From the Principal

UPCOMING PUPIL FREE/CURRICULUM DAY FRIDAY 11TH MARCH
The teachers are undertaking training in a new writing program called the Big Write (also known as VCOP). It is a program which promises to engage students actively in the writing process and raise the standard of writing outcomes for all students. It is based on the premise that 'If they can’t say it, they can’t write it’ so once it gets up and running students may bring home some oral homework. Our training will be over two full days with a six month gap in-between to enable teachers to become familiar with and use the program with their class prior to the second day. Therefore we have booked two days for this training. The first of which is next week, Friday 11th March and the second Monday 31st October. It is hoped that these dates being aligned to long weekends are helpful for families. As we are committed to supporting families and students Curriculum Day Care will be offered through the OSHC program. If you need care for your children on the 11th March please book in directly with the OSHC staff on 94823323. We do acknowledge this official notice is late but know many parents are already aware of this date through the year level newsletters sent home earlier in the year. We are required to get approval from the School Council before confirming dates and this happened at the meeting last week.

WANTED: FETE COORDINATOR
Our school fete is held at the beginning of term four each year and is a wonderful opportunity to bring everyone together for a fun and community building event. The side benefits are that the funds we make go towards making Westgarth a wonderful school for your children. Last year we raised a whopping $73,153.38 from the combined work of all involved. On top of that our Hocking Stuart auction item also raised $40,000. Plans are currently underway to start the implementation of our school’s Master Plan.

Our wonderful former fete coordinator Janine O’Connell has stepped down, and we need a new coordinator to oversee the event. The role can be performed by one person or shared between a team of friends. You are able to bring new ideas and a new flavour to the event. There are lots of structures already in place and plenty of people to assist.

The role of coordinator involves:

✦ Coordinating the fete committee and ensuring everyone is on track and has what they need.
✦ Being the main contact for external sponsors and suppliers.
✦ Keeping the school community up to date with what’s happening.
✦ Communicating with School Council via Parents and Friends.
✦ Liaising with school staff.

Interested? Questions? We’d love to hear from you! Contact Jessamy-Parents and Friends marceljes-samy@yahoo.com or Jo Wheeler wheeler.jo-ann.j@edumail.vic.gov.au (9481 5577).
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION
I am thrilled to see we have plenty of parents wanting to be involved in the decision making processes in the school. Nominations for School Council closed on Friday and we have 5 parents vying for the four positions. Next week we will be sending home an envelope with all the ballot papers and information. Please look out for it in your child’s school bag. Ballot papers need to be returned in the envelopes provided and can be lodged in the locked box at the office. The Ballot will close on Wednesday 16 March and we will announce the new councillors on Thursday 17th March.

LIBERTY MEAT WORKS DEMOLITION
Since returning from holidays in mid-January I have made contact with the parties involved in the demolition of the meat works at the back of the Brooke St site. This has included the Darebin Council, the Surveying Company, the Demolition Company and Worksafe Victoria. As the company have not applied for a building permit there was no compulsion for the school to be informed of the works. The demolition permit which was granted requires the company to comply with the building regulation, which by all accounts has occurred. Speaking directly with the demolisher he has assured me that the works have been occurring during holidays and after school hours, for the safety of the students and to cause the least disturbance to the school. They completed the demolition of the buildings closest to the fence line prior to the school returning and there was to be a break of 6 – 8 weeks before completing the rest of the demolition. Please be assured that I am monitoring this situation and will act by contacting Worksafe Victoria and the EPA if there are any concerns.

Jo Wheeler
Principal

Have you seen the yard bombing on Clarke St yet????

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**Diary Dates 2016**

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**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.  [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

**Qkr! Payments**

You don’t need an iPhone or iPad to make your school payments on Qkr.

**For those who don't use a smartphone or tablet, follow this link (or copy & paste into your browser) for the website version** [https://qkr.mastercard.com/store](https://qkr.mastercard.com/store).

After registering your email address, select Westgarth Primary School and follow the prompts.

For those outside a 4km radius from Westgarth Primary School please click on search (blue magnifying glass) and enter Westgarth.

Then follow the ‘How to Guide” which was attached to your school charges or visit our school website for further information.

**School Charges: Family Payment Plan 2016**

For those parents who have chosen a half yearly or quarterly payment plan your first instalment will be deducted from your nominated account in the first week of March. Please make sure funds are available.

