What’s happening...

I hope everyone feels refreshed after the holidays. We are looking forward to another exciting term with lots of grade excursions planned, assemblies soon to begin, interschool sport to take place in the afternoons this term and many fundraising events being organised by Parents and Friends.

The survey information has provided the school with valuable information regarding how best to communicate with our community. Out of 52 responses, all 52 participants read the newsletter and more than half read it electronically. Today the newsletter will only be sent out electronically, with copies available from the office.

Congratulations to our staff members that have had babies, prior to and during the holidays-Aimee & Brian, a baby boy Tiger, Kenji and Nerida, a baby girl Florence, Josie and Adam, a baby boy Jake and Christine and Shane, a baby boy Jarrah.

Brooke Street Playground.....Over the holidays you will have noticed the Brooke Street fence renovations and the improved access into the Brooke Street playground. This is an ongoing project this term for the Environment Committee, along with completing further refinements to the 2012 mud map design, including plantings and seating for passive play areas.

Curriculum Day Friday 26th April......Next Friday will be a Curriculum Day for all students. OSHC will be open all day for students who need care, please contact the school office or email Mike regarding bookings for this day. This service can only operate if there are ten or more bookings so please ensure that your booking is used on the day. The staff will be involved in Professional Development activities focusing on Literacy and Numeracy.

Out of School Hour Care....Currently the program is full on Tuesdays afternoon and there are no casual bookings available.

After School Security and Student Safety.....Parents are reminded that all exterior doors are locked at the conclusion of the school day, on both sites. Could you please ensure that all students are collected promptly from their classrooms at 3.30pm. A yard duty teacher is on duty till 3.45pm and this staff member ensures that all students have been collected and the buildings and grounds are secure. We encourage all students, parents and toddlers to dismount from their bikes, pick up their scooters/skateboards and walk along the school fences and into school. For the safety of all pedestrians, riding and scooting is not permitted in the school grounds and school car parks must not be used as an exit or entry into school.

Have you had your flu shot yet? Health authorities are asking that pregnant women and people with chronic health conditions, including asthma, to ensure they are vaccinated before Winter sets in. Respiratory viruses are a common trigger for asthma exacerbations and we encourage all families to ensure we keep our students healthy during the term ahead by encouraging children to wash their hands before eating, getting plenty of rest and placing tissues in the bin.

Have a wonderful week everyone.
Lynne Mackie
Assistant Principal
Diary Dates
Fri 19th April  Icy Pole Day
Thurs 25th April  ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Fri 26th April  Pupil Free Day. OSHC available.
Tues 28th May  School Photos
Sat 1st June  Westgarth Idol
Thurs 12th Dec  Grade 6 Idol
Meetings (Proposed Dates only)
Environment  Tuesday 23rd April 4.30pm
OSHC  Thursday 2nd May 2pm
Policy  Friday 3rd May 8.30am
Finance  Thursday 9th May 8.30am
School Council  Wednesday 15th May 7pm (Confirmed Date)

Term Dates 2013
Term 2 15/04/2013 - 28/06/2013
Term 3 15/07/2013 - 20/09/2013
Term 4 07/10/2013 - 20/12/2013

Uniform Shop
Open Tuesday from 3:15pm

Icy Pole Day - This Friday April 19th
Please bring along your $1. Icy Poles will be sold at recess time.
Anyone free to help sort and or serve icy poles on the day your help would be appreci-ated from approximately 10am to 11am at the canteen on Clarke St or call Annette for details 0419 810 395.

ANZAC Day Badges and Wristbands
Badges and wristbands will be available again for students to purchase this year. School Captains and Vice Captains will be visiting all classes from this Wednesday 17th April. Prices range from $2 to $5.

Year 6 Students Transition to Secondary School 2014
Here is an outline of important dates for Year 6 student transition.
Wednesday 17th April - Application for Enrolment to Year 7 sent home.
Friday 17th May - Application for Enrolment to Year 7 to be returned to Carolyn Shiels, Transition Co-Ordinator by 9am.
Monday 19th August - Students will be notified by mail of their Secondary School Placement by Westgarth Primary School.
Tuesday 10th December - Orientation Day for students attending State Secondary Schools.
Students are required to make their own travel arrangements to attend Secondary Schools' Orientation.
Thursday 12th December - Graduation at the Fogular Furlan Club

Northcote High School Tours - St. George's Rd, Northcote
Tours commenced on April 15. They run several days a week in Term 2 commencing at 9.15 am. The last tour is May 22. The tour takes about 1 hour. Check our website for exact dates. All welcome.
http://www.nhs.vic.edu.au or ring the office to book a place 9488 2300.

