What's happening...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A sincere thank you to our fete co-ordinators Chloe and Inger and to every member of the community who contributed to making the fete an amazing success. Many people in the community commented on how well organised the fete was and congratulated us on the quality of the food as well as the entertainment, stalls, games, home produce, craft, plants face painting, afternoon tea and much more!

Many families, as well as staff, praised how the fete manages to bring our community together in a wonderful, country style atmosphere right in the heart of inner city Melbourne. Such a well organised event takes months and months of thorough planning. Under Chloe and Inger’s leadership we have managed to raise $81,600. While this is not the net amount raised as we have yet to deduct expenses and add some funds raised for the fete prior to Sunday, we are well on the way to breaking another fete record.

As Principal of Westgarth Primary I am at the same time humbled yet proud of our achievements. Thank you to all the stall holders and their helpers, stage managers, logistics co-ordinators, rubbish police, entertainment, food and drink co-ordinators and their helpers, all stall holders and everyone else who helped in any way big or small. Thank you also to the staff who have assisted throughout the process and who worked on Sunday to support our community efforts.

Thanks also to the families and students who brought their friends and family to join in the day.

These events only occur due to the dedication, hard work and generous community spirit that the families of Westgarth possess.

Regards,
Grace Conway. Principal

Whopping Great Fete - Thank you

Wowzers...Thrilled would be an understatement. A record breaking day. Fantastic work to one and all. To be honest though, even if the day made a lot less it still would have been a ripper of a day.

Our school fete is fantastic because of our school community. Our fete is fantastic because everyone comes out of the woodwork to work, make, buy, play, socialise and have fun. Our fete is fantastic because we all come together - its the social event of Northcote isn’t it?!!

There are so many people to thank:

First (because we missed out on saying so on Sunday) - The fantastic entertainment crew - John, Jason, Justin and band, our new MC Tony Wilson and all the musicians that performed on the day. The vibe of the fete would be NOTHING without you and everyone who sang and spoke on the day. The kids were just so great. Thank you so much for your professionalism, humour and talent.

To Lance, Scott, Chugg, Stefan and all the other hard workers who were there with us for the 12 hours Saturday and 15 hours Sunday (yes we are there that long!). The fete would not run smoothly without you nor would it look as good or work as well. Thank you for your brute strength and tirelessness...and saying yes to our tasks without even a raised eyebrow. 

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Whopping Great Fete - Thank you

To Ruben (Grade 6) and his older brother Llewelyn (an old Westgarthian) who met us at 6.30 am Sunday morning and helped. Well done boys. You are champs. To all the other kids that came and helped move chairs and tables, set up the food court area and other odd jobs - well done to you all too. You never fail to impress us.

To Andrew our Sparky and your infectious laugh. Thank you for all your help. Always.

To Suzanne and the toilet cleaning crew, Kieran and the washing up crew, Raphie and Paul and the sustainability crew...these are not glamorous jobs but you come back every year and wade through the filth, junk and goodness knows what else to make the school look better and work better. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We feel we are very lucky having such dedicated families who are thinking of the most efficient and environmentally friendly ways of improving the fete every year.

To Dan - thank you for doing the raffle again and for managing it with all the mini dramas along the way.

To Bec for all the art work and putting up with our changes. That can’t be fun but you do it anyway.

To Betty V. for working all day, on her day off, to make those delicious pizzas - our first wood-fired pizzas on fete day and hopefully not our last. You are so supportive and kind..how lucky our school is to have you.

To the teachers (and their partners and siblings) who came and helped on the stalls and let us use their classrooms and spaces. You are all fabulous and think it’s really lovely for the kids and wider community to see the parents and teachers working and socialising side by side. Truly lovely. Next year we want to see Glenn in lipstick if he works on the cafe stall again though!

To our wonderful stall holders - The hours and hours and HOURS of cooking and baking and candle stick making. Collecting of toys, books and treasure. Whether you sold drinks, food, treats, tickets, plants or painted faces your commitment always astounds us. There wouldn’t be a fete without the stalls. So many and so beautiful. Thank you so much for your help and happiness.

