

# Newsletter

## Westgarth Primary School

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### From the Principal

#### Whopping Great Fete

There are only 12 more sleeps until the 2016 Whopping Great Fete. I would like to thank all the hard work of the parents/carers/families/students/teachers who are making preparations for this wonderful school event. A HUGE thanks to Julia Kelly and the organising team for their commitment and hard work. Your efforts are much appreciated. Now we all need to pray to the weather gods for a glorious day. Hope to see you all here on the 16<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Intelligent Transport System World Congress

We are so excited that our year six students will be presenting their work to the world via the Intelligent Transport System World Congress. The congress being held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre next week is open to delegates from industry, academia, subject experts and other interested groups who come together to understand the innovations and global developments in ITS infrastructure.

Our students, during their inquiry unit this year, have been working on developing their own ideas about smart cities and intelligent transport systems and this work will be showcased through our partnering with Museum Victoria at the congress. Students have worked in groups using digital technology to communicate their creative and critical thinking, including coding and computer programming. This has included building and programming real working models such as autonomous vehicles. Australia is not expected to host another ITS World Congress until after 2030, when many of our students will be well into their careers. This is a wonderful opportunity for them and we hope their first experience of a world congress is exciting and rewarding. I would like to acknowledge the support we have received from Jonathan Shearer from Museum Victoria and the work of our teachers Ben Cunningham, Sarah Lugton, Nettie Heron and Brenda O'Leary in supporting and extending our students. For more information about the congress go to [www.itsworldcongress2016.com/](http://www.itsworldcongress2016.com/)



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#### Class placement for 2017

Please contact the school in writing, addressed to the Principal, outlining any important information about class placements for 2017 no later than Friday 7th October.

### New fence on Clarke St

You may have noticed that a new fence is being installed on Clarke St. This is to help keep our students safer during school hours by reducing the chance of balls etc going over the fence and hopefully reduce the number of non-school or kindergarten people walking through the grounds as a short cut. The pedestrian gates will not be locked so we can easily exit if required in the case of an emergency however they will be self-closing and signs will hopefully discourage pedestrian traffic. Thank you for your contributions to the building trust which has enabled us to do this work.

### Chat to the Principal morning tea Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Feedback from a few parents indicated that the 'Meet the Principal' morning teas were for people who hadn't meet me instead of the intended purpose of making myself available to chat with parents/carers so therefore I am changing the title of the morning tea to Chat to the Principal morning tea! The next one is on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct in the staffroom straight after Monday assembly approximately 9.15am. Feel free to come and chat over a cup of tea or coffee about anything. I am also available along with the Assistant Principals Donald Eddington and Carolyn Shiels for parents/carers to make individual appointments if there is the need for a private/confidential meeting, through the office. Cheers, Jo Wheeler Principal

### Diary Dates 2016

Sun 16 Oct	WPS Whopping Great Fete. <a href="#">Click here to view fete website.</a>
Mon 31 Oct	Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
Thurs 1 Dec	Art Show
Tues 6 Dec	State Secondary School Orientation Day
Thurs 15 Dec	Year 6 Graduation 7pm



### Meetings 2016

Fete	Wed 5 Oct 7pm Staffroom
P & F	Wed 5 Oct 8.30pm Farmhouse
Finance	Wed 12 Oct 8.30am Jo's Office (TBC)
Policy	Fri 14 Oct 8.30am Jo's Office
Environment	Mon 17 Oct 5pm Jo's Office
Education	Tues 18 Oct 7pm Staffroom
Master Plan Working Party	Wed 19 Oct 8.30am Jo's Office
OSHC	Wed 19 Oct 1.50pm Carolyn's Office
School Council	Wed 26 October 7pm Staffroom

### School Council 2016 Dates:

**7pm Staffroom**  
Wed 26 October  
Wed 30 November

**Meeting Agendas** [Click here to view](#) agenda items



### VicHealth's Walk to School in October

Once again this October we are encouraging students to get active and either walk, ride, skate or scoot to and from school. Each class by now will have received a Walktober Active Travel Thermometer which is filled in each day recording how the students travel to and from school. Every Friday the school captains will work out how many trips each class did for the week and transfer the data to the giant thermometer in the office. The City of Darebin in conjunction with VicHealth are providing a healthy breakfast at the end of the month to celebrate our achievements! We are aiming once again for 10, 000 active travel trips (we achieved this last year) so let's all get moving this October!

Andy Ashton & Dorothy Markou

### Family Payments : 4th Instalment Due Now

A reminder to families that have chosen the Family Payment Plan option of quarterly deductions, the 4th instalment is now due and will debited from your account by the end of this week.

