to help us make the school environment as safe as possible by exercising caution when packing school snacks and lunches. Whilst students with severe allergies can learn to manage and control what they eat there is no real way of protecting themselves from nut traces that may be present in the environment such as on clothing, furniture, drink taps and of course on other people’s hands.

- Please avoid preparing school lunches with products that contain nuts, nut spreads, sesame products or chocolate that may contain nuts (e.g. Peanut Butter, Nutella and Tahini)
- If sending party food to school please avoid using recipes that require nut products (e.g. almond meal)
- As part of our Policy we do not encourage students to share food. All students will be encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Please avoid packing any whole nuts as part of lunches for children under eight as they may get caught in small children's airways presenting as a choking hazard

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.

✨ You Can Do It! ✨

Congratulations to these Students of the Week!

| Prep Emily - Sophie A & Noah D'C | 1/2 Yolanda - Zoe I |
| Prep Heidi - Mia M-R | 3/4 Bianca - Maria C & Felix C |
| Prep Kat - Sukey P-H | 3/4 Hannah - Jasmine K |
| Prep Nadine - Walter C | 3/4 Holly - Jemina G |
| Prep Sarah - Whole Class | 3/4 Ryan - Zoe M |
| 1/2 Barbara - Macy B-M | 3/4 Sarah - Ella P |
| 1/2 Betty - Estella J | 3/4 Taryn - Charley B-M |
| 1/2 Cameron - Daniel B-C | 5 Brenda - No selection this week |
| 1/2 Julia - Holly C | 5 Gaby - Alanah N |
| 1/2 Kenji - Jules P | 5 Glenn - No selection this week |
| 1/2 Nettie - Jeslyn L | 5 Mark - No selection this week |
| 1/2 Noreen - Kendra J | 6 Andy - Sarah L & Eva M |
| 1/2 Rosie - Rhyss T | 6 Phana - Athan K |
Sports Diary Dates

**Term 4**
- Wednesday 16th October: Regional Athletics (selected Grade 3-6 students)
- Thursday 17th October: Kanga 8’s Cricket Day Grade 5-6
- Friday 15th November: Grade 3-6 Team Triathlon (optional)
- Friday 22nd November: Triathlon Reserve Day

**Darebin Division Athletics Carnival**

Last Tuesday a number of students represented Westgarth at the Darebin Division Athletics Carnival (see table).

All students gave it their best with some having to wait all day for their event!

Congratulations for making it to this level and good luck to the students that will be going on to compete at the Northern Region Athletics Carnival tomorrow (shown in bold)

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**Jump Rope for Heart**

Congratulations to all students who participated in Jump Rope for Heart last term. I was so impressed with the way all students quickly became so enthusiastic for skipping, so much so that I had to buy more ropes for kids to use!

I am pleased to announce Westgarth students raised an amazing $2,445.00 for the Heart Foundation! This money will help in research into Heart disease and will help to save lives. The prizes for students that raised some funds will be distributed this week.

Again big congratulations to everyone and please keep skipping to keep your hearts healthy!

Healthy living equals happy living.

Ricky Davis, PE

**Chocolate Drive**

The chocolate drive is officially over and we made a grand profit of $8,531.70. A big thank you to everyone who sold chocolates this year and a very special thank you to Manny (Deanna’s dad in 1/2Y) who sold a mammoth 37 boxes at his work place. Well done Manny!

Janine Condick.
Talking About Childhood Asthma
Live From The Airways
Presented by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria and Royal Children's Hospital

Sunday 27th October 2013
4pm - 6pm FREE!
Ella Latham Auditorium, Ground Floor, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

Ask questions, gain advice on: medications, diagnosis and asthma management from top Respiratory Specialists: A/Prof Sarath Ranganathan, Prof Colin Robertson, Dr Jo Harrison

Light refreshments will be served and tickets are limited, therefore registrations are essential. Attend the event at the Royal Children’s Hospital OR watch the LIVE Webcast online
Register at www.asthma.org.au or call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)

Air Pollution and Asthma
School age students and young children with asthma can often have breathing difficulties when exposed to air pollution. Air pollution can occur:

Outdoors – smog (made up of nitrogen oxides and ozone), bushfires, cigarette smoke.