Thank you,

Susan Price

Business Manager
Museum of Me, Cross Generational Arts Project

In term two I will be participating with a group of interested grade five students, on a joint venture with Darebin Council and Westgarth Aged Care, to build relationships between our students and residents living in residential care.

This project follows the success of Museum of Me, pilot in 2014. Westgarth Primary is delighted to be a partner again in this new version, as the students gained so much from their experience in 2014.

In 2016 the Museum of Me will expand to include two aged care facilities in Darebin (Westgarth Aged Care, Northcote and Arlington Aged Care, Thornbury) and two schools (Westgarth Primary and St Marys, Thornbury). Two professional artists will be in residence based in the respective aged care facilities working with children and elders on collaborative art projects. The artists will have an extended time to support and deepen their artistic practice working with elderly residents.

Darebin Council is currently taking applications from artists wanting to work on this unique project. Elizabeth Welch, project manager says there has been huge response to the advertised positions and looks forward to some exciting collaborations. Stay tuned for an announcement of the selected artists.

A DVD documentary of the 2014 Museum of Me project can be viewed at Darebin Arts website darebinarts.com.au. Carolyn Shiels, Assistant Principal.

Grade 3AP around our "Be...By...Because..." poster. (E.g. BE helpful, BY helping others, BECAUSE it makes us all feel good)

Hands up who loves their buddies in Grade 3 Andy/Phana and Grade 1 Sophie!
Kitchen Garden Program

Please note our new email addresses:
Kitchen.westgarth@gmail.com to contact Mary or questions about the Kitchen
Garden.westgarth@gmail.com to contact Virginia or questions about the Garden

What amazing gardeners we have amongst our Westgarth students. We have been busy with our “Garden Blitz” this week – weeding, composting, planting, cultivating, fertilising and more. Some students have been using newspaper to make small biodegradable pots. We have our fingers crossed that the Sweet Peas we have planted will be ready to transfer into our flower bed, before too long. Other students got sewing! Yes, we used old lace curtains and some brightly coloured wool, to make exclusion bags to protect some of our precious fruit. Pictured is our prized pomegranate with its bag in place. This bag was made with the help of Joy, one of our volunteers during 5 Ryan’s garden class this week.

Mary has big plans for all the cucumber, corn and zucchini that have been flowing from the garden over the last few weeks. The flash grilled peaches have been a big hit with all students and Mary has included the recipe below. Autumn is fast approaching and we are harvesting the last of the summer crops; tomatoes, corn, cucumber and zucchini. We are clearing our garden beds in readiness for all the cool season crops; peas, broccoli, carrots, spinach.

You know how we love our volunteers in the Kitchen Garden program, we always welcome more.

We presently have an acute shortage of volunteers for the garden during 5 Josie/Hannah session 1 & 2 Tuesday and 6 Nettie’s session 5 & 6 Thursday. Please email Virginia if you are free, no experience needed and even if it is once or twice a term, that would be greatly appreciated.

Kitchen Garden Team
Mary & Virginia

Virginia’s large peach laden tree provided the inspiration for our 1st recipe for 2016. It is very simple and could be served as finger food as we ate it or with yoghurt or cream.

The following are the rough amounts of ingredients. You can play around with the ratios. The more sugar there is the more it caramelises. There is time for a try before the season ends.

Grilled Peaches with Ginger Crumble

- 8 - 10 peaches halved
- 6 ginger nut biscuits
- 4 tbsp brown sugar
- 1/2 to 1 tsp ground ginger

1. Put all the dry ingredients into a food processor.
2. Pulse for a short while, making sure you leave some bigger biscuit crumbs.
3. Add to a wide bowl for children to then fill and cover each peach.
4. Grill for a short while and serve garnished with some mint.

Donations
The following items gratefully received:
- Garden hose
- Lace curtains
- Picnic Blankets
- Lemons

Please drop off at school office or the Farm House. Thank you!!!!
Interschool Sport Report from Students

Girls Rounders
Hi my name is Anoushka, I was the captain of the girls rounders team on Friday 19th February. We versed Wales St Primary School, the scores were 8-7 their way. Even though our team lost we still did our best. Some of the highlights of the game were: out team’s great fielding in the second inning, Lulu’s great batting and Ella’s great pitching. Anoushka W.

Hi I’m Tess and I was the captain of the girls rounders team on Friday 26th February. The scores was 12-17, unfortunately Westgarth did not win. Some highlights were Kyra’s great catching and Anoushka’s great pitching. Well done Westgarth, keep it up. Tess.

