Agenda

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• Our Mission & Values
• Curriculum – Literacy, Mathematics, Inquiry
• Specialist Programs – Music, Physical Education, Art & Science in Spanish
• Reporting to Parents
• Communication
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Your Teachers

- 4 C/D : Christine
- 4 C/D : Dorothy
- 4G : Glenn
- 4K : Kat
- 4T : Tom

We share responsibility for the Social / Emotional and Academic Wellbeing of all grade four students.
Westgarth Primary School (draft) Mission Statement

“Foster a community that empowers students to be their best”

Values that uphold our mission statement

Being Our Best

Integrity

Respect

Working Together
Literacy

- Early Years Literacy – Whole > Small > Whole
- Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar
  - Differentiated to teach to your child’s point of need
- Writers’ Workshop
- Speaking & Listening
- Identifying your child’s point of need
Mathematics

- Early Years Numeracy - Whole > Small > Whole
- Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability
  - Differentiated to teach to your child’s point of need
- AusVELS defines levels of proficiency in Mathematics as: Understanding > Fluency > Problem Solving > Reasoning
- Identifying your child’s point of need
Inquiry

- Victoria – The Place To Be
  - Humanities
- Forces and Motion
  - Physical Sciences
- Entertainment
  - The Arts
- Endangered Animals
  - Biological Sciences
Specialist Programs

- Music – John & Claire
- Physical Education – Rushe, Aimee & Hannah
- Art & Science in Spanish – Marta & Esmi
- Kitchen Garden – Truda & Mary
Music

• All students participate in a 50-minute music session each week

• Grades 3 – 6 work within the AusVELS dimensions:
  • Creating and Making
  • Exploring and Responding

Concepts are taught through students using skills they have developed in P-2. They are given the opportunity to create a variety of music works, such as junk percussion or creating pentatonic scale compositions. Students are also given opportunities to discuss and comment upon both their own work and the work of their peers.

The content of the AusVELS Music curriculum is not theory-based but, at WPS, we strive to include theory as part of weekly lessons so that, by the end of grade 6, students have a solid grounding should they wish to continue music studies at high school.
In years 3 to 6, the Physical Education program further develops fundamental motor skills through a range of different sports. Through simple and complex game situations students learn how to have fun while being physically active, learning skills and game tactics.

Students are taught to display good sportsmanship by encouraging and supporting other students when participating in PE.

In years 3 to 6 students at Westgarth are given the opportunity to try out for many Northcote District events such as swimming, cross-country, triathlon, orienteering and athletics.
Art and Science are delivered in the Spanish language, each in one 50-minute session per week.

In Art, students create and make 2D (1\textsuperscript{st} & 2\textsuperscript{nd} terms) and 3D (3\textsuperscript{rd} & 4\textsuperscript{th} terms) pieces inspired by Australian, Spanish and other cultures.

In Science, students are involved in hands-on investigations that promote individual and collaborative learning.

The Art and Science programs are planned and delivered so that Spanish language introduced in one subject is recycled, consolidated and expanded in the other, and vice versa.

A separate Information Night on the Spanish Art and Science programs will be held in Term 2 (date TBC).
Reporting to Parents

- Parent Information Session
- Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Written Reports
- Student Portfolios
- Student-Led Conferences
- End-of-Unit Celebrations
Communication

- We believe that communication should be two-way and proactive

- We are all readily available to meet with you. All we ask is that you make an appointment

- Making appointments
  - Email westgarth.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
  - Phone (03) 9481 5577
  - Drop-in to see us before or after school to make an appointment
Supporting Your Child At Home

- Homework objectives
- Homework expectations
- Home reading
- Times tables
Camp & Excursions

- Camp: CYC Phillip Island 09 – 11 September 2015
  - Camp Information Session early in term 3 (date TBC)
  - Cost
- Westgarth Primary School Musical
- Excursions integrated with inquiry topics
Thank you