What's happening...

School Council 2015.......Thank you to the parents and carers who came to the School Council information sessions held prior to the beginning of the School Council election process. We have now completed the School Council nominations and we are very pleased to announce our new School Councillors to the Westgarth community. As we had four parent nominations for four parent vacancies there will be no need for an election.

Congratulations to Melanie, Gary, Virginia and Mark, we look forward to welcoming you onto School Council at the AGM on Wednesday 25th March and to continue working together to provide efficient governance of the school.

Melanie Davern          Ella (6 Cameron) and Clancy (Prep Tara)
Gary Selwyn             Samuel (Prep Rosie)
Virginia Anderson       Iggy (4 Tom)
Mark Dinning            Matilda (4 Tom), Ruby (2 Mark) and Tamsin (1 Ellie)

The two elected staff representatives on School Council will be Rosie Parry, a member of the prep teaching team and Glenn Richards, a Grade 4 teacher and team leader. Congratulations to both these staff members as well.

Thank you to the outgoing School councillors - Bettina De Chateaubourg, Annette Williams and Ully Merkel (President) as the parent representatives and Anita Hannaford and Kate Copping as the staff representatives, for their enormous contributions to the governance and workings of the School Council subcommittees over the last two years and the establishment of the working party on Languages in 2013.

Parent Teacher Interviews.....Tonight and Wednesday afternoon. We have had positive feedback regarding the online booking system and the ease of which parents and carers can make bookings to suit their individual needs. The online booking system has now closed so if you have not yet made a time to see your child’s class teacher please call the office or email the school so we can arrange for the class teacher to call you back to organise a suitable time to meet. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to meet the teacher and discuss your child’s learning goals at an early point in the year. Thank you in advance for your attendance at these sessions - we look forward to seeing you there.

It’s another busy week.........Preps start fulltime this week so we will see them attending school tomorrow, their first Wednesday!

Parent Helpers workshop with Barbara Wednesday 11th 9.15- 10.30. All welcome.

Good luck to all the swimmers who will be competing in the regional competition tomorrow. Go WESTGARTH!

Ride 2 School on Friday 13th March. Try to leave the cars at home and enjoy a walk, ride or scoot to school with your family and friends. See more details in the newsletter.

Have a fabulous week everyone and enjoy the lovely weather as well.

Cheers,
Lynne Mackie
Assistant Principal
Diary Dates 2015

Tues 10th & 11th Mar  Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45pm - 7.30pm
Preps start full time
Fri 13th Mar  Responsible Pet Ownership Prep - 2
Ride2School Day
Sun 22nd Mar  Working Bee 10am - 12 noon Brooke St
Fri 27th Mar  Last day of Term 1. Students dismissed 2.00pm
Wed 27-Fri 29th May  Grade 6 Camp 2015
Wed 9th Sept-11th Sept  Grade 4 Camp 2015
Sun 18th Oct  Whopping Great Fete

Meetings
Wed 25th March  Safe Travel Working Group - 7.00pm 19 Hayes St
Northcote  tel :9481-3321
Wed 25th Mar  School Council AGM 7pm followed by 1st meeting of
new council.

Term Dates 2015

Term 1 - 29/01/15 - 27/03/15
Term 2 - 13/04/15 - 26/06/15
Term 3 - 13/07/15 - 18/09/15
Term 4 - 05/10/15 - 18/12/15

Ride2School Day this Friday
A reminder this Friday Westgarth Primary School will participate in
the National Ride2School Day. We want to encourage students and
their families to leave their car at home on this day (13th March) and
get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun involved in choosing to walk
and wheel to school. Everyone will be encouraged to dress up their
bike, scooter, skateboard, helmet etc.
On the day we will be having a ‘Helmet’ parade after the Friday Morning assembly. Students will have the opportunity
to parade their decorated helmet to their peers in a class by class parade.
As inter school sports is cancelled for that morning the 3-6s will have their parade on the Tiger Turf from 9.05 until all
classes have strolled the ‘green carpet’.
The P-2s will have their parade from the Friday morning assembly, however the grade 2 classes have their
Responsible Pet Ownership in session 1 so they will join us in session 2, and the Preps will go to their Responsible Pet
Ownership in session 2.
Both the P-2s and 3-6s will be playing music to add to the fun atmosphere during the parade!!
There will be a staff member located at each parking area so please assist your child to park their bikes in the
appropriate parking bay- 5/6 the bike shed, Clarke St car-park for the 3/4’s, and the Brooke St car-park for the prep, 1, 2
students.
In the interest of student safety, all riders must dismount and walk their bikes past the school fence and
inside the school gate to the parking bay.

