From the Principal

What an amazing year we have had at Westgarth Primary in 2016. We are so incredibly lucky to have curious and delightful students, such hard working and dedicated staff and interested and involved families. We are a community focussed on providing a wonderful education for our students and we strive to be the best we can be in all aspects of school life. I would like to acknowledge the contributions of our parents and carers in the various tasks, events, programs and support they have made or given this year. Your valuable contributions include and are not limited to home reading; classroom helpers; art show preparations; excursions; guest speakers; attending expos and events; fundraising; fete; donations; School Council; Education; Environment; Policy and Finance Committees; Kitchen/Garden; homework assistance and attending information sessions and parent education sessions. All of these contributions is what makes Westgarth such a wonderful community. We are richer for your involvement and we are grateful for it. Don’t forget to come along to our “Thank you” breakfast on Thursday at 8.15 in the staffroom on Brooke St.

Our staff is incredibly hard working and dedicated and we are fortunate to have them supporting our students as they develop and grow. They work long hours planning, refining activities and practices, studying, researching, reflecting, correcting and writing reports. This year we say goodbye to a few staff, so would like to thank them for their contribution to Westgarth over the year or years they have worked here. We say goodbye to Michael McInerney who is heading to Sydney to study music therapy, Tara Thimos who is moving home to Queensland, Phana who will be on Family leave, Lili Easton who replaced Kat while she was on family leave, Rosie who is taking a year off to focus on her Master of Student Wellbeing, Scott who is planning to broaden his teaching experience overseas, Rachel Wilton is heading back to WA and Lana Nelson who will be returning as a Casual Relief Teacher in 2017.

We welcome new staff for 2017, Alex Johnson (year 2); Justyn Koh (year 2); Gaye Wilde (year 3); Megan Robertson (year 5); Tessa Elvin (year 6) and Dallas Johnson (Education Support/Integration Aid). Returning from leave we welcome back Josie Anzelmi (year 3 - job sharing with Andy); Kat Hansen (year 1 - job sharing with Vicky) and Ruth Lynch (year 5). All other staff will be back next year. We are currently in the process of filling Lili’s vacancy and will let that year three class know who their teacher will be before the end of the year.

I would like to wish you all a safe and wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

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Reports

Reports come home tomorrow and I would like to remind parents that the report is just a snapshot of your child’s learning at a particular time. You need to look at them in light of all the feedback you have received over the year, NAPLAN results for years 3 & 5 students, their social capabilities and all the ‘non-testable’ qualities they have. A child’s academic, social and emotional learning is developmental and will peak and plateau from time to time. The report is not the ‘be all and end all’ of your child’s academic journey and I would like to remind everyone that your child is so much more than a written report. Furthermore I suggest you weigh up the pros and cons of whether to share your child’s reports with them or not. For some children the report can be inspiring and recognition of their achievements, for others it can be seen as competition. This is particularly important in families where a sibling has a learning difficulty and/ or one is excelling. I urge you to think about your beliefs about this and not leave it to chance. I encourage you to reflect on your child as an individual when deciding how much you share.
Concert
Yesterday morning our students performed some of the songs they have learnt during music lessons this year. The students sung beautifully and it was a wonderful way to end the year. Congratulations to all of our performers and our fantastic music teachers John and Clare for their work with the students this year. Outside concerts are always at the mercy of the weather.

Introducing our mascot
Junior School Council were keen to have a school mascot so they ran a competition to design one. Year 4 student, Bubloo, designed a rainbow lorikeet as the mascot, JSC fundraised towards the cost of the outfit and yesterday we were introduced to our new mascot. We will need to give our mascot a name so the first job of the 2017 JSC will be to run a naming competition. In the meanwhile you can start thinking about a good name. Congratulations to JSC for the great idea, to Bubloo for the great design and to teacher Sarah Lugton for her leadership of the JSC for this year and for organising the purchase of our friendly bird.