Indoors – formaldehydes/resins (some building materials), volatile organic compounds (found in paints, furniture, cleaning products), cigarette smoke, poorly maintained gas appliances.

The most important way to reduce the impact of air pollution on your child’s asthma to avoid the pollutant completely if possible.

♦ Stay indoors on high smog days, close windows and external doors
♦ Make sure you have a bush-fire plan if you live in a bushfire prone area
♦ Make sure your child’s asthma is well controlled and that you and your child know what to do if their asthma gets worse
♦ Make sure your gas appliances are serviced regularly by a registered or licensed gasfitter and that there is adequate ventilation in rooms containing gas appliances
♦ Choose building items, furniture, paints and wood items that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds.

For more information about air pollution and asthma, contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (278 462) or visit www.asthma.org.au.
WHOPPING GREAT FETE – LAST CALLS

OMG - we are now down to the number of sleeps before our Whopping Great Fete - 5 and counting! The long range weather forecast is looking OK for our day - currently - 24° partly cloudy - perfect, so keep your fingers crossed it holds out.

COLD DRINKS - Please keep your donations and contributions of cans of soft drinks, bottled water and juices, we do need more of these especially if the heat turns it up.

STALL HELPERS - The Rosters are up! Every class has been allocated to a stall or activity - in some cases classes have been allocated 2 stalls - to help and assist make our fete a Whopping Great Fete. We rely on the generosity of our school community to pitch in and help out no matter how great or small. Please see your child’s classroom door or wall to sign-up.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY SET-UP - If you have a spare hour or two anytime on Saturday or early hours of the morning on Sunday before 9.30am - we would welcome your help with the preparations of setting and laying out of our Fete. There’s loads to do and as the saying goes “Many hands makes light work”, and if you have a trolley, please bring it along.

RIDES & AMUSEMENTS WRISTBANDS
Last call for your opportunity to purchase your wristbands at the discounted price of $20.00 prior to the Fete Day. After this on Fete Day they will be available for sale at $25.00 each.

SILENT AUCTION..." Last call for Silent Auction...don’t forget!! Thank you for the goods already donated but we would still love some more. Goods can be dropped off at the office.

FETE FLYERS - We still have lots of flyers that need delivering, please pick up a bunch at the office. We are also sending home today an A4 size fete poster that can be delivered to local shopping strips, work places, put on your front fence, etc. to help spread the word!
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Last few things for the Home Produce Stall
Well here we are in the last week before the fete already, and after 8 months of wonderful team-work we're very pleased to say that everything's looking fabulous and ready for Sunday. Thanks to lots of industriousness (and chatting) over the last couple of weekends, all of our 960 jars are now labeled, 'frocked up' and ready to go.
Thanks everyone for a great effort.
But we just have a couple more things on our list for this week:

- Fresh fruit, veggies or herbs to sell at the stall on the day. Please let us know if you have any to donate (drop off at the stall on Sunday morning)
- Can you make a batch or two of lemon butter? Here’s a suggested recipe (http://www.taste.com.au/recipes/20189/lemon+curd) but feel free to use your own if you have a favourite. And we can supply you with little jars too if you need them
- Do you have a stash of plastic bags you could donate for us to give to shoppers on the day?
- And finally the stall roster. The roster is outside 1/2 Julia, so please put your name down if you're keen to help (particularly if your kid is in that class). And don't be shy about putting more than one name in each square - we need up to 6 people in the morning and 3 for the afternoon. Alternatively, you can email or text Anne with your preferred times.
- We also need plenty of helpers for set-up from 7am.

Please call or text either of us if you are able to volunteer to do any of the above.
Thanks again to everyone who's been involved in any way with the Jammy team this year - it's been an absolute pleasure, and we're all looking forward to a great day on Sunday!
Anne 0417 114 088 and Trudy 0434 376 411.

