Year 6 Camp

Thank you to staff who attended the Year 6 camp, your time, support and enthusiasm was appreciated.

Students had lots of fun participating in activities, and were very well behaved.
Diary Dates 2016

Fri 19 Feb  
Easter Chocolate Orders due back
Welcome Picnic 6pm - 8pm Clarke St Tiger Turf

Tues 22 Mar  
School Photos

Thurs 24 Mar  
End of Term 1. Students dismissed at 2.30pm

Sat 28 May 
W.P.S Idol

Wed 7 - Fri 9 Sept  
Gr 4 Camp

Thurs 15 Dec  
Gr 6 Graduation

Meetings 2016

OSHC  
Wed 17 February

Finance  
Thurs 18 February 8.30am in Jo’s office

School Council  
Wed 24 February 7.00pm Staffroom

School Term Dates for 2016

Term 1  
28 January to 24 March (25 March is Good Friday)

Term 2  
11 April to 24 June

Term 3  
11 July to 16 September

Term 4  
3 October to 20 December

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Department of Education have a ‘Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund’ to help ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is $125 for primary school students and $225 for secondary school students.

To apply contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website.


OSHC News

The time here in OSHC has been understandably busy but we are thrilled with the numbers of children in attendance. Our activities have been varied and the menu is changing slightly, both of which we value feedback on from parents and children alike.

Our collection procedure for the prep to grade twos (Brooke Street campus) is also in the process of being reviewed. Parents please advise your children that if they are onsite at the Brooke Street campus, they will be collected from their classrooms with the exception of the Grade Two children, who are requested to meet in the corridor outside Gr 2 Mark. When rolls have been marked OSHC staff members will then bring the students to OSHC.

A reminder too that hats are required to be worn when playing outside.

We are glad that the children are enjoying the new way that we do breakfast of a morning. The idea is that we are teaching the children some independence and self-sufficiency. They still receive the same nutritious breakfast only they serve themselves (all with assistance where requested of course).

Please feel free to contact either Linda or Mike should you have any queries/suggestions about the program and all bookings/cancellations can be notified by calling 9482 3323 or asc.westgarth.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

P.S. Please contact OSHC if your child is attending Lego Robotics on a Tuesday.

We hope to see you in OSHC soon.

Linda on behalf of The OSHC Team.
School Council

School Council is the schools governing body made up of parents, teachers and members of the school community. School Councillors are elected for a two-year period. The School Council year runs from March – February and each year approximately half of the Council comes to the end of their term. The next School Council meeting, Wednesday 24th February, will be the final meeting of the current Council.

The Council also has a number of sub-committees – Education, Environment, Finance, Out-of-School-Hours-Care and Policy. Parents and Friends Association and Westgarth Kindergarten also have representatives on Council.

If you would like to join School Council there will be four parent vacancies and two community vacancies for the new Council. Current members of Council can re-nominate if they would like to continue on the Council. Alternatively any parent is welcome to contribute to the sub-committees. Information about the next meetings can be found in the diary dates in the newsletter and on the school website.

The timeline for the new Council is:

19/2/2016 Nominations open
26/2/2016 Closing date for nominations
If we have more nominations than places on Council then an election will be called.
29/2/2016 List of candidates and nominators will be posted
8/3/2016 Ballot papers distributed
16/3/2016 at 4pm Close of ballot and votes counted
17/3/2016 Declaration of ballot
23/3/2016 Special Council meeting to co-opt community members
First meeting of the new Council

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.

Easter Chocolate Orders
A reminder that Easter chocolate orders are due back this Friday 19 February.
Sport News

Almost all our extra-curricular events have now been confirmed so please pop them into your diaries.

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School Sport Victoria State Trials Nominations

At Westgarth Primary we like to encourage excellence in all areas of the curriculum. If there are any students that are exceptional in a sport and wish to be nominated for trialling out for a state team then please note:

For all 12 y.o and under, sports other than Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) and Netball, all nominations will be registered online via the SSV website (https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic). Parents will be responsible for registering their child and for downloading all details relating to trial dates, times, venues and costs.