Mixed Rounders
On Friday 19th February, the mixed rounders team went to Wales St Primary School to play and the scores were 4-5 to Wales St but on the other hand we had Jackson doing some really good pitching, and some really good batting by Caden. James C.

Mixed Rounders played a really great game. We played a home game and the scores were 18 to 3 our way. The team we played against was Preston South Primary School, and they played really well. We had some great batting from James and Callum, and Tessa did really well running to all the bases. Caeden did some really good pitching and Zoe did good catching. Everyone played an amazing game but those were some of the things I noticed. Also, the girls team were encouraging, and I think that helped. In conclusion, the mixed rounders team played a very good game, and I think all of us are happy with how it ended.

Cricket
Hi, I’m Oscar, last Friday 26th February I was lucky enough to be the captain of the cricket team again Preston Primary School. After some unlucky conditions at the start we had a great game. The scores were 54 to 173. Westgarth won. Some highlights were Nick M with 3 wickets from 6 balls and Louis W with 30 runs of an over. Go Westgarth.

Hi my name is Hugo and I was the captain of the cricket team on Friday 19th February. We won by 27 runs, some of the stand outs for us were Harry’s great catch and Max and Lewis’s 20 runs from 2 overs. As well as Amon’s great stop in the field. Hugo N.

Softball
Hi my name is Seb and I was the captain for last weeks softball team. We played Wales St Primary School, they put up a great fight but lucky we won 18-5. We played extremely well, our catching and fielding could use some more work but there is always room for improvement. Our best batters were kai and Seb T. Our two best fielders were Ryan J and Annie. Thank you to the softball team for being great sports and come on Westgarth. Seb.R
Music News
Senior Band and Choir have started this term and I have been encouraged by the interest and enthusiasm that the students at Westgarth have shown. Choir runs on Tuesday lunchtime and is open to students in grades 3-6. Senior band is open for students in grades 5 and 6 and takes place on Friday lunchtime. We have had a couple of sessions where interested students have come along to see if it is something that they would like to pursue.

Next week, I will be asking students who have been attending choir and band sessions to make a commitment to participate for the year. Please have a chat with your child about the importance of making this commitment. These extra curricular music sessions are a great opportunity for students to take music a step further. There is no charge for these sessions.
John Carr, Music Specialist

After School Guitar Lesson Vacancy
There is one remaining vacancy for after school guitar lesson at Westgarth Primary School on Thursday at 5.00pm.
Students from Gr 3 to 6 are eligible. If you are interested contact Jonathan Dexter on 0420 927 498 or email strikeachord@tpg.com.au.
**OSHC News**

*Friday 11th March will be a Curriculum Day at Westgarth Primary and Out of School Hours Care will be available from 7.30am to 5.50pm at a flat rate cost of $40.00*

All usual Friday bookings are cancelled and Curriculum day bookings are essential to secure a place. Please email or phone the service to register your interest or book a place.

With another week under our belts you may have noticed our program is expanding quickly. The children have been engaged in a range of activities and are embracing the changes introduced thus far with vitality and enthusiasm. Our varied menu has been embraced and the children are served a great variety ranging from loads of fresh fruit/veg. to chilli con carne with rice. This may not be to everyone’s taste but change is always challenging.

A family newsletter will be sent out shortly with lots of important information so please look out for it.

We are looking for an A framed child size blackboard for displaying notices on so if you have an old one that you don’t use anymore we will gratefully take it off your hands.

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.

We hope to see you in OSHC soon. Linda on behalf of The OSHC Team.

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DIARY DATES
Friday 4 March 3.30-6.30pm : Prep year level gathering in Johnson Park
Wednesday 9 March 6.30-8pm : P&F AGM in Staffroom
Thursday 17 March 6.30-8pm : DISCO for years 3 & 4.
Wednesday 23 March: Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea

MEETINGS
The second-ever AGM for Parents and Friends is on Wednesday 9 March from 6.30-8.00pm in the staffroom. Come along, join the discussions, and nominate yourself for a position on the executive or become a General Member. It’s a good chance to share your ideas on fundraising, community building or special interest groups.