Northcote High School, Open Morning - 24 April
Open Morning will be on Wednesday 24 April 2013, from 9.15 -12.00 noon. Information sessions will be run through the morning. A repeat information session runs at 7 pm at night.

ACE High Achiever’s Program Yr 7 Entry 2014
Information regarding this program, and application forms, are now on our website. The changed ar-rangements of 2012 no longer apply and any interested families are encouraged to apply. See our website for details: http://www.nhs.vic.edu.au. Applications Close: Monday 29 April, 2013. 12.30 pm
Test Date: Saturday 4 May, 2013. 9.00 am.
### Sports News

This term, students in Grade 3-6 will have the opportunity to try out for the school Cross Country team. The District Cross Country will be held at Bundoora Park on Wednesday 29th May for selected students.

I encourage anyone wishing to participate in the trials to head down to Johnson Park and start some training in the lead up to the trials. Selection trials will be held in the week beginning Monday 29th April and Monday 6th May. Dates of the time trials for each age group will be in next week’s newsletter.

Boys 9/10 years 2000m (4 laps of Johnson Park)
Girls 9/10 years 2000m (4 laps of Johnson Park)
Boys 11 years 3000m (6 laps of Johnson Park)
Girls 11 years 3000m (6 laps of Johnson Park)
Boys 12/13 years 3000m (6 laps of Johnson Park)

### Sport Diary Dates Term 2

**Interschool Sports Grade 5 - 6 Students**

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### Westgarth Idol June 1st - Calling All Idols

As that magnificent Australian Adam Scott stepped up to his putt on the 18th at the US masters he thought “The only thing better than sinking this baby would be singing at Westgarth Idol.”

As the post-putt Adam furiously high-fived the bold Mark Leishman and yelled “C’mom Aussie C’mom!!!” in his face with extreme ferocity Mark thought “Gee, I’ve missed out today but I might sing that song at Westgarth Idol.”

As the distraught Jason Day tightly nursed his infant son after a valiant but ultimately vexed effort, never more keenly aware of the visceral healing properties of a child, he thought “At least I can enrol the kid at Westgarth PS and sing at Westgarth Idol.”

After such heroics to not sing at Westgarth idol would be un-Australian. Repeat, un-Australian.

It’s easy. You choose to sing as a solo, duo or ensemble. You choose a song. You have a couple of rehearsals with the band and hang out in the green room eating stale chips. You sing on the night to rapturous acclamation and, like Adam Scott, your life is forever touched.

The Vague Enquiry Hotline is now closed. The Blithe Insouciant Enquiry Hotline is now open as is the Adam Scott Appreciation Society Hotline and the Original Idol Hotline. Call 0417 158 235 and our operator will direct you accordingly. Spaces are filling so hit the phones as the band needs lots of practice.
School Council Report: Sub-Committees

The bulk of the School Council’s work is done through its sub-committees. Membership is open to everyone and joining a sub-committee is a great way to get involved in the school without having to be on the School Council. You may wish to become involved if you have an interest in a particular area, expertise to share or just want to lend a hand.

Each sub-committee has a Convener who has the job of chairing meetings, reporting back to the School Council with recommendations, and encouraging participation from the school community by co-opting parent members (or local community members where appropriate).

Our Sub-Committees are:

Environment, which oversees school buildings and grounds with a focus on the best interests of students and the environment. The Convener is Bec Yule.

Finance, which develops the budget, oversees investment and promotes operational efficiency. The Convener is Mary Skarpetis.

Out of School Hours Care, which oversees the operation of the Out of School Hours Care Program. The Convener is Emma Savage.

Policy, which develops educational and school-wide policies, aiming for dynamic policy that complies with D.E.E.C.D requirements and strives for best practice. The Convener is Belinda Johnston.

