From the Principal

Parent Teacher interviews/Curriculum half day Wednesday 3rd AUGUST
We will be running our second and final formal Parent/Teacher interviews on Wednesday 3rd August. This will be a half day attendance for students who will be dismissed at 12.15pm on that day. Curriculum Day Care through our OSHC service will be available for families needing childcare from 12.15pm. It is a first-in-first-served basis so please make sure you book a place with OSHC as soon as possible. We need exact numbers ahead of time so we can ensure the correct student to staff ratio, so if you do not book in, your child cannot attend.

Interview booking information will come home next Monday so you can make a time to meet your child’s teacher. If you have more than one child, please make sure you leave time between your appointments so you can arrive on time to your next child’s teacher. The only way the interviews can run on time is if everyone adheres strictly to the ten minute interview timeslot. If you need more time with the teacher please make an alternate meeting time with them. Teachers can be contacted by phoning the school on 9481 5577, if you wish to make an alternate appointment.

Celebrating great work
In the last week of term we had a large number of sharing opportunities to showcase work our students have been doing in their ‘Inquires’ throughout term two. Much of the focus was on health and wellbeing.

The year one students were learning about nutrition so designed healthy food plates which covered all the essential food groups. The year three and four students held a ‘Festi-well’ which demonstrated their understandings of ways to keep healthy both physically and mentally. I experienced some meditation sessions as well as timed running/jogging activities to raise my own fitness levels (or make me feel my age!) The senior band and choir performed for the school and parents and showed how incredibly talented and capable they are. This wonderful celebration is a credit to our students and our hardworking teachers.

Museum of Me
Throughout term two, twenty students from year 5 spent each Monday afternoon with the elders at Westgarth Aged-Care. The ‘Museum of Me’ initiative organised by the City of Darebin brought artists, children and elders together to work on an art collaboration. This year the focus was on performing arts and the elders were assisted to tell ‘their story’. Students had a wonderful time with the elders making props for their performances, hearing the stories of their lives and developing lovely relationships. In the last week of the term there was a performance to celebrate the work. Parents, carers and Westgarth staff attended the celebration and shared a beautiful afternoon tea with all involved.
(Cont’) Museum of Me
It was so lovely to see our students interacting with confidence, interest and care with the elders. We would like to thank Elizabeth Welsh from the City of Darebin for involving Westgarth PS in this project for the second time. Our students had such positive experiences and gained a great deal from their involvement. We are also confident that the experience was equally fulfilling for the elders.

Prep phonics
Our clever preps have learnt all the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. To celebrate they dressed up in their favourite Little Learners Love Literacy character or in a costume to represent their favourite letter/sound.

We met many of characters including:

- Roxy the rabbit
- Jack the jellyfish and Oscar the Octopus
- Leo the lion

Election Day BBQ - There seemed to be as much interest in the media about election sausages as there was about the election. And our Parents & Friends club didn’t let the punters down! A HUGE thanks to the parents and carers who volunteered to cook and sell and then clean up at our election BBQ stall. The Westgarth Kinder also took the opportunity to run a cake stall. This is a great way to raise funds from the broader community so we commend and thank the P & F for donating their time and passion to the school yet again.

Holiday works - Over the break we took the opportunity to spend some of the Building Fund to upgrade to LED lights in the Brooke St site and the classrooms and gym in that section of the Clarke St site. Apart from providing us with a brighter environment we have increased our sustainability and reduced our power bills. ‘Thank you’ for the generous donations to our building fund which has enabled us to do this work.

Big thanks also to Mark Dinning for his organisation of this project and to ‘Shine On’ who installed the lights over the break in a no-fuss way. Next on the agenda are solar panels on the WEB which are due to happen in the very near future and of course the final planning for stage one of the Master Plan.

Jo Wheeler, Principal
Family Payment Plans
A reminder to families that have chosen the Family Payment Plan option of either half yearly or quarterly deductions, an amount will be debited from your account by the end of this week.