FLUORO DISCO!! Wednesday 17 March, Years 3 & 4. From 6.30-8.00pm in the Gym
After a successful 5/6 disco last year, this year it is the turn for our new year 3s and 4s to sing and dance with BOP TILL YOU DROP. A notice will come home soon asking for RSVPs by 10 March. Parents will need to be available to supervise on the night. Come and socialise on the lawn while your children have fun, or help with selling chips, tickets and dispensing water.

Welcome Picnic wrap
Thank you to all who came to the Welcome Picnic. Despite rather average weather, a sizeable crowd munched through sausages and sushi to the cool tunes of the Idle Fates (thank you Michael and Richard). We hope you met up with old friends and made some new ones. We made just over $1,000.

Note: Parents and Friends is responsible for fundraising for the school. All monies raised are not held by P&F, but passed immediately on to the school. Thank you very much to our crack sausage team of Tim, Anton, Eric, Rob and Michael. And thanks to volunteers on sushi and icy poles, Caroline, Jac, Lis, Fiona, and others who stepped in when the lines got long! Thank you also to Jo, Carolyn, Donald, Nella and Janine and the teachers for coming along. It was a lovely, friendly start to the year.

Yarn Bombing the Art Room Pergola
On Sunday we installed our Yarn Bomb creation on the art room pergola. We hope you like it! The kids enjoyed weaving pieces on, and many passers by stopped to take it all in and tell us how much they like it! My favourite moment was seeing a person stop and photograph it after we’d left for the day. There’s still room for more creations to be added if you have a piece but couldn’t get there yesterday.
Contact Emma Savage to arrange an addition! ph 0413 185 350 or emma@weller.id.au

Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea.
Students are able to order a hot cross bun to eat at a special morning tea on Wednesday 23 March. Buns cost $1.50 each. A note will come home soon.

Jessamy, Emma, Nerida, Jac
westgarthpandf@gmail.com
Westgarth Idol
Saturday 28 May

As you may have seen Westgarth Idol is booked this year for Saturday 28th May and will be held at the Thornbury Theatre.

If you’ve never been to an Idol night, you can now inhale all of its glory on our shiny new website, handily titled westgarthidol.com.

The site contains news updates, galleries and videos from last year’s acts. We also have a Facebook site (facebook.com/westgarthidol) in which we encourage you to ‘like’ with a big bass slapping thumbs-up.

Idol is a great opportunity to enjoy a crisp Pinot Gris or a hearty Coopers with fellow parents, without your kids. So for the complete and yet slightly scuffed guide to Westgarth Idol, see below.

Lock-in your babysitter now.

Thanks, Jonny.

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THE ROUGH GUIDE TO WESTGARTH IDOL

1 WHAT IS WESTGARTH IDOL?

This year, Westgarth Idol will take place on the evening of Saturday 28th May.

Parents are given the opportunity to put themselves forward as an Idol act and perform a song of their choice supported by the Idol house band. The band has ten members so can cope with all requests. The winning act receives the prestigious golden microphone. Past winners have included songs by Pink Floyd, Kiss and the BS2s. If you have never been before, the best way to get a feel is to visit the videos and galleries housed on our website or on Facebook.

History

Westgarth Idol began in 2007, when a group of parents formed a four-piece band and asked their fellow parents to come and sing along in the school gym. It’s come a long way, now attracting 450 parents at the Thornbury Theatre.

Westgarth Idol is the only social event in the school calendar that is purely for (and organised by) Westgarth Primary School parents.

2 WHERE IS IT?

Westgarth Idol is hosted annually at Thornbury Theatre, 859 High St. http://thethornburytheatre.com/

Westgarth Primary parents have exclusive use of the main ballroom from 6.30pm to 12.00am. Wheelchair access is available via a lift and ramp.

3 WHO GOES?

Parents of Westgarth Primary School children. The venue seats approximately 450 people with each table seating between 10-12. It is up to attendees to select who they want on their table so that friends can sit together and catch up with a beer or wine.

4 WHAT IS THE RUNNING ORDER?

Doors open at 6.30, and our MC for the evening is Tony Wilson. There are three sets of music and each artist is encouraged to spruik amongst the audience after they perform. The act who raises the most amount of money wins.

The band plays a final set while the money is being counted and verified. The winner is then announced followed by a disco. The evening finishes at midnight (although there is an after party, for those that want to carry on).

5 FOOD AND DRINK?

There is fully licensed bar and attendees are encouraged to ‘bring a plate’ for nibbles. The venue sells a selection of curries too.

6 HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

By booking a ticket and enjoying the evening.

