



Welcome to Westgarth

Primary School

Grade 2 Information Night

Our Values and Motto
Being our Best, Integrity, Respect, Working Together
and Responsibility.
Being Safe, Fair and Friendly.

Grade 2 Team

- Alex
- Justyn
- Leah
- Mark





English

- We will continue to develop students' skills in **reading, writing, speaking and listening.**
- Literacy lessons will be run on a 'whole-part-whole' concept, with students working in small groups on activities targeted to their learning needs.



Reading

- Every morning students will be involved in a range of reading group activities.
- When reading, our focus will be developing reading strategies. These include **predicting, visualising, questioning, paraphrasing** and the development of **vocabulary**.
- Reading lessons will be run on a '**whole-part-whole**' concept, with students working in small groups on activities targeted to their learning needs.



Writing

- In 2017 we will be continuing with the writing program called '**The Big Write**'/**VCOP**' which explicitly teaches students the structure of writing.
- **Writer's workshop**
 - Students develop writing topics based on their interests.
 - Students will develop their expertise in various genres including information reports, recounts, narratives and poetry.
- **Handwriting**
 - Handwriting is focused on in explicit lessons and also throughout all writing tasks.



Spelling

- **Spelling Strategies** – looking, sounding, hearing, breaking it down and where does it come from.
- Weekly spelling words are individualised to a students' point of need.
- The SWST(Single word spelling test) identifies letter, letter combinations and blends that students need to work on to improve spelling.
- Words are selected from the appropriate level and tested weekly. It is important to practise spelling words each night with your child.
- Spelling is also practised throughout the day in all curriculum areas.



Mathematics

- Our mathematics program will explore topics from the domains Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability.
- The emphasis during mathematics sessions will be to develop deeper understandings using concrete materials. Students will be able to explain strategies and explore alternative methods to problem solve.
- Students will be tested prior to starting a new topic to ensure learning is targeted to individual point of need.





Inquiry

- We aim to engage students with topics that are designed to inspire learning. The topics are taught during inquiry time and where possible integrated into our Reading groups and Maths activities.
- This term we are investigating The community, its resources and its people.
- We ask students to bring along things that they can share with the class about the inquiry topic including photos, books and stories. Students will be involved in some scientific investigations throughout the topics also.
- Each inquiry unit will include an in-school activity or excursion to help in extending their engagement and understanding.

How you can help?



- Please do your best to ensure that your child is at school on time.
- Ensure that 'take home reader folders' are placed into your child's bag every night in preparation for the next days learning.
- Our English program runs every morning and we look forward to your support in listening to students read.
- **Parent Helpers in classrooms will begin after the information session on reading (date to be confirmed).**

How you can help?



- Continue to read to and with your child each night.
- Help your child learn their weekly spelling words.
- Establishing a regular routine helps students to develop a positive approach to learning and will benefit them as they progress through their schooling. Students work hard at school each day so homework at year 2 should be no more than 15 - 20 minutes each day.
- Ensure your child's belongings are clearly labelled. This includes clothing and lunchboxes, (lids too).
- **If you have any concerns or queries about your child please speak first to the classroom teacher. You will need to organise a mutually convenient meeting time either before or after school.**

Spanish Science



- Science is delivered in the Spanish language in a 50 minute session each per week.
- Students are involved in hands on activities, where they will be encouraged to question, research, experiment, observe and communicate findings using the knowledge, skills and behaviours relevant to the Spanish language.
- We will be working together with Art and Performing Arts to consolidate and expand their knowledge of Spanish.

Music

■ **PREP - 2**

- All students in the school participate in a 50 minute music session per week.
- Prep – Grade 2 work within the Victorian Curriculum under the strands:
 - Exploring and Expressing Ideas
 - Music Practices
 - Presenting and Performing
 - Responding and Interpreting
- Although the Victorian Curriculum doesn't have a great deal formal music theory making up the content, the music program at WPS does incorporate elements of theory so by the end of grade 6 the students have a solid grounding of the more formal elements of music.
- The students sing, dance, move, listen and play instruments as they learn.



Physical Education



- *The Physical Education program helps students develop a broad range of fundamental skills and movement patterns, using different sporting equipment in a range of environments. We will be encouraging fair play, good sportsmanship and participation throughout the program. Most importantly we will be having lots of fun while keeping fit and active.*
- If you want more specific information we will be looking at fundamental skills like catching, throwing, striking, passing, kicking and then putting these skills into game situations like tee ball, scooter hockey, soccer etc.
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Spanish through Art

- *55 minute sessions every week*
- Following the **CLIL** (Content and Language Integrated Learning) **methodology**: learning content through a foreign language. Learning Spanish in a *contextualised, authentic, relevant, engaging* way.
- Learning Spanish through classroom communication
- Learning Spanish through art projects
- Learning about Spanish and South American art and cultures
- Support your child learning Spanish:
 - Revisit the language they have been learning at school
 - Watch movies or listen to Spanish songs.
 - Label your house rooms and items
 - Website: <http://wgpspanish.wix.com/westgarthspanish>



Spanish Performing Arts



- Performing Arts are delivered in the Spanish language in one 50 min session per week in Term 3 for Grades 1 & 2.
- Students explore ideas and improvise with ways to represent them, develop an understanding of performing arts practices and share their work through performance.
- Students' functional language is constantly developed to enable increasingly sophisticated communication in the Spanish Language.
- The Performing Arts, Art and Science programs are planned and delivered so that Spanish language introduced in one is recycled, consolidated and expanded in the others.

Swimming

- Swimming for Grade 2 students will undertake swimming lessons in term 2.





We look forward
to a fantastic
year!