The nomination process for 12 y.o and under, Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) and Netball teams have changed. All entries must be endorsed by myself and Jo before registering. Students must be of a very high standard in their chosen sport with individual awards at club and league level (if applicable). Individual team coaches my also be contacted if required to verify your child's standard in their chosen sport. Please see https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/TeamVic/Pages/onlineRegistrationInformation.aspx for detailed information.

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Sport News
Please come and see me if you believe your child is at a state team level. Once endorsed by myself you are able to register online and pay the $25 entry fee. Closing dates are soon. Parents will be responsible for transporting their child to any trials or events if selected. Please feel free to explore the SSV website at www.ssv.vic.edu
Thanks,
Rushe Lynch

Grade 6 Interschool Sport Dates
Friday 19th February  Away game against Wales Street P.S (cricket & softball played at McDonnell Park)
Friday 26th February  Home game against Preston South (no softball, cricket played at McDonnell Park)
Friday 18th March  (this has been rescheduled from the 4th March)
                 Away game against Bell Primary (no bat tennis, cricket played at Capp Reserve)

Kitchen Garden News
westgarthkg@yahoo.com

Thanks to our wonderful team of parent waterers over the hot holiday break, our garden is full of produce to harvest. Thriving vegetables include cucumbers, zucchinis, pumpkins and lush corn plants.

Ana Gargano, Natalie Milnes, Penny Smith, Karina Robertson and Jane Erwin all gave their time to make sure the children have plenty of fresh produce to cook with in first term. This made a great welcome to Virginia, our new garden specialist.

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered for the kitchen and or garden sessions and came to the induction. It isn’t too late to volunteer if you find you have the time. Grade 6 classes in particularly would benefit from more support. You can send an email to the address above or a note with your child at any stage in the year.

Volunteers start from Wednesday February 24th.
Wednesday 24th - Tuesday 1st February will be a garden week. The first kitchen week with volunteers then rolls on from Wednesday 2nd March.

Donations we will gratefully receive lemons, old hose, short or long, with or without attachments

A BIG THANK YOU from Virginia and Mary
Premier’s Active April

Once again we are encouraging student’s to register for the ‘Premier’s Active April’. This event is run by the Victorian Government as part of its ongoing commitment to boost participation in physical activity, Premier’s Active April provides a great opportunity for all Victorians to get healthy and enjoy the benefits of an active lifestyle.

**WHAT IS IT?**
The Premier’s Active April encourages Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. It is a fun and free way to get healthy and active. Premier’s Active April commences 1 April and concludes 30 April 2016.

We have set up a school team and we would love to see everyone getting active. You can visit [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools) to download the *Information for Parents* flyer that explains the health and wellbeing benefits of joining Premier’s Active April and outlines the great incentives and prizes you can win by registering.

**Registration and Team Details**
Login / Register  activeapril.vic.gov.au
Team ID  westgarth-primary-school
Team Name  Westgarth Primary School

Once registered, students will have the option to join multiple teams. We encourage you to register your whole family and create a family team as well, enabling you to share the experience and keep each other motivated.

Premier’s Active April Consent form for registration will be sent home during the week.

Aimee Murphy. PE

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**WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JELLY AND JAM?**

**FIND OUT 9.30AM, SUNDAY 6 MARCH**

**WESTGARTH FARMHOUSE**

If you’ve ever wanted to make your own homemade jam here’s a chance to pick up some top tips.

**At this cook-up we’ll be making Fig Jam and Elderberry Jelly.**

**RSPV:** by email to Kellee (kellee.frith@ozemail.com.au). Further details will be emailed to you.

**BYO:** Please bring with you an apron and a sharp knife.

**Can kids come too?:** Children are most welcome to come and help or just have a play, but please remember to bring any games or equipment with you as we do not have access to OSHC resources.