Or if you want to have go at entering as an act (solo or with friends as a band), watch out for more details soon.

Once you are registered, you will have the opportunity to rehearse with the Idol Band three times prior to the event, in a professional rehearsal studio. This usually takes place on Sunday evenings before the night.

7 HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Tickets cost $25 each. Watch out for the ticket on-sale date which is announced in the WPS newsletter or via the website. Tickets usually sell-out in one day, so make sure you get in early. Profit from the evening is donated to the school.

8 WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

Visit the Westgarth Idol website, Facebook site and watch out for updates in the WPS newsletter.

http://westgarthidol.com/

https://www.facebook.com/westgarthidol/
Super Science Club News

The First LEGO League Robots club will be meeting after school tonight, Tuesday 1st and 8th of March, so 2 weeks in a row. This is due to the initial schedule change because of school camp. The sessions will be mainly fortnightly, but the parent teacher sessions were booked after the Robogals, so we needed to fit them in between these sessions and this term is very short, so we wanted to fit in as many as possible. We realise this is slightly difficult to keep a track of, so please note the dates carefully and we will notify you if there are any changes. The dates are on the Super science club website calendar as well as our FB group.

The first LEGO League robot club’s first session was a huge, if slightly chaotic success, thanks to 28 excited students, 4 Robogals and the wonderful teachers and parent helpers of Westgarth. The students got to build and program robots to go in a square and sort coloured bricks, which was very exciting!

We now have a website so you can check out our Robotics Blog for lots more pictures and some other cool stuff! http://wpssuperscience.wix.com/westgarth

Please collect your child/ren from the exterior side of the Spanish Science classroom (near the staff car park) as the office is closed at this time. Also please remember to pack an extra snack for your child. If you have any questions, please email Kerry wpssuperscienceclub@gmail.com

We are still looking for donations of old LEGO and there must be a mechanical engineer out there somewhere!, feel free to dob in a friend! If you can spare the time this will be a rewarding and fun experience for anyone who gets involved!

Thanks - The LEGO robots team

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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).

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

Can kids come too?: Children are 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.
Bike Riders of the Week.....

Kylie Gordon

Tell us about your bike.
My bike is a Dr Dew by Kona and I love it. It’s a mean, lean commuter bike that is smooth and effortless to ride. In fact, it’s so good, I recently sold my car!

How is your ride to school?
I’m lucky enough to live in Fairfield so I usually walk to school. However, I no longer have a car so my bike is my main mode of transport. I love riding the Merri Creek and Main Yarra Trails and will often plan my rides to give me as much time as possible on these tracks. It’s an ever-changing landscape and is so tranquil it’s hard to believe you’re in the middle of the city!

What do you like about riding your bike?
I love the freedom that comes with riding my bike. I can be anywhere in the city in a matter of minutes and I will often encounter things that I wouldn’t if I were riding the train or driving. Like a flock of parrots riding along side you or the early morning mist rising from the Yarra. The incidental exercise I enjoy from riding my bike is also a bonus. No more gym memberships for me!

What bugs you about riding your bike?
Tram tracks, bugs that fly like missiles into your eyes and stinging fingertips in winter.

If you could sum up riding your bike to school in one word, what would it be?
Bliss!

Sarah Lugton

Tell us about your bike.
My bike is a Lekker, which is a South African word meaning ‘good’ or ‘pleasant’ which is an apt name because it is a pleasure to ride. It is a cruiser, which means I have lots of time to take in the scenery as I ride to school.

How is your ride to school?
I love riding early in the morning when the air is fresh and full of native perfumes from the bush around me along the bike track to school. I love riding over the Merri Creek bridge and hearing the trickling water and the birds singing to each other along the banks. I love seeing the pale, sleepy sky change into a vibrant blanket of blue as the sun rises above the treetops.

What do you like about riding your bike?
That I get the opportunity to notice lots of interesting things as I ride by that I wouldn’t normally notice if I was driving. I also see other friends and work colleagues on my ride to school which is nice. I like that I’m lowering my carbon emissions and impact on the environment by riding as well. I like the exercise I get everyday, it makes me feel happy and energised.

What bugs you about riding your bike?
I sometimes wish I got a lighter bike. Perhaps in the future I will upgrade to a lighter model that is easier to ride everyday. I would also like to get some good accessories to help with carrying my bag and computer everyday.

If you could sum up riding your bike to school in one word, what would it be?
Freedom!
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