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Wed 30 November

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.
Steps to update and activate your new tiqbiz

Steps

1. Open the tiqbiz app
2. Fill in country of origin (Australia)
3. Click ‘Confirm’

Note: If you don’t have this screen, go to your app store and update tiqbiz.

If you are having any problems please contact us
Email: support@tiqbiz.com
Phone: 03 9800 1489
**Asthma Management**

An asthma action plan allows you and your doctor to create an individual plan for you to manage your asthma. An action plan advises you about what you must do to stay healthy and what to do when your asthma is unstable and you need help.

There is no ‘standard’ asthma action plan, as everyone’s asthma is different. Your plan needs to be written to deal with your individual triggers, signs and symptoms, and medications.

Your action plan might be based on symptoms, peak flow readings or both.

**An asthma action plan outlines:**

- How to care for your day-to-day asthma (it lists your regular medications and how many times each day you should take them)
- Key things that tell you when your asthma is getting worse or an ‘attack’ is developing, and the steps you should take to manage it
- Symptoms that are serious enough to need urgent medical help (with emergency information on what to do if you have an asthma ‘attack’).

Have your action plan reviewed every six months or after a severe asthma attack.

It is just as important for parents to obtain a clear, succinct, written summary of their child’s asthma management (an Asthma Action Plan). This will provide a source of reference to reinforce the advice given by the doctor.

This Asthma Action Plan is also an important tool for anyone caring for your child. It provides up-to-date, detailed information (including your child’s emergency first aid plan) to help manage your child’s asthma.

A copy of the asthma action plan is to be sent to your child’s school, kindergarten, childcare centre or to anyone caring for your child.

When the child is old enough to understand, make sure that you explain asthma to them and encourage them to be aware of their symptoms and how to treat them.

**Asthma First Aid**

An asthma attack can take anything from a few minutes to a few days to develop. It can be a very frightening experience and people having an asthma attack may need help straight away.

This resource satisfies the guidelines and standards approved by the National Asthma Council and Asthma Australia. The materials contained in this publication are distributed for information purposes only. Suitable medical and professional advice should be obtained before acting on any information contained herein.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING-ANAPYLAXIS**

**Potential allergic reactions to nuts, nut products, seeds & other food products**

As you may be aware for some children even a minor exposure to nuts or foods containing nut products or seeds can set off a severe allergy which may cause loss of breathing.

The parents of children who may have a severe reaction would like you to help us make the school environment as safe as possible by exercising caution when packing school snacks and lunches. Whilst students with severe allergies can learn to manage and control what they eat there is no real way of protecting themselves from nut traces that may be present in the environment such as on clothing, furniture, drink taps and of course on other people’s hands.

- Please avoid preparing school lunches with products that contain nuts, nut spreads, sesame products or chocolate that may contain nuts (e.g. Peanut Butter, Nutella and Tahini)
- If sending party food to school please avoid using recipes that require nut products (e.g. almond meal)
- As part of our Policy we do not encourage students to share food. All students will be encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Please avoid packing any whole nuts as part of lunches for children under eight as they may get caught in small children’s airways presenting as a choking hazard
DIARY DATES 2016

Wednesday 13 July at 8.30pm Parents and Friends Meeting, School Farmhouse
Sunday 7 August from 6pm Absolutely Fabulous Film Night at Westgarth Cinema
Saturday 26 August, sunset Astronomy Night

Parents and Friends Meeting – Wednesday 13 July
Our monthly meeting is open to all parents. This month we will be in the Farmhouse from 8.30pm to brew up some warm winter fun!

AAAABSOLUTELY FAAAAABULOUS
Be one of the first to see the film at our parent’s night out on Sunday 7 August. Booking form will come home soon. Put the date in your diary!

Super Science Club – Astronomy Night on Saturday 27 August
Telescopes needed
View the spectacular junction of Venus and Jupiter, visible just after sunset. Come to the Farmhouse for some cake and Milo. If you have a telescope you are willing to loan and or/operate on the night, please contact Kerry on wpssuperscience@gmail.com.