## 2016 Review of the Reaching for the stars program

Dear Parents/Carers of year 4 – 6 students

We are currently reviewing 'Reaching for the stars' - our after school extension and enrichment program for students in years 4 - 6. The program provided opportunities for year 4 – 6 students to further develop their knowledge, skills and/or areas of passion in an interesting and stimulating environment.

The after-school classes took place on Tuesdays in terms two and three.

We would like to invite feedback about the 2016 program from year 4 – 6 parents/carers and students.

We encourage you to sit down with your child to talk about the survey questions as they answer them.

Each year 4 – 6 student at Westgarth Primary School can take this survey.

In 2016, 'Reaching for the stars' comprised of:

- Coding club (with Ben and Yolanda)
- Write 4 fun (with Sharon)
- Sewing society (with Aimee and Anita)
- Tournament of minds (with Brenda and Sarah).

### Parent/carer survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCGB3XW>

### Student survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PX92W9G>

These online surveys will **remain open until then end of October.**

Thank you for providing feedback.

Donald Eddington, Assistant Principal



## Reaching for the stars – Write 4 fun

While it was a wet and miserable night on Tuesday, 13 September the warmth of family, teachers, friends and inspired poetry filled the WEB at our Open Mike Night.

The poets presenting were: Harper and Anthea (Year 5) and Akira, Max, Alanna, Sophia and Scarlett (Year 4). During the Term 2 and 3 program, we explored many different types of poetry, shared our ideas and creativity and got to know each other better.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with this group of students, watching their words come to life on paper and their enthusiasm has been a delight.

So on that night, their talents shone brightly and I believe that many people were blown away by the maturity and depth of their emotions and writing. It is not easy to get up in front of people and share a part of yourself so we were all very proud of them. Congratulations to the wonderful Westgarth students who bravely shared their fantastic poems and thank you to all the families and staff who supported the night by attending or wishing us all the best. Events like this really show the true spirit of the Westgarth community.

Sharon Kouryialas

Write 4 fun facilitator



# [VICTORIAN] MATHS CHALLENGE!

Families with children in Years 5 to 6 are invited to take part in the new **Victorian Maths Challenge**. The Challenge is a fun way to explore the links between mathematics and real-world situations. Each challenge is an open-ended task so remember there are no right or wrong answers.

The Challenge is open for 12 weeks until 29 November 2016. Families can take on as few or as many challenges as they like.

Families are invited to capture their learning and share their experience by submitting a short video, taking some photos, creating an animation or some other digital artefact. While the Victorian Maths Challenge is not a competition, students can put themselves to the test by trying some of the activities in the 'Keep going' section.

<http://vmc.global2.vic.edu.au>

Donald Eddington  
Assistant Principal

"If life give you lemons, make lemonade. Melbourne's rain gave us giant puddles so 3AP independently followed written origami instructions to create these cool boats. They go really fast, but only last 1 race!"



## Museum of Me

On Thursday 8 September, we got a visit from the elder residents of Westgarth Aged Care. One elder came into each of the Year 5 classes and told us a bit about themselves.

Afterwards the Museum of Me students invited them to a lovely afternoon tea. We had a really good time catching up with the elders. We hope to see them again too!

Bella and Olivia from 5 Winter





## eSmart Survey

To help the eSmart Committee plan the direction of future newsletter tips and parent information sessions we are asking as many parents as possible to complete an eSmart survey.

The survey will only take 10-15 minutes and be accessed by clicking this link or typing it into a web browser.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/eSmart-parents>

The survey asks questions about how you use the internet and what you use the internet for. Students will also complete a similar survey at school. This will provide valuable data for the committee to compare parents knowledge and use of technology against students' knowledge and use of technology.

## Cyber-safety Parent Information/Education Session

Detective Tracey Porter has 23 years experience working in law enforcement and specializes in investigating cyber-crime and sexual assaults.

To keep your children safe when using technology, in an ever-changing online world, you need to be informed before letting your children use the technology. Tracey Porter's presentation will focus on the law around **bullying/cyberbullying**, **sexting** and **social media**, as well as being cyber-safe.



**Where:** WEB Building, Clarke Street

**When:** Monday 21st November, 2016

**Time:** 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Tracey Porter's presentation is not appropriate for children. Please make sure children stay at home where possible. However, if needed, there will be a child-minding facility available. RSVPs for child minding are essential. Look out for the RSVP form in the next newsletter or on Tiqbiz!

## Digital Learning Committee Meeting

The next Digital Learning Committee meeting will be held in the **Staff Room** on **Monday 10th October** from **7:00pm - 8:30pm**.