**A BIG THANK YOU!**

... to everyone who has donated jars and bottles. So far they have been filled with blackberry jam, plum chutney, tomato sauce and tomato chutney.

Please keep those clean jars and bottles (with lids) coming. All donations can be left in the shopping trolley at reception. Many thanks from the Jammy Team.
WPS Super Science LEGO Robotics Club

Here are the dates for the LEGO robotics club after school sessions. If your child is attending, please note them in your diary if you haven’t already. Students must have registered to attend by returning the form and the final members of the group have been contacted. We have a wonderful group of students attending and are looking forward to an exciting year!

We are requesting that parents please do not participate in these sessions, unless they have contacted us previously and arranged to be a helper. If you have a mechanical engineering background, we would love to hear from you if you are available to help out at the parent/teacher sessions. There will be an opportunity to view the students work in the near future.

Do you have any old LEGO you could donate to the school? We are looking for old LEGO to build challenges/additional levers etc., to our robots. It will also be left in the Science/Spanish room for class use. This can be dropped off at the office, we will leave a box out. If you have any questions feel free to contact us on wpssuperscience@gmail.com Thanks from Super Science Club Team

Students meet in Brooke St Spanish Science room (former resource room)

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Please let the staff office know if your child will be attending OSHC at either 4.30pm or 5.00pm. OSHC staff will collect those students from the resource room and take them across to the Farmhouse for collection.

Welcome Picnic!

Prep parents are cordially invited to a family-friendly summer evening with live music by the Idle Fates!

We would love to welcome you into our school community. Meet the other parents and children!

At the Tiger Turf, Clark St Campus.

Sausages, sushi & icy poles for sale!

BYO picnic food, rug, kids, cold drinks.

This is a low-waste event so plan to take your gear home with you.

See you there!

Westgarth Primary School
Community Advertisements

Register online at: www.collingwoodbasketball.net.au
or attend Registration Day Saturday 13th February
Collingwood College gym
McCUTCHEON WAY, COLLINGWOOD
10.30am – 2.30pm

New players welcome, Players must register and pay by 21st February to ensure a place in a Winter team.
Enquiries: Megan Rouse 0417 106 490
manager@collingwoodbasketball.com.au

Chook and/or House sitter required - we are going overseas between 12/3/16 and 8/4/16
and we are looking for someone who can look after our chooks while we’re away and keep an
eye on the house (pocket money rate negotiable). If someone from the school community
needs a short term place to stay then we might be able to help out. House is just south of
Separation St and west of Victoria Rd. Please contact Nicole on 0478 065 929 (Hannah 5R,
Dylan 3HJ).

Free – pre-loved moving and removal boxes (Fort Knox Self Storage) brand – 2 sizes available
• Little Box (43 x 41 x 30cm) suitable for books and similar items
• Big Box (61 x 44 x 41cm) suitable for bulky household items, toys, linen and kitchen appli-
cances. Have been used once. Comes pre-flattened and available immediately. Please contact
So on 0400 166 881.

FITZROY CITY SOCCER CLUB
Looking for players aged 9 to 11
for an ALL GIRLS TEAM
Training Thursday nights
at Yarra Bend Park, Fairfield.
Contact Janine Parker (mum of Scarlett
grade 4R) for more details.
janinemparker@gmail.com
http://www.fitzroycitysoccerclub.com
/#!juniorsregister/c1ma2

Wanted: Long or mid-tail cargo bike suitable for transporting children, eg Yuba or Kona Ute. Please call Samone
if you are interested in selling 0401 055 049. Thanks.

Let us party, literary style.

Dear friends,
The day has finally come... my book is going to be launched!
I don’t have everyone’s email details so thought this might be a good way to
make sure you know you are all invited.

If you could RSVP so we can let
Readings know numbers I would be most grateful.
– Ruth Clare (mum of Scarlett in 3D1)

Thursday 3rd March 2016
6 for 6.30pm
Readings Carlton
309 Lygon Street
RSVP 25th February to
rdavies@penguinrandomhouse.com.au

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