To the parents who helped on the stalls giving our co-ordinators well earned breaks and to those that provided generous donations of goods - Your support made us HUGE money and the day easier for all.

To the office staff - Grace, Lynne, Caroline, Nella, Janine, Susan and Peter the maintenance man...Thank you for letting us just do what we do. You are always obliging and supportive, helpful and pick up the loose ends. Big BIG thank you.

A special mention to Janine in our new role of Kids Coordinator...what a difference you made! How happy where all our kids?!!..We had laser tag, pirates treasure and story telling made for smaller ride queues and happier kids. It just worked so well because of you and all your hard work. Thank you to the dads who spend all day setting up and practising the laser tag to ensure it was perfect. Great work. Could not have pulled it off without you.

If we missed anyone else we apologise. we thank you one and all - and the wonderful support of donations and sponsorship from the wider business community - your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A special mention to the Lions Club volunteers who come year after year to sweat it out on the BBQ.

To Meg, Melissa, Shona, Emma and John for being a part of the Fete Committee...it’s been a pleasure. Fun in fact. We need to drink to that.

Lastly, all the kid-lets of Westgarth Primary School...we love you all and hope you had fun!

Signing out, Chloe and Inger x

PS. We are calling for MAJOR help and new fete co-ordinators for next year NOW. So get on it while you are on a high. Chloe: chloe@parca.com.au 0400 977 849.
Diary Dates

Thurs 10th October  School Assembly in gym 2.40pm. Item: Gr 5 Gaby
Mon 4th November  Student Free Day. OSHC available (booking essential)
Tues 5th November  Melbourne Cup Day
Thurs 21st November Art Show
Tues 10th December Grade 6 Orientation Day (State Secondary Schools)
Thurs 12th December Grade 6 Graduation

Meetings

School Council  Wednesday 23rd October 7pm Staffroom

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.

First Aid - Health Information for Parents/Carers

Measles is a serious viral infection that causes fever, cough, a rash and sore eyes.

Chickenpox presents with a fever, malaise and a rash that is intensely itchy and appears as small blisters.

Both viruses are highly infectious. If your child develops symptoms of either measles or chickenpox, you should see your doctor.

Your child may return to school 14 days after the onset of measles rash or chickenpox.

Please note:

Immunisation against measles and chickenpox is the most effective way to prevent infection.

Regards, Louise Green, School Nurse

Whole School Maths Activity

Today and tomorrow, Professor Maths is visiting Westgarth Primary School. Over the next two days, students from Prep-Grade 6 will participate in a variety of hands-on activities designed to foster an enthusiasm for mathematical problem-solving.

Children in Grade 3-6 greatly enjoyed bending their minds around today’s activities, designed specifically for senior primary students.

I hope that the Prep-2 students enjoy their time with Professor Maths tomorrow, when the activities will be adapted to target junior primary children.
Regional Athletics

Congratulations to all the competitors who participated at The Regional Athletics last Wednesday. You all represented the school with enthusiasm and were outstanding with your performance. It is an amazing achievement to reach this level of competition.

Good luck to Lachlan McK, who will go onto competing at The State Athletics Carnival in discus.

Good luck!!!

Cheers, Ricky Davis. PE Coordinator

Sports Diary Dates

Term 4

Friday 15th November       Grade 3-6 Team Triathlon (optional)
Friday 22nd November       Triathlon Reserve Day

You Can Do It!

Congratulations to these Students of the Week!

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Most children haven’t developed the skills to be safe in traffic. They may:
• not notice objects directly in front of them
• have trouble judging the speed of cars
• not behave safely.
If you drive or park near the school take extra care and keep on the lookout for children.
Hats off!
Thanks Inger and Chloe for steering us all through the delivery of yet another wonderful fete. It is a testament to your organisation that everything went so smoothly. What a professional operation you have turned this event into - we have our own branding and such a well thought out site it includes a food court. And what an amazing result! Fete meetings were always more like fun than work, which is after all, what a fete is meant to be about. It's been a pleasure working with you both. Janine, Shona, Meaghan, Emma, and Melissa