From time to time, an ad hoc committee or working group is formed. We have just established an ad hoc committee to update the Kindergarten licence. The Convener is Liza Mihailidis.

Parents and Friends Association is represented on the School Council by Emma Savage. There are regular notices about their activities in the newsletter.

Westgarth Kindergarten’s Committee of Management is represented on the School Council by Fiona Glenn.

Meeting times are given in the ‘diary dates’ section of the newsletter. We’ll keep you updated on the work of each sub-committee through the newsletter. Please feel free to contact the Convener through the office or directly by email, or just come along to a meeting to get a feel for how the committees run and whether you might like to get involved in any way.

Further information is contained in the school policies, School Council Code of Conduct and School Council Roles and Responsibilities. These can be accessed from the website (click on ‘systems and routines’). Thank you, Ully Merkel, School Council President.

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Westgarth Primary School - Parents & Friends Association

Requests for Assistance

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Do you have a fabulous recipe for biscuits or confectionary? Are you able to whip up a batch or two and package them up for our stall?

Do you have a nifty idea for a hand crafted gift? Are you able to make some for the kids to purchase for their Mum or Special Person?

The Mothers' and Special Persons’ Day Stall is booked for Tuesday the 7th of May. If you are able to bake or craft goods for the stall, or have other items to donate for sale, please let me know on the contact details below. Goods are generally priced from $1 to $10, with the bulk being under $5.

I will be arranging to have packaging and ribbon available at the school office for you to collect and use in the coming weeks. If you are baking, there will also be labels and an information sheet to fill out with ingredients, use by dates etc.

Goods can be dropped off at the school office on Monday the 6th of May, or first thing Tuesday morning (by 9.10am please) at the stall in the BER building.

I'm also looking for volunteers to run the stall, so if you can offer an hour or two of your time on the day, please let me know so I can draw up a roster. Set up will commence at 8.30am and the stall generally finishes at about 2.00pm or thereabouts, with another sale held at the end of the school day (3.30 - 4.00pm)

 Helpers please either contact me on the details below, or leave your name and contact details at the office. If you have any queries about WPS Parents & Friends, please contact Emma Savage on 0413 185 350 or emma@weller.id.au.

Next Jammy Cook-up, Sunday 21 April 10.30am to 2.30pm

With the long winter term now upon us, what better way to spend those cool autumn afternoons than hunched over a steaming pot of something yummy?

Luckily for us, there will be plenty of opportunities to do just that in the coming months - starting with THIS SUNDAY, 21 April, 10.30am to 2.30pm at The Farmhouse on Clarke St as usual. It’s apples and pears, quinces and medlars this month, so we’ll be making lots of gorgeous jellies and jams.

Please let us know if you are coming by texting 0417 114 088 or emailing wundernelli@bigpond.com and if you have a favourite knife please bring it along. Kids also more than welcome - to play or help as they see fit. Cheers, Anne and Trudy
Asthma Management

An asthma action plan allows you and your doctor to create an individual plan for you to manage your asthma. An action plan advises you about what you must do to stay healthy and what to do when your asthma is unstable and you need help.

There is no 'standard' asthma action plan, as everyone's asthma is different. Your plan needs to be written to deal with your individual triggers, signs and symptoms, and medications.

Your action plan might be based on symptoms, peak flow readings or both.

An asthma action plan outlines:

- How to care for your day-to-day asthma (it lists your regular medications and how many times each day you should take them)
- Key things that tell you when your asthma is getting worse or an 'attack' is developing, and the steps you should take to manage it
- Symptoms that are serious enough to need urgent medical help (with emergency information on what to do if you have an asthma 'attack').

Have your action plan reviewed every six months or after a severe asthma attack.

It is just as important for parents to obtain a clear, succinct, written summary of their child's asthma management (an Asthma Action Plan). This will provide a source of reference to reinforce the advice given by the doctor.

This Asthma Action Plan is also an important tool for anyone caring for your child. It provides up-to-date, detailed information (including your child’s emergency first aid plan) to help manage your child's asthma. A copy of the asthma action plan should be sent to your child’s school, kindergarten, childcare centre or to anyone caring for your child.