The Kitchen Garden News
The KG Program recently had a Kitchen week celebrating corn, using South American inspired recipes. This was also to
coincide with the commencement of Spanish language classes.
Our ‘Working Bee’ Garden week saw the removal of many crops and the construction of a
large “nest” with the waste materials. This activity was enjoyed by all, and reinforced some
valuable skills with tools, as well as great teamwork among the groups. Planting of new crops
commenced.
In our current Kitchen week, we are cooking zucchini and corn fritters.
The following week in the Garden we will be looking at composting and fertilizing, as well as
continuing to plant new crops.
All volunteers are most welcome to attend any sessions, on a permanent or casual basis.
Mary and Truda can be contacted via the School email or directly to westgarthkg@yahoo.com

Chocolate Drive 2015 – Easter Fundraiser
A reminder to all families to return your Easter fundraiser orders to the office.
What’s happening in After School Care?

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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.

Kasundi Kook-ups Koming up - 15th and 22nd March

It’s that time of year when we need to get cracking on making our best-selling, highly prized spicy Tomato Kasundi. So we’ve got two cook-ups at the Farmhouse coming up on the last two weekends of Term 1, Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd March.

Kasundi’s a fiddly beast to make with an ingredient list as long as your arm, so we need a crack team of choppers if we’re going to get it done.

So could this be the moment when you finally take the plunge and come along to a Jammy Team cook-up in the Farmhouse?

◊ Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd March at 9.30am - 12.30pm in the Farmhouse on the Clarke St campus
◊ BYO apron and knives

RSVP to Anne on 0417 114 088 or wundernelli@bigpond.com. Hope to see you there!

And don’t forget to keep those donations of clean jars coming please. Drop-off in the trolley at reception.

Thanks! Anne Martinelli

Welcome Picnic

What a wonderful night we had for the Welcome Picnic! The weather was spectacularly good, and only rivalled by the music, nosh and vibe!

We had a terrific turn-out of families who lingered long into the night. Meanwhile, the children had a ball, practicing independence by buying their own food and enjoying the freedom and safety of being on school grounds.

We were delighted to use the night as an opportunity to particularly welcome the prep parents into our Westgarth family.

Thank you to all the parents who came along, we hope you met some new people and had a great time!

A massive thank you to all our volunteers – where would we be without you and your wonderful work cooking borek, serving snags and icy poles, taking money and cleaning up!

Special thanks to Michael and Richard, the fabulous Idle Fates, who donated their time and musical expertise, you guys rock!

We are so lucky at Westgarth to have the undisputed king of the barbecue; big thanks to Anton!

And last, thanks to the teachers and staff for coming along and supporting us out of hours. Great to see you there! Jessamy, Emma & Jacqueline, Westgarth Parents and Friends Club

Westgarth Primary School 3
Northcote Division Swimming Competition Grade 3-6

Once again all the Westgarth swimmers swam extremely well at Divisions last week. Our students showed great sportsmanship, competitive spirit and exemplary behaviour. Thank you to Brenda, Dianne and all the parents that helped us walk to the pool and back. Below is a list of all the students who have progressed through to Regionals which will be held on Wednesday 11th March. Good luck!

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Thanks, Go Pies! Rushe Lynch

Active April

It’s that time of year again – time to get active (or more active) in April. Active April is a government initiative to encourage people to be active for 30 minutes a day during April. There are lots of prizes just for joining up!