Mediterranean Food
More gratifying than taking a bite of a delicious souvlaki redolent with garlic, onion and barbeque smoke OR a fragrant pork dumpling encased in a crispy fried shell OR a melt in your mouth taste of slow roasted pumpkin layered with sweet sweated red onions, tangy sun dried tomatoes, piquant feta and black olives OR a mouthful of delicate Australian brown lentils laced with preserved lemon rind, Italian parsley and seasonal spring onions OR the refreshing taste of gourmet lettuce mixed with finely sliced fennel and homegrown grapefruit - MORE gratifying than all these tastes put together were the number of volunteers fronting to the farmhouse on Saturday and Sunday and announcing: "We are here to help, what can we do?"

To all the Mediterranean Food volunteers - Westgarth parents, friends, family, students (especially 6A and 5M) and former Westgarth students - you know who you all are - the ones with smoke and onion stinging eyes, blistered hands, weary feet - our most heartfelt thanks to you all!

To our generous food partners who have been supporting our stall for years, our warmest gratitude to: Bulkan Burek, Cedar Bakery, Psarakos Brothers (Deli, Fruit & Veg), Going Nuts, and The Sunnypatch.

Special thank you and acknowledgment to Westgarth parent Manny from Philhellene Restaurant - you make the souvlaki making easy for us!

To the big boys who wake up before dawn, to make fire, and roast meat, and the big boys who stand for hours in hot smoky conditions and have to endure the alluring call of succulent roasting lamb and cries of "Hurry up! We need more meat." from the harried volunteers - you make it look easy. Thank you.

All are the backbone of this bountiful banquet, all who have begged, borrowed, butchered, barbecued, browned, burnt, basted, bundled and bagged. Thank you, Suzie and Teresa

Kids Café
A thousand thankyous to all the wonderful people who baked and chopped and smiled and sold kids food at the KID’S CAFÉ! Special mention to Annette Williams for her outstanding and enormous contribution of biscuits, cupcakes, slices, crackles and more and her lovely calm presence at the stall. Also extra special mention to Sinead (5B) who has a future as a cupcake master, her muffin burgers were a sight to behold, and she produced more goodies than should be possible for an 11 year old. Also thanks so much to Sinead's dad, Darren, who worked like a trooper. Big thank yous to the lovely Asha, Alice, Lily, Fern, Luke, Georgia, Nina, (all Grade 5) and other helpers, (whose names I didn't get but who were brilliant) for their sterling work selling the goodies at the stall and then, getting out into the crowds and selling cupcakes, popcorn and fruit cups. Big respect to you kids. Your parents should be proud. Thanks also to Amanda, Ali, Sarah, Claire, Sharon, Crystal, Jen, Sean and Kia, a parental powerhouse of cooking, chopping fruit, sweeping, washing and serving - we couldn't have done it without you.

Sarah Coffey and Nikki Domeney - Kids Café
Whopping Great Fete
Thank you

Thank you from the bookstall
A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the bookstall this year. The bookstall raised almost $4,400 - such a good result! Thanks go to the people who donated books, and to those who helped on the day or with the long, hard set-up on the Saturday. We really appreciated your time and effort so much. And, a special shout-out to those who passed up the chance to celebrate the end of the day and instead helped pack up the stall. Cheers, Belinda and Sebastian

The Wisteria Café
To the Wives of Westgarth team Mandy & Shona, thank you both so much for helping make this year such a success and so much fun!
To Alex, Cath, Mon and Annette, a massive thanks to you all for baking, serving, dish washing and helping to make The Wisteria Cafe such a great place to hang out this year. A special thanks must also go to Cam and Glenn who willingly donned the floral pinnies and got into the spirit!
Thanks to those who also dropped off treats to our stall. We had over 40 dozen portions of home baked goodness, lovingly served to our fete goers with cups of tea.
A super team effort from everyone who contributed, can’t thank you enough, Kate