When the child is old enough to understand, make sure that you explain asthma to them and encourage them to be aware of their symptoms and how to treat them.

Asthma First Aid

An asthma attack can take anything from a few minutes to a few days to develop. It can be a very frightening experience and people having an asthma attack may need help straight away.

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The new Entertainment Books are being sold as a fundraiser for our school. For those who may not be familiar with the books they offer valuable savings on restaurants, cafes, cinemas, sports attractions, leisure activities, hotel accommodation, hire cars, theme parks and much more. Many of our local businesses are included. The very popular 5% off Coles and Kmart shopping and 5% off Safeway and Dan Murphy's are still available. You can view all the great offers by perusing an example book in the office or online at www.entertainmentbook.com.au.

Books cost $65 with $13 going to our school. To purchase a book 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.

PS if you purchase a book within the next week you will receive additional bonus offers valued at over $170.

Community Advertisements

PIANO & VOICE TEACHER - Situated just a few houses down from Westgarth Primary, I teach piano and singing to all ages and ability levels. I'm in my 3rd year of a Bachelor of Music Performance at the Victorian College of the Arts and have been teaching for a year now. My availability is flexible however Monday and Friday afternoons are preferable. $25 per half hour, 1 hour lessons are also available if you were looking to learn both singing and piano. Bridie Cotter 0430 511 988

Group Exercise In Johnson Park with Jacquie's JumpStart PT. Come and join us in the fresh air, get fit and feel good. All levels of fitness catered for, so don't be shy. Tues & Wed 9.15am $10 per 45min session or $90 prepaid for 10 sessions. Other times available for groups big or small, or one to one sessions. Call Jacquie 0413 604 675 with any questions or just turn up!

WANTED: Dads with soccer skills required for Yarra Jets FC First team and Reserves Saturday comp. Great way to stay fit this winter. Contact alex.j.mungall@gmail.com for details.

Piano Improvisation classes for 4-6 year olds
Play-a-Story is a revolutionary piano improvisation class for 4-6 year olds. This beautiful class offers a foundational, systematic and creative experience that harnesses children's intuitive, musical appreciation and interpretation. It uses the piano as its mode of travel, creating sounds, melodies, harmonies and rhythms to express a story... literally, students create their own musical soundtrack to the story. Term 2 Classes in Thornbury during weeks 3-11. Individual piano lessons are available for 6-year olds. Contact Freya Hanly 0417 192 713 www.simplymusic.com/PlayaStory www.simplymusic.com/Teachers/FreyaHanly

Awesome April Trash & Treasure Sale! Find a bargain in any one of 15 stalls... from 9am - 5pm Saturday 20 April. Cnr Gibson & Derby Sts, Northcote. Bridget (Ruby 3/4 Holly) and Curl (3/4 Hannah)

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Westgarth Primary School
Dear Parents/Carers,

In Term 2, we are once again offering a lunchtime chess club for students in Grade 2 to Grade 6, organised by the company Chess Kids (www.chesskids.com.au). This program requires 25 participants to operate.

The classes will be on a Monday and commence in the second week of Term 2 on Monday 22nd April in the Computer Room on Brooke St. (Chess Kids were not available on Tuesdays) The cost for the term is $60.00. A classroom teacher will assist during each session.

Due to the limited spaces of 25 in the group, you are asked to return the permission slip together with payment as soon as possible to secure a spot. It will be on a first in basis. Please forward $60.00 in cash/cheque or credit card (slip below) and return it directly to the school office as soon as possible and not their classroom teacher. Please note all cheques are to be made payable to Westgarth Primary School.

Regards.

Chess Kids - Lunch Time Chess Club Term 2 2013
Grade 2 - 6 Students

My child ___________________________ Grade____________________
would like to participate in Lunchtime Chess Club.

I have forwarded $60.00 cash/cheque/credit card (please circle). Please complete details below.

Parent/Guardian Signature____________________________________________________

Phone Number________________________________________   Date ___ / ___ / ______

CHESS PAYMENT METHOD - Term 2 2013

☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Card

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

AMOUNT: $____________________________

Students Name:.........................................................

Expiry Date:   ☐ ☐ / ☐ ☐

Cardholder’s Name: …………………………………………………………….. (Please Print)

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