Toys Toys Toys!
This is it; fete week has arrived and finally you can offload your boxes of furbies, Tonka trucks and Lego, Lego, Lego!
We will be eagerly awaiting your piles of stuff outside Bianca's portable on Clarke street THIS Friday from 3pm to 5pm, and we'll be there shoulder deep in soft toys and ziplock bags from 8am until 4pm on Saturday.
Feel free to stay and help sort and price but we promise not to be nasty if you can't face the trauma of it all. Thanks for all your wonderful donations in advance! The Toy Team.

Retro Clothing Stall
Thanks to all the generous souls who sifted through their wardrobes last week and over the weekend, we now have a veritable mountain of splendid clothes, not to mention some pretty snappy accessories. A special thank you to Nerida, Janine, Ally, Jo, Elodie, Kate and Karen for all your wonderful donations and also a big thank you to the good people who have left bags of clothes in the office. We are having a lovely time sorting through it and my, what surprises we have found! I've said it before and I'm going to say it again: This is going to be one helluva stall.
Please keep the clothes coming either to the office or text Bettina for a pickup 0413 130 940. If you've got a spare rack, we'd love to borrow it for the day and, if you'd like to be part of our terrific sales team, let us know and we'll slot you in. What fun!! Thank you. Danielle (Imogen 3/4 Sarah), Curl (Charlotte 3/4 Hannah) or Bettina (Babette 5 Brenda and Baptiste 3/4 Ryan)
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Do you have the Whopping Great X Factor?
Come on, we know Westgarth’s Got Talent, don’t keep it hidden away. Get out of your bedrooms and garages and come on down to the fete this Sunday to perform your song, dance, magic trick, mime, poetry reading, juggling trick, spoken word piece or awe inspiring feat of physical impossibility. The podium will be setup outside the Kids Cafe (canteen) where passers-by will be stopped in their tracks just to watch and hear you. Register your interest and availability with Kate Price, of Idol fame (Westgarth Idol that is), or just turn up on the day and sign up on the busking board. You could be the next big thing, and become a lifetime member of the WGF Hall of Fame.

The busking proceeds are part of the school fundraising, so all buskers will be rewarded for their efforts with a fete voucher. Sign up: price.kathryn.j@edumail.vic.gov.au, 0408 230 601
Note: Acoustic instruments only as no power is available for busking.

Wanted - Strong people with trollies!
Are you free for an hour between 8am to 4pm on Saturday 19 October - we will be moving tables, putting up marquees and preparing the school for the fete.

Or are you free from 6am to 8am on Sunday morning (free egg and bacon rolls) or the pack up - between 4pm and 7pm - (rewards for helpers and lots of fun!!)
Please go to the gym if you are able to assist. Any questions, please call Meg 0432 413 419.

Laser Tag
If you are planning on coming to the laser tag game in the gym, please wear runners or other comfortable shoes that are suitable for running on the gym floor. Remember you will need to have purchased the older kids wristband or individual ticket on the day for entry to this activity.

Cake Stall
Cake packs including plates, ingredients slip, stickers, cellophane and ribbon were sent home yesterday, so it’s time to start filling them with cakes, slices or biscuits.
Extra plates, stickers, ribbon and cellophane are available at the office.
Please bring your baked goods to the music room on Saturday 19th October between 12.00pm - 5.00pm.
Please do not send anything with fresh cream. Thanks in advance Sarah 0417 548 333.

Book Stall - Whopping Great Fete - Sunday 20th October 2013
Thank you to everyone who has donated books so far - to everyone else, this is your last chance. Please leave your books at the shelves outside the gym or get in touch with us for drop off/pick up arrangements.
We don’t have many volunteers yet to help on fete day, so please either sign up on the roster outside Cameron’s classroom (Brooke St) or get in touch with us and we’ll put you on the roster.
We’d also welcome anyone who can help out with sorting and setting up on Saturday - we’ll be in the art room the entire day so feel free to drop by if you can lend a hand and/or a sturdy back.
Thanks, Belinda and Sebastian (contact Belinda on 0400 947 318 or at belinda@cobwebs.id.au)
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Plant Stall: NEW LOCATION
***WE ARE NOW LOCATED NEXT TO THE NEWMARKET STREET GATE***

A perfect location for dropping off your plant contributions on Saturday 3pm to 4 pm or Sunday before 10am. Please write down any useful information such as plant name and flower colour so we can pass this on.

