



## Principal News – October 2023

### Welcome back!

It is wonderful to be back for our final term for 2023. How quickly the year has progressed. Term four is always a full term. I would like to thank the team, especially Carolyn Shiels and Ben Cunningham who led the school while I was on long service leave at the end of term three. As you will have noticed the Clarke Street site is looking enormous with the removal of the portables in the last week of the holidays and this week. The year 4 students from 4 Tess and 4 Ben/Megan will operate from the new location at the north end of the Clarke St carpark as soon as the services are connected. We are organising for this area to be fenced to provide safety for the students. This will be completed once the removal works are completed. We would appreciate it if parents could help to keep our students safe by using the pedestrian gates rather than the carpark for access to the school.

### The Westgarth Spring Fair



Excitement is building for our Spring Fair on Sunday 15 October. Only a week and a half remain. Please send along donations to support the various stalls and complete the volunteers' roster to help this wonderful school event be successful. All details via Compass notices. A HUGE thanks to everyone who is working behind the scenes with preparations for the fair. This is our biggest fundraiser and with the building works starting, it will be great to have funds available to make up any shortfall from the government funded improvements. There is the return of the **Principal for a Day** in the **Silent Auction**. If your child



wins the successful bid, they will hang out with me for a day, running the school and making all the important decisions!

### Division Athletics

Congratulations to our athletics team who represented Westgarth PS so well at the end of last term. As you can see there are a number of blue ribbons indicating we will be sending many of them to the regional competition on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October. We are proud of their achievements thus far and we wish them all the best for the regionals.



### **Duty of Care – before and after school**

As the weather improves students often wish to come to school earlier and stay later to socialise, and while we commend this enthusiasm for being at school, it does present issues with duty of care. This is a reminder that school staff provide supervision from **8.45am** until **3.45pm** on school days. Your child **MUST** be booked into before or after school care outside of these hours unless supervised by a parent, until OSHC closes at 5.50pm each afternoon. Please note the Brooke St site is a closed site after hours.

### **School Council – Jacob Spencer (School Council President)**

The next School Council meeting will be held onsite at 7pm on Wednesday 25 October.

#### **Next meeting dates:**

OSHC	Wednesday 18 October @ 11.00am WebEx
Finance	Tuesday 17 October @ 10.00am WebEx
Education	Tuesday 17 October @ 7pm WebEx
Environment	Thursday 19 October @ 8.00am Jo's Office
Fun & Fundraising	TBC @ 8.00pm WebEx
School Council	Wednesday 25 October @ 7.00pm Staffroom or Library

If you would like to join a sub-committee, please contact the office so we can pass on your details to the convenors of the sub-committees so you can receive the correspondence and meeting invites.

Jo Wheeler  
Principal