Election Day BBQ: Our Wurst were the Best
A huge thank you to Holger, Kim, Anton, Ali, Eric, Jacinta, Julie, Travis, Catriona, Katrina, Ian, Emma and Jessamy for “doing your wurst” and selling a massive 80kg of sausages, 15kg of onions and 50 loaves of bread to our hungry voters. Despite being South of Bell Street, behind the “Tofu Curtain,” we nonetheless sold out of beef sausages before the hipsters could even get out of bed. And yes we did have some vegie sausages. Thank you to whoever got us a mention in The Age. Nerida and Michael. PS. Where do you get vegan sausages?? We made approximately $1,409 - great effort everyone.

Jessamy, Emma, Nerida westgarthpandf@gmail.com

Westgarth Robotics Club News
The Westgarth Robotics Club will be showcasing their work and having a SUMO Robot Challenge as part of the celebrations of National Science week at Westgarth. The whole school is welcome to come and see what we have been doing, and cheer for your favourite SUMO bot after school Tuesday August 16th in the Spanish science room.
For more info see the Superscience website for robotics resources and our blog.
http://wpssuperscience.wix.com/westgarth#!robotics-program/c1clz

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We are delighted to announce that **Jellis Craig Northcote** will be a major sponsor at this year’s Whopping Great Fete.

Sam Rigopoulos and Ben Harrison, Westgarth parents from Jellis Craig Northcote (formerly Hocking Stuart) will be back conducting the Live and Loud Auction on stage with some additional auction helpers (more details to come).

‘**AUCTION for an AUCTION’ is back!!!**

Jellis Craig Northcote are proud to be offering WPS family and friends the opportunity to again secure a sales and marketing campaign for your property at the live ‘Auction for an Auction’. Last year’s ‘Auction for an Auction’ was a great result for WPS and the auctioning team. We are looking forward to another vibrant, loud and exciting Whopping Great ‘Auction for an Auction’ again!

Be the winning bidder on the day and you will receive:

- A complete service auction campaign fully managed by local Senior Partners (and WPS Dads) Sam Rigopoulos and Ben Harrison.
- Free property styling advice from a styling consultant.
- Free co-ordination of presentation related trades and services. The Jellis Craig team will manage the painters, gardeners, furniture suppliers on your behalf.
- Auction day services including pointerboards, flags and Auctioneer.

In addition to the above, Jellis Craig Northcote include the sales commission and marketing expenses into the ‘Auction for an Auction’ prize. The marketing provided will encompass a Premium Property Advertising campaign with photography, video tour, print and internet advertising covered.

If you secure this prize there are zero out of pocket expenses for your sale!

**And here’s the T&Cs:**

- **Must be purchased for a property that falls within Jellis Craig Northcote’s service area.**
- **Payment will be made in full at settlement of property sold (no up-front payment).**
- **Prize reserve $2000.**
- **Prize is valid for 9 months from date of purchase.**

We’ll have more details to come but if you would like to discuss further don’t hesitate to contact Sam on 0425 834 583.
Winter is here

It’s time to rug up, stay inside and GET CRAFTING!!!!

This is call out to all the Westgarth stitchers and knitters. To the makers and shakers. The Westgarth Fete craft stall needs YOU and your wonderful crafty goods.

This is a particular call out to those who love sewing and quilting!

Baby goods, quilts, cuddly cute toys and funky bags always do well on the day, perhaps you could whip up a few?

Not a crafter yourself?
Perhaps someone you know is?
Is Nanna a nifty stitcher or perhaps Pop is a wiz with wood?
We love to get the whole family involved!!!

Whatever your crafting bag we would love to hear from you!
See the Westgarth Craft Stall Pinterest site for inspiration at:

Craft contributions can be delivered to the school office or contact me: Jo Travis at Jo.travis.222@gmail.com for item pick up