A-Z with the Plant Stall - Artichokes, basil, cucumbers, daphne, eggplants, French beans, geraniums, hellebores, impatiens, jap/kent pumpkins, lobelias, Minnesota mini melons, nasturtiums, orchids, poppies, Queen Anne’s lace, raspberries, succulents, tomatoes galore, unusual varieties, verbena, wapsipinicon peach, x-cellent prices, yukina, zucchinis. We’ve got all these and heaps more - stop by for a green bargain on Sunday. Robyn: rjs45@bigpond.com 0437 105 052 or Vanessa: 0431 766 715.

Pirate Treasure
Pirates love all types of treasure! Thanks to all the great donations so far, and the pirate team would still love more. Wishing stones, marbles, toy coins, real coins, plastic figurines, jewellery (even if its broken). We see treasure in all of it!

Treasure box waiting in the foyer.

Chai Tea Stall Cancelled - New Soft Drink & Water Stall Setting Up (Grade 3/4 Sarah)
Chai Tea is sadly unable to run so we have decided to allocate that stall to cold drinks due to the beautiful weather being forecast for fete day. So we’re now looking for a cold drinks co-ordinator for the day. If you can help please contact Chloe on 0400 977 849.

Music News - Whopping Big Fete
The Whopping Big Fete will be officially opened with performances by our two great school choirs. The Junior Choir has been led by 3/4 teacher Ryan Sterling and the Senior Choir by Prep teacher Nadine D’Monte. The choirs already have a couple of performances under their belt this year and are raring to go.

The fete officially opens at 10:00am this Sunday. Following the two choirs will be performances by three musical acts comprised of students and past students. Two bands, Empty Threat and The Gods Of Smith Street will be debuting as well as a duo by the name of Ice Cream Sundae. Please come along and witness the beginning of greatness and support our local student musicians. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday.

As with all great outdoor music festivals, we’ve had an act cancel at the last minute. We now have a free time slot between 12:45 and 1:05 for any solo, duo, trio, or band to play. If you are interested, please email the school on westgarth.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au so it can be forwarded to me and we can "fill the bill". Thanks and see you at the fete. John Carr, Music Specialist

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.
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Community Advertisements

Walker St Community Kinder - Clifton Hill
2014 places available for 4yo 8.30-4pm Mon & Thu or Tue & Fri.
3yo 12.45-3.45pm Wed. Term Fees: 3yo $240 4yo $440
www.walkerstkinder.com.au or enrolment.officer.4yo@walkerstkinder.com.au

Darebin City Brass Community Band - Youth Group
Community Harmony Concert 2pm Saturday 19th October 2013. Salvation Army Hall, Gower St Preston. $5 admission. Door Prizes.

TERM 4 SCHOOL AGED CLASSES IN CREATIVE DANCE
Classes for Grade 3 and up, with Heidi Barrett at Lieto Creative Dance studio. Tuesdays after school during term 4, McKean Street North Fitzroy.
For details email Nikki Venter nikkiventer@gmail.com.au. Join in on an experience in creative dance, yoga, choreography, and a performance at the end of the term. Heidi Barrett has an extensive background in teaching creative dance and choreography in a variety of community settings and is passionate about nurturing children's creativity and imaginations through dance. Lieto offers classes for all ages from babies to adults. Please visit www.lietocreativedance.com.au for the timetable and more information.

Victorian Primary School Orienteering Championship
The Victorian Primary School Orienteering Championship are held on Friday 8th November at Hanging Rock near Woodend.
In 2012, a team of students supported by a parent, participated and achieved 6th best school. Orienteering is a sport involving navigating around an unfamiliar course as fast as possible. The cost of competing in the Championship is entry $7.50 and car park entry $10.00 per car. Students can compete individually or in pairs.
The Orienteering Championships please email Bruce Arthur, father of Sophie, Torren and Mason brucearthur1@bigpond.com directly before 5pm Monday 21st October. Students will be guaranteed a place if parents can provide transport on the day. Other places will be confirmed depending on numbers and the availability of transport.

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