Please visit the following link for further information:

We have registered a Westgarth Primary team. All you need to do is log on to the Active April website and create your own profile and password.

It’s easy to join our team:
Team name: Westgarth Primary
Team ID: westgarth-primary3

We look forward to seeing your names appear on the team!
Rushe, Hannah & Aimee

Sport Diary Dates

Grade 6 Interschool Sport

Friday 20th March (changed from 13th March) Away game against Preston South Primary
(No softball or bat tennis. Cricket played at Oulton Reserve)

Grade 3-6 Sports Dates

All the events below have now been confirmed. Please pop the dates into your diaries!

Tuesday 3rd March Division Swimming 9:30am-2:30pm Northcote Aquatic Ctr (selected students only)
Wednesday 11th March Regional Swimming 9:30am-2:30pm Northcote Aquatic Ctr (selected students only)
Monday 16th March T20 Cricket (interested Grade 6 students only)
Tuesday 26th May District Cross Country (selected students only)
Wednesday 10th June Division Cross Country (selected students only)
Wednesday 17th June Region Cross Country (selected students only)
Friday 21st August Westgarth Athletics Day (all Grade 3-6 students) – Reserve day is 28th August
Monday 14th September District Athletics (selected students only)
Tuesday 6th October Division Athletics (selected students only)
Wednesday 14th October Region Athletics (selected students only)
Friday 6th November Orienteering Championships
Friday 13th November Triathlon Day
FAIRFIELD BOWLING CLUB
Trash & Treasure Market. Sunday 15th March
10.00 - 4.00 p.m.
125 Gillies Street, Fairfield.

Anyone interested in doing life drawing with a model?
There’s a local ‘backyard’ studio I go to in Thornbury for un-tutored life drawing groups. The studio organises the model and provides easels, stools, some paper and materials (and tea and cake!) and the lighting is great. Prices are really reasonable and people with all sorts of drawing abilities attend – definitely no need to have much experience. If interested, you can email Frank who runs the group on lastpeek@gmail.com or phone 0404 111 013 or, me Jen Power (mum of Benji in Prep) on 0416 012 909.

Melbourne University seeking participants for women’s wellbeing project
Do you worry about whether your relationship is healthy? Do you sometimes wonder if you are safe? The University of Melbourne is seeking women aged between 16 and 50 who have experienced relationship issues over the last six months to take part in a project. Participants in the i-Decide project will test an online healthy relationship tool and safety decision aid by taking part in three short surveys over 12 months. Participation is confidential and women will receive up to $150 as a token of appreciation. For details and to participate, visit www.idecide.org.au. You can also email i-decide@unimelb.edu.au or call the University of Melbourne on 8344 4018 or 1800-134-168 (toll-free).

Trad Netball Junior Clinics and Games
A fun atmosphere with skill learning in a positive environment Ages 7-13 years 5pm each Monday after school at RMIT, Bundoora PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN: the rules of netball, throwing and catching skills, goal shooting technique, footwork, attacking and defending skills. Please use contact details below to register or to make further enquiries: www.netballcomp.com
87 Elder St, Watsonia 3087, Mobile (Dave): 0433 098 444 or Email: admin@netballcomp.com

The Big Dreams BIG YARD SALE is on again, this time for TWO DAYS! With prices starting from just $1, you wouldn’t want to miss out. Saturday 14th March 9am to 4pm and Sunday 15th March 9am to 2pm. Rear of 269 High Street Northcote—enter via Eastment Street. CASH ONLY

The Brunswick ‘Dragons’ is your vibrant local football club. The Brunswick Junior Football Club is still accepting new player registrations for our Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 mixed (boys and girls) teams. We also welcome new player registrations for our new Under 12 and Under 15 all-girls teams and Under 15 boys team. Preseason training is on this, games played on Sunday mornings in the YJFL, home ground at Gillon Oval, Victoria St Brunswick. To find out more visit our website: www.brunswickjfc.org.au, contact our registrations officer: Ali - 0439 390 055, or email to registrations@brunswickjfc.org.au.