Plant Stall
It’s hard to believe there are no pots left in our backyards to nurture through wind, hail and frost, and defend against possums and snails! A big thank you to everyone who helped make the plant stall such a great success, with plants and customers galore.
We had a fantastic plant-growing team this year, along with amazing help from many families on planting day and at the fete - with a special mention to Meg who, as well as helping with set up, provided rejuvenating massages on fete day!
Extra special mentions go to Penny whose backyard was overrun with potted plants and ex-Westgarth grandparent Doug Williams who again donated three trailer loads of plants!
We also want to thank our wonderful donors - please keep their generosity in mind the next time you’re doing garden shopping:
- Bulleen Art & Garden www.baag.com.au, who donated a trolley-load of plants and two vouchers for our raffle
- Scotsburn Nursery www.scotsburn.biz, who donated around 600 seedlings
- Victorian Indigenous Nursery Coop (Fairfield) www.vinc.net.au, who provided a fantastic collection of locally indigenous wildflowers at a discount
- Debco www.debco.com.au, who provided us with a great discount on much-needed potting mix
- Masters Preston www.masters.com.au, for seedlings and supplies
- NMIT Nursery, for a lovely tray of mixed plants
- Urban Farming, Preston, www.urban-farming.com.au, who provided discounted bales of pea and bean straw that made great shelves for the plants; and
- Mr Fothergills mrfothergills-seeds-bulbs.com.au, for a fantastic donation of seeds.
Finally, a huge THANK YOU to the Westgarth community who opened up their gardens and donated cuttings, plants and many pots, and purchased so many plants on the day (including more than 300 tomatoes!) Happy gardening, and may all your weeds be wildflowers!
The plant stall team: Vanessa, Penny, Christine, Robyn and Alison
Retro Clothing Stall
Wow, what a day! What a stall! Let it be said that this year saw the best turnout of second hand clothes ever. We could not have done it without the bountiful offerings from our school community. Thank you to all the good people who donated clothes, hangers and racks (yay Tamsin and Megs).
Thank you also to Charlotte, Chantal, Claire, Mon and Indigo for helping to sift through 68 bags of clothes on Saturday afternoon with great patience and humour. And a huge thank you to the following terrific people who worked so hard on the day: Kim for her props and expertise in styling the stall; Katherine, Alyssa, Kate G and the lovely lady in the Gorman dress for rehanging clothes and being kind to our customers; Ruth and Natalie for their laughter; and Kate A and John’s wife for spontaneously appearing at the end of the day to help pack up. A special thank you goes to our three handsome male assistants: John for his steady patience amongst a frenzy of women, Ivan for his spectacular comedy and Damo for his sheer charisma.
While we snuffled, itched and sneezed our way through the day, our wonderful helpers managed to run the show and turn a tidy profit.
Thank you. Danielle (Imogen 3/4S), Curl (Charlotte 3/4H) and Bettina (Babette 5B and Baptiste 3/4 R).

Baguette Stall
We want to express our thanks to Terra Madre (Fruit Peddlers) in Westgarth for their donation of organic eggs and greens. Also, a big thank you goes to IGA Northcote for their assistance. Noirotte Patisserie in Station Street Fairfield (opposite Commonwealth Bank) supplied the delicious baguettes at a discount which was especially generous coming from a small business like them. Finally, thanks to all our wonderful helpers on the day. Simone (Maya 1/2B), Anna (Aila Prep E) and Ully (Sabine 1/2B and Minna Prep E)

