DIARY DATES
Friday 19 February: Welcome Picnic
Sunday 28 February: Makers Group and Yarnbombing
Wednesday 9 March: Parents and Friends AGM
Thursday 17 March: DISCO for years 3 & 4.
Wednesday 23 March: Hot Cross Bun Day

WELCOME PICNIC
We look forward to seeing all families this FRIDAY at 6pm. Don’t forget yummy snags, sushi and icy poles will be on sale. BYO drinks, picnic rug and extra food! Sit back and relax to some tunes from The Idle Fates while your children play! Catch up with your old year group or meet some new families.

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! There will be a Call for Nominations for positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure and Communications Officer. We are in particular need of a Treasurer. Duties are light, consisting primarily of transporting cash from events / fundraising to the office staff, as all funds are handled and accounted for by the school. If you can't attend, you can still nominate. A form is attached. Also attached are the minutes from the last AGM.

FUNDRAISING
Easter
You will have received an Easter chocolate order form. Thanks to Annette for sourcing these local chocolates at great prices. Don’t hold back! Order up big and support your school. There will also be a Hot Cross Bun day on Wednesday 23 March.

Makers Group and Yarnbombing
¿Os gusta el arte? (Do you enjoy craft?)
¿Estáis dispuestos a hacer yarnbombing? (Keen to do some yarnbombing?)
The creative, crafty and/or keen are invited to join us in the Farmhouse on February 28 from 2pm to craft up a storm for the Special Person’s Day Stall, and to eat your own bodyweight in delicious afternoon tea snacks. Bring your primary school age kids to help out. As an additional bonus, we will be yarnbombing the pergola outside the art room in an effort to add colour, pizzazz, and an extra bit of shade. Bring your granny squares or other yarn creations, crochet hook, any spare wool and your imagination! ¡Esperamos contar con vuestra presencia! (Hope to see you there!)

FLUORO DISCO!! Years 3 & 4. From 6.30-8.00pm in the Gym Thursday 17 March
After a successful 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, but please put this date in your diary. Parents will need to be available to supervise.
Parents & Friends Club
Committee of Management Nomination Form

I wish to nominate...........................................................................................................

For the position of:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Communications Officer
General Member

Of the Committee of Management at Parents and Friends Club, Westgarth Primary School.

Nominated by .................................................................

Signature.............................................................................

Seconded by .................................................................

Signature.............................................................................

Signature of person being nominated

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WPS Parents & Friends Club Inaugural Committee Meeting 2015

MINUTES FROM first AGM 10 June 2015. WEB, Clarke St, Westgarth Primary School

Jo Wheeler, School Principal, opened the meeting 7.40pm

Attendees: Jo Wheeler, Jessamy Miller, Emma Savage, Samone Hosking, Fiona Glenn, Joanne Eley, Anita Siassios, Nerida Weller, Caroline Roberts, Nicole Guest, Kerry Mahoney, Ian Roggs.

Jessamy presented the Interim President's Report - attached.

NOMINATIONS
Nomination forms explained and circulated.
Jessamy provided an overview of each position and its responsibilities.

President: Jessamy Miller
Secretary: Emma Savage
Treasurer: Caroline Roberts
Communications: Nerida Weller
Vice-President: vacant

GENERAL BUSINESS
Caroline asked what goals and functions the club had in mind for the next 12 months. General discussion on various ideas for social and fundraising events and potential venues, organising strategies etc.

Class representatives. Will look to formalise the setup for the nomination and ‘duties’ of class representatives.

Welcoming for parents who come in with kids in the older grades – not a lot aimed towards them at the moment. Would be great to have a welcoming pack/committee aimed at making connection and helping them settle in.

Single parents/mothers are another group who may feel isolated from the school community and need support. Babysitting club. Events like the welcome picnic that cater for families in a reasonable timeslot. Means babysitters aren’t required.

Year level events for gatherings and events. More use of the school facilities for social events. Makers group involves children – this is a good format.

Can we have offshoot kids clubs associated with special interest groups eg coeliac support group with an attached kids club. Jo spoke about a group at her previous school which created support networks around kids with any kind of special needs Organised special speakers on topics etc.

Kerry spoke about the Science Interest group – science fair planned at the school, but also extending to include networks of interested families.

Movie night for parents at the Westgarth Theatre. $10 sessions for kids movies on a Sunday morning could be another option. 10.00am sessions over the school holidays. Could breakdown by years or just have an all-in. Depends on the numbers. Aim for early next term. Need to draw up a calendar of events so we can map out when things are on – great to have a diary dates section like the school newsletter does.
Parents and Friends Interim President’s Report June 2015
by Jessamy Miller

The Parents and Friends was set up to build community at Westgarth and to support the principal, school council, the fundraising subcommittee, teachers and parents wherever we can.

The interim committee of the Westgarth P & F has been operational for almost 18 months. Here is a snapshot of what we have achieved in that time.

• We set up a working party to start the process of becoming a P and F club.
• We submitted a constitution which was approved by the Minister for Education.
• We then set up an interim committee of interested parents.
• This committee has taken on the organisation of the Welcome picnic and Special Persons stall.
• It held a picnic for families at Darebin Parklands.
• Organised a number of FURS – free uniform recycling stalls.
• It’s in the process or organising a makers’ group to create things to sell at school events.
• It is supporting the parent-led science fair.
• It has drafted documents that will help guide the club.
• It has set up a Westgarth P and F twitter feed.
• It has had lots of scones, jam, cream, cups of tea, and glasses of champagne (all for a good cause, building community around Westgarth).

There are a range of positions open and these are not onerous or time-consuming roles. Emma works full time and I work and go to uni – Pand F is very flexible and can fit around any number of situations. Ideally we’d like to have lots of people involved doing a little bit, which adds up to a lot!

Our last hurdle before becoming inaugurated is for the school principal to hold an election for the committee.

Positions are:
President: Chairs meetings, liaises with the principal re P and F matters and represents P and F on school council, although another committee member can also fulfil this role.
Vice: Supports and stand in for the president if they are unavailable.
Secretary: Takes minutes, is the nominated public officer, and receives correspondence.
Treasurer: Liaises with and reports on finances to Susan, the school business manager – the P and F doesn’t hold funds.
Communications: Manages the P and F communications network and social media.
General Members: Attend meetings and take on tasks as required.