If you could not come to our first meeting, last term, but would still like to join please join us on Monday 10th October. An agenda will be sent to attendees of the last meeting.

## eSmart Tip #2

**Use technology together.** It's a good way to teach online safety, and it creates opportunities for you to address online safety topics with your family as they come up.

This tip is from Google's Safety Centre. For more Family Safety Basics you can go to: <https://www.google.com/safetycenter/families/start/basics/>

Where possible, computers and tablets should be used in common areas of the house so that you can see what your child is doing.



# DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR KIDS ARE DOING ONLINE?

Protect your kids NOW  
with Student Online Safety -  
an invaluable and relevant  
Cyber Safety Presentation  
for Primary and Secondary  
schools, Parents and  
teachers - created by  
**Tracey Porter**

## PRESENTATIONS FOCUS ON:

- Bullying/Sexting and the law.
- Dangers and relevant information regarding Apps/Chat rooms/Social Media.
- How to keep yourself safe against cyber-crimes (bullying/stalking/sexting/grooming).
- Sexual Assault – self respect and empowerment.



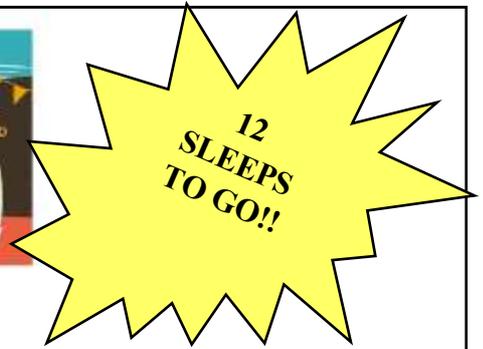
## INFORMATION ABOUT TRACEY OUR PRESENTER:

- 23 years involvement with law enforcement.
- Extensive investigative experience into cyber-crime and sexual assault.
- Current experience within the ever changing online world.

*"Tracey's parent information night was one of the most successful and well attended nights we had for the year. Parents were still talking about the night for days after. With online media, the way of the future and the interest students have with the internet and social media, this night is a must for any school!"*

Anthony Oldmeadow  
Assistant Principal Laurimar Primary School

**CYBER BULLYING  
CYBER SAFETY  
SEXTING  
ONLINE GROOMING  
SOCIAL MEDIA  
APPS/CHAT ROOMS**



## Fete ACTION at a glance

School's back and we are into the final countdown (you know it's final when you start counting in sleeps). Here's what you need to know at a glance....

Stall/Activity	Action
<b>Wristbands</b>	On sale NOW!! Payment can be made direct through Qkr! or via order forms that went home with students yesterday.
<b>Rostering</b>	Sign-up now for a stall or activity. They all need YOU <a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/">https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/</a> Code: qksrz
<b>Auction for an Auction</b>	Such a HUGE prize up for grabs. See details below.
<b>Donations</b>	
<b>Cool drinks</b>	Please grab a carton of soft drink or juice at the supermarket and drop off at the office. Very popular stall that needs lots of drinks.
<b>Media</b>	Media - Drop off at the office (clean out your DVDs, CDs, games & Vinyl).
<b>Clothes - Vintage/Adults</b> <b>Clothes - Kids</b>	Drop off in the office and, if you can, please hang on rails provided. Drop off in office. Please bag separately from adult clothes.
<b>Books</b>	Drop off in the hallway between the gym & canteen on Clarke St.
<b>Zombie Zone</b>	Drop off in office in the Zombie box. Clean long socks and unused bandages for some zombie bandaging and plastering.
<b>Toys, Trash &amp; Treasure</b>	Box up your donations and have them ready for drop off on Friday after school or Saturday before fete (14/15 Oct).
<b>Cakes</b>	A fete favourite. Donation packs heading home soon.

## Order your Wristbands NOW

Wristband order forms and maps went home with students yesterday with all the details on what's on offer and how the wristbands work at this year's Whopping Great Fete.

Due to the holidays it's a quick turnaround on the early bird wristband orders so please get your orders in by this Friday, 7 October. This year we are also using the Qkr! app for wristband orders. On Qkr! you can order your wristbands right now, no need to drop off the form at the office.

Wristbands will be sent home with your eldest child by Friday 14 October.



## Fete Rostering is now Open

Jump online now and volunteer for a fete stall, activity or the set-up/pack down team.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> Code: qksrz



The success of the Whopping Great Fete relies completely on everyone getting involved and doing their bit to make it happen. It only takes an hour or 2 then you can have a clear conscience whilst shopping up big at the market stalls, enjoying a delicious lunch from the food court and sipping a cold drink whilst listening to the action on the stage.