The Toys Team
Westgarth, we felt the love! Many of you pre-sorted, labelled and delivered on time. We thank you heartily and love you and your piles and piles and piles of toys. Special mention to Justin who dropped off a cue-less pool table at lunch time ON FETE DAY, and then publicly dissed us over the PA for naming him biggest toy stall loser of 2013. Herculean sales efforts did manage to move the thing, so all was forgiven. Thank you to all our amazing sorters and pricers starting with 3/4 Bianca on Friday and including Zoe, Lola, Luke, Meg, Alice, Clare, Martin, Joon, Sarah, Anna, Mary-Anne, Annette, Christie countless ten minute kids and the usual toy team members Marg, Julie, Patricia and Sandy. Special mention to Steve for the lunch run, and Sarah Fletcher, who, after 8 years decided to spend her last year ‘dropping in’ with words of encouragement and apology but made up for it on Sunday by staying all day and selling Justin’s pool table. A treasured lifetime member of the toy team, there’s always an apron available for you at toys. Thanks to most of the above again for setting up and superior selling work on Sunday, with the addition of Mike, Fiona, Kate, Jacqueline and Karen - thank you all. Evan did awesome work on ferrying all our boxes back to the container when we were all too tired to care and Paul ‘the BIN BABE’ Haar’s recycling of our small pile of plastic was impressive. Lastly but by no means least, thanks to all of the WPS community parents who cheerfully gave their children money to come and buy back all the ‘treasures’ they donated, with special mention to Principal Grace, who remortgaged her house to buy up big, and Mina Merkel who visited at least 37 times and spent a dollar with us EVERY time. So happy. Thanks to your donations and then repurchases, toys smashed all records for a $4,900 profit this year and we are VERY pleased with this astonishing result. Thank you Westgarth, we love you. Bec & The Toy Team.
Whopping Great Fete

Thank you

Thanks for making Home Produce so fab and fun!!
A huge, huge thanks to everyone who has been part of the Jammy Ladies (and Chutney Chaps) Team this year, and helped make it so successful and fun.
Thank you to everyone who came along to a cook-up during the year, donated jars, kept an eye out for fruit that needed picking, got up on ladders to pick said fruit, cooked up your own batches of deliciousness at home, cut up fabric squares, helped ‘fancy up’ the jars, and then worked so hard all day yesterday staffing the stall. And all the while staying marvelously cool under pressure, keeping up a near constant stream of chat, laughter and (always helpful, never bossy) advice and suggestions.
Thanks to all of your efforts - and of course due too to our excellent and loyal customers - we achieved a great result for the school on Sunday, which makes it all worth it.
We couldn't be more delighted about the wonderful team that has come together this year, and it has been an absolute pleasure to work with you all. And if the discussions about next year that were going on at the bar late in the afternoon are anything to go by, I think we can look forward to another great year in 2014! Anne and Trudy.

Fabulous Face Painters!
We had the absolute BEST TEAM EVER on Face Painting this year - and if any other stall tries to tell you differently - they are VERY MUCH mistaken (or delusional). We painted over 200 faces, arms, legs and feet this year - and had a bevy of delighted fairies, butterflies, tigers, girls, boys and parents.
First of all a BIG thank you to the bleary eyed set-up crew who were there helping from 8am - George, Eva and Katie. And what can I say about our extraordinary group of painters and bouncers: Genevieve and Anne (our professional painters), Sarah, Nerida, Bianca, Rebecca M, Rebecca Y, Tamsen, Warabe, Monique, Sophy, Anne M, Caroline, James and Arnica (former Westgarth pupil - making a very helpful return) - you were ALL completely, astonishingly amazing! (And many worked FAR longer than they were scheduled). All the previous comments AND AN EXTRA big round of applause for Virginia, Amanda and George - who were available non-stop for most of the day AND stayed and helped with the final clean-up (AND brought their own paints). Cross my heart - the team this year deserves the highest face painting award possible! Thank you all so much!

Community Advertisements

Kids Clothes Swap
Bring any unwanted kids clothes to the Farmer’s Market and you will be able to swap them for ones that fit. Coburg North Primary School, 180 O’Hea Street, Coburg. 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 8am to 1pm.
Cost: A gold coin donation to support school programs is greatly appreciated.

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Westgarth Primary School
**2013 WHOPPING GREAT FETE - FEEDBACK SURVEY**

We would like to know your thoughts and experiences at this year’s Whopping Great Fete so that we can make next year’s Fete even Greater! Please take 5 minutes to complete the following survey:

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We appreciate you taking the time to complete this feedback survey. Your views and suggestions are important to us as they provide an insight into how you would like your Whopping Great Fete to be. All responses will be carefully considered during future planning. Please return completed surveys to your child's classroom teacher or the school office ASAP.   **Thank you.**