What's happening...

Parent Information Night...The teachers are looking forward to sharing their teaching and learning programs both the ‘what’ they are teaching and the ‘why’ at this week’s information sessions. If you are unable to attend your child’s session, each team will have their PowerPoint presentation available on the school website on Thursday.

The format of the evening is to present the information and then parents will have an opportunity to ask questions. An additional Information Session will be held early in Term 2, to provide information regarding the Spanish CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) program where the Language teachers will be able to answer questions relating to the Spanish program. Watch the diary dates in coming newsletters.

Please note there is a change of venue for the Grade 1 Information session which will now be held on Brooke Street in the Resource / Spanish room. Please enter via the main office doors.

Tuesday 24th 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Grade 2 - WEB Library space
Grade 4 - Gym
Grade 6 - Grade 6 Sarah’s classroom

Wednesday 25th 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Preps - WEB Library space Clarke Street
Grade 1 - Resource/Spanish room Brooke Street
Grade 3 - Gym
Grade 5 - Ryan’s Classroom

Welcome Picnic...Parents and Friends have been busily working in preparation for the Welcome Picnic this Friday 27th from 6.00pm - 8.00pm. This is always a social occasion and an opportunity to meet new friends and catch up on existing ones. Please bring along your own picnic or buy something on the night. OSHC will operate as normal on Friday. Staff are looking forward to catching up with current parents and meeting new parents / carers at the picnic. Please feel free to come and introduce yourself to staff who may not know you.

OH&S - Wasps...We have noted an increase in wasp activity in the school grounds so last Friday we engaged the services of a pest controller to search both sites for wasp nests. We are pleased to advise that no wasp nests were located on either site. Wasps have been actively feeding in the compost bay on Clarke Street, so in the short term we are asking all students to take their food and fruit scraps home for composting. We are currently investigated how best to continue composting without providing a direct feeding source for wasps.

Parent Teacher Interviews Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March 3.40pm - 7.30pm...The purpose of these interviews is to inform parents of their child’s learning and discuss learning goals for the year. The school will once again be using the online booking system which some of you will already be familiar with.

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Diary Dates 2015

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| Tues 24th Feb | Parent Information Night Gr 2, 4 & 6 6.30pm - 7.30pm  
Gr 2 Melbourne Aquarian Excursion |
| Wed 25th Feb | Parent Information Night Prep & Gr 1,3 & 5  
6.30pm to 7.30pm  
Parent Teacher Interview Bookings open online 7am |
| Fri 27th Feb | Welcome Picnic 6-8pm.  
Mon 9th Mar | Labour Day Public Holiday  
Tues 10th & 11th Mar | Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45pm - 7.30pm  
Preps start full time  
Fri 13th Mar | Responsible Pet Ownership Prep - 2  
Ride2School Day  
Sun 22nd Mar | Working Bee 10am - 12 noon Brooke St  
Fri 27th Mar | Last day of Term 1  
Wed 27th-29th May | Grade 6 Camp 2015  
Wed 9th-11th Sept | Grade 4 Camp 2015 |

Meetings

Wed 25th Feb | School Council 7.30pm Resource Room (Time change) |

Music News

The after school instrumental program is just about up and running. Notes went home with interested students on Thursday and many were returned on Friday, which is fantastic. If you didn’t receive a note and are interested in the program, they are available at the office or on the website.

This year we are offering violin starting at grade 3, guitar starting at grade 4 and saxophone, flute and clarinet starting at grade 5. At this stage, guitar is looking pretty full but if you would like to go on a waiting list, please send in a note. Just a reminder that ALL notes need to be returned to the office on Brooke St where they will be collated and passed on to the instrumental teachers. Details of how the program runs are included in the note that went home with interested students on Thursday.

Thank you,
John Carr. Music Specialist
Parents & Friends Welcome Picnic 2015
Friday 27th February 6.00pm - 8.00pm
This Friday is the long-awaited day of the Westgarth Welcome Picnic! We have organised perfect picnic weather so you can relax on the tiger turf with a snag or a borek and enjoy the tunes of fabulous band the Idle Fates

When: 6-8pm, Friday 27 February
For sale: Sausages and boreks $2, icy poles $1.
BYO: rug, drinks, including reusable water bottles, your healthy quinoa and kale salad, the family, coins for snags.