Not sure which stall? Each class has an allocated stall/activity which is written next to the stall's name so you can pick the stall(s) that correspond to your child/ren's class. OR if you have a favourite stall/activity then sign up for that one.

### Don't forget 'Auction for an Auction'

This is such a wonderful auction prize, perfect for anyone looking to sell their property. So if you are thinking of selling (or know someone who is) then make sure you're standing front and centre at the stage on Fete day to win!

Here's the details:

Jellis Craig Northcote are proud to be offering WPS family and friends the opportunity to 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!

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.*

If you would like to discuss further don't hesitate to contact Sam Rigopolous on 0425 834 583.



We're almost there!

Please contact me at [whoppinggreatfete@gmail.com](mailto:whoppinggreatfete@gmail.com) or 0400 067 758 should you have any questions. Julia



WESTGARTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SUNDAY  
16 OCTOBER 2016  
10AM - 4PM  
311 CLARKE ST  
NORTHCOTE  
#WGFETE #WGPETE  
WESTGARTHETE.COM



### Seeking volunteers for Face Painting and Crazy Hair Stall

We are looking for people who love making kids happy to volunteer for the face painting and crazy hair stall. You don't need to have any experience. We have easy to follow instructions and we will run 2 practice sessions after school, in the WPS art room:

- Thursday 6th October 3.30-5pm
- Friday 14th October 3.30-5pm.

It is a really great experience to meet a range of children from our community and there is nothing like the look of delight when a child sees themselves after being transformed. We are also looking for volunteers to help us manage the queue and take tickets and money. Any questions; Amanda Hawkey 0412 653 287 [amandahawkey@mac.com](mailto:amandahawkey@mac.com)



### BOOKS for the fete

Cull and recycle your books via the fete. There is indeed demand in the screen heavy age and the best quality donated books will sell. Almost any age, condition and genre. But please be objective and ship your most worn out books direct to the yellow topped bin at home. One goal this year is to be have far fewer unsold books at the end of the day. Please leave boxes or sturdy bags of ready to be newly loved books outside the gym. Encourage friends and work associates to look to our school fete to find a new reader for long held book clutter. Pick ups can be arranged. This is my second stint running books at the Great Whopping Fete, it'll be fun. Hope to chat with lifelong readers on fete day. Ian Rogers 0409 716 442.



### WESTGARTH WURST BBQ

Join the team with the besets Wurst. Keep the troops going and make sure the kids have something other than sugar all day!! As we are there from setup to pack up, we need lots of helpers. Thank you! Michael Horacek 0412 889 853 or Nerida Weller 0421 350 854.



## Community Advertisements

**GET in2FUN GET in2CRICKET**  
MILD HURDLEY introduces girls and boys aged 5 - 12 to the fun of cricket.  
It's a great way to learn the basic cricket skills with a focus on fun for all abilities.

**BONUS** **FREE!**

Holy Trinity Cricket Club  
Hayes Park, Flinders St, THORNBURY  
Begins Sat 5th Nov 10am - 11.30am  
\$80 including player pack  
Contact [h3cjunior@gmail.com](mailto:h3cjunior@gmail.com)  
or Dan Braiford 0405 256 012

[www.PLAINCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET](http://www.PLAINCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET) to find out more

**GET YOUR KIDS INTO THE FUN OF CRICKET**  
MILD HURDLEY introduces girls and boys aged 5 - 12 to the fun of cricket.  
It's a great way to learn the basic cricket skills with a focus on fun for all abilities.

**IT'S CRICKET & IT'S A BLAST!**

Holy Trinity Cricket Club  
Club Rooms: Hayes Park, Flinders St, THORNBURY  
Matches: McDonnell Park, Northcote  
Begins Sun 6th Nov 9.30am to 11am  
\$99 including player pack  
Contact [h3cjunior@gmail.com](mailto:h3cjunior@gmail.com) or Dan -0405 256 012

[www.PLAINCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET](http://www.PLAINCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET) to find out more

**SUMMER FOOTBALL PROGRAM**

4 OCTOBER - 13 DECEMBER 2016  
EVERY TUESDAY (EXCEPT MELB CUP)  
10 WEEK PROGRAM  
\$120

**\$120** to make program

5-8 year old program  
Boys and Girls

9-11 year old program  
Boys

9-11 year old program  
Girls

**VENUE**  
Coulson Reserve - John St, Clifton Hill

**ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS**  
Contact: Michael Tyrkles  
0411 813 822 | [juniors@tech.org.au](mailto:juniors@tech.org.au)

**Thornbury Art and Craft Market Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 10 am - 2.30pm 99 Leinster Grove, Thornbury**

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