Whether your kids are in prep or grade 6, we’d love to see you there!
This is a low-waste event so please plan to take your gear home with you.
Toilets open from 6 - 7.45pm. (Cleaners will need access to clean at 7.45pm)
I would still love a few more volunteer sausage sellers, especially from 7-8, so if you can help for an hour, please email Jessamy at marceljessamy@yahoo.com
Don’t forget to follow us on twitter: @WestgarthPandF.
Jessamy, Emma and Jacqueline. Westgarth Parents and Friends Club

2015 Whopping Great Fete - Plant Stall
With Autumn approaching it's planting, cutting and splitting season, a perfect time for us to get a great head start on products ready for this year's fete.

If you are interested in helping out, there's plenty of ways you can:

- let us know if we can visit your garden to take cuttings or split plants than are ready to be thinned out; or
- come to a planting session, our first for 2015 is this Saturday 28 February from around 2pm. Gardening experience is not essential as we'll be pot-washing as well as planting seeds and cuttings; or
- offer to plant sit... all it takes is a little space and a willingness to water.

We'd love to hear from you.
Penny (penny.smith@sydney.edu.au; 0418384696) - parent of Lachlan (2K/J)
Christine (cfarmer@virginbroadband.com.au; 0403776168) - parent of Mahala (4G) and Deny (2Y)

Bakers Delight - Clifton Hill
Thank you to all families who visit Bakers Delight in Clifton Hill. 5% of your sales have generated a donation to the school of $55-00.
Thank you to Bakers Delight in Clifton Hill for your support.

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Brunswick Junior Football Club - The Mighty Dragons!
The Dragons are a friendly and welcoming community football club based at historic Gillon Oval, Pearson Street, Brunswick. We have teams for boys and girls from ages U8s (turning 8 in 2015) up to U15s, inclusive of U12 girls. We are a super-organised and successful young club, that plays (mostly) on Sundays. We celebrate kids loving their footy and best of all, our jumper is way cool! BJFC teams play in the Yarra Junior Football League and that means that mum & dad don’t have to drive for miles on frosty Sunday mornings!!! Interested? Contact Anthony McIntosh (Nathan, 4 Christine) 0455 100 222 or click on loads of club information at www.brunswickjfc.org.au Go, the mighty Dragons!

The Big Dreams BIG YARD SALE is on again, this time for TWO DAYS! With prices starting from just $1, you wouldn't want to miss out. Saturday 14th of March - 9 to 4 Sunday 15th of March - 9 to 2. Rear of 269 High Str., Northcote - enter via Eastment St.

ARE YOU A FUTURE A BUDDY FRANKLIN?

Fitzroy Carlton Auskick
WT Peterson Oval Fitzroy
Saturdays 9am to 10.30am
Season starts Saturday, 18th April
All boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years welcome
$86 for 15 Clinics and a backpack full of footy goodies. Register & pay online now
www.aflauskick.com.au

Gorgeous 2br townhouse for rent in Fairfield. Polished floor boards and full of light, split system heating and cooling. Caesar stone kitchen bench tops and awesome dishwasher. Gorgeous new bathroom. Secret gate access to oval behind, good sized yard and keyless entry garage. Heaps of storage including Harry Potter cupboard under the stairs and walk in robe in master bedroom. Walking distance to Fairfield shops, Fairfield train station and Northcote gym/aquatic centre. Very well laid out, easy to live in and super low maintenance. Low rent for the area $475 per week. This house is gorgeous and I absolutely love it!! Regrettably I am having to break the lease for personal reasons. I’m looking for someone to take over from March/April. If you are interested call Claire on 0412 512 247

Calling all 10-12 year old netballers! The West Ivanhoe Netball club is looking for new players for the winter season which starts on 10th April. It’s a very fun, relaxed and supportive comp - perfect for new players. Training is on Monday afternoons 4-5pm or 5-6pm at Ivanhoe Primary, and games on Friday afternoons at 5.45pm at Parade College Bundoora. Get in touch with Anne (Zoe W, 5H) for more info if you’re interested. We’d love to have you on board! M: 0417 114 088 or E: wundernelli@bigpond.com

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