Building and grounds works update
As you know we have been in the process of developing plans for the Building and Grounds Masterplans. A great deal of time goes into the planning phase and we are getting close to the final stage. We look forward to beginning the building works in 2017. The first phase of the work will include the redevelopment of the canteen area to make it a new base for the OSHC program as well as a shared space for the wet science component of the Spanish/Science program. The old kindergarten building will be refurbished to be the new home for our music program and Spanish/Science will move into the current music room. During the holidays we will receive a new portable on the Clarke St site which will be home for two year 4 classes. Unfortunately we do not have enough power to manage the new building so we will require a power upgrade. This relies on the power company and can take up to twelve months for them to complete. As such we will require a generator until the upgrade is completed. This is standard DET practice in these situations.
We are also expecting a toilet upgrade of the outside toilets on the Brooke St site which will include a DDA toilet (Disability Discrimination Act). We are yet to hear the details for when this work will begin but it is likely to start in the holidays.

Early next year we will be moving the Kitchen/Garden closer to the fence line so the flow between active spaces is not impeded by the location of the garden. This will also allow the garden beds to be more child friendly. In the location of the current garden we will install new playground equipment. Once the refurbishment of the old canteen is complete, we will also develop a new sand play area near that area for use during the day and also for use by the children at OSHC. Finally we plan to develop the space in front of the new kindergarten with some permanent cubby structures. We are very excited to be at this stage of development and while the works will be disruptive to a point, the final outcome will be a wonderful addition to our facilities. I would like to thank parents Mark Dinning and Bruce Grillmeier for their work on these projects. I would also like to thank you all for supporting the fundraising over the past few years, as it is this money that will enable us to do these works.

Notice of Family Payment Schedule 2017 School Councils are responsible for developing and approving a school-level parent payment schedule compliant with DET Guidelines. The Westgarth School Charges and Voluntary Contribution has been reviewed by Westgarth Primary School Council and has passed a motion that the Family Payments will be as outlined below. If you have any queries about this information please do not hesitate to contact myself or Susan Price, Business Manager on 9481 5577.

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS: Grade P/1/2 - $342 and Grade 3 to 6 $382

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Payment is reduced by $100 for 3 or more students.
Parents are required to pay the Essential Curriculum & Services charge for items the school provides over and above DET State Government funding, which includes but is not limited to:
- All consumable materials used by class and specialist teachers for student use e.g. paper, exercise books, pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, cardboard, craft materials, diaries etc
- Curriculum related Excursions and In-house Activities and Swimming Program
- Food Component of the Kitchen Garden Program (Grade 3 to 6 only)

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS: Year P/1/2 $90 and Year 3 to 6 $140 These payments are incredibly important for our school. They assist in ensuring that we can maintain and update school facilities, programs, our grounds and a range of other vital projects linked to our Masterplan.

MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS & BUILDINGS & PROJECTS: $50 These contributions are required to fund regular maintenance of the school grounds and to meet appropriate safety standards. DET does not provide adequate funding to address all of the urgent works and essential items needed for our school. These shortfalls are met from locally raised funds.

FIRST AID OFFICER: $40 Partial funding of the First Aid officer salary.

KITCHEN/GARDEN PROGRAM: $50 (Grades 3 to 6 only) Partial funding of the running costs of the program and partial funding of the salary of the Kitchen Garden staff.

School Visits We had a visit from Federal Labour MP David Feeney last week who came to the school to have a tour and look at our Masterplan documents. We are also welcoming Rucker Councillors Trent McCarthy and Susan Rennie tomorrow to have a look at our plans and find ways we can work with the council to get the best outcomes for our students.

Regards, Jo Wheeler Principal
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**Icy Pole Day**

Bring $1 along to school on Thursday 15th December to enjoy an icy pole.

**Year One**

Mini beasts expo

**School Start Dates for 2017**

- Gr 1 - 6 to commence Tuesday 31 January 2017
- Preps to commence Thursday 2 February 2017
An important word on food safety from the Jammy Team

The Westgarth Jammy Team is very committed to food safety, and so we just wanted to make sure everyone knows that the fresh vegetable pickles we sold at the Fete this year don’t have the long shelf life of our chutneys, jams and Indian pickles. So if you still have any Bread & Butter Pickles, Farmers Pickles or Picked Onions left, it would be a good idea to get them eaten pretty soon. And don’t forget you should get a nice satisfying ‘pop’ when you open a jar for the first time. If you don’t, and you want to err on the side of caution, just get in touch and I will get you a voucher to redeem at next year’s fete. And don’t forget to always store opened jars in the fridge. We hope you’re enjoying all your purchases from this year, and feel free to give us feedback any time via email to annemartinelli@bigpond.com.

Cheers, Anne

ICY POLE DAY on Thursday 15 December
Make sure your children bring along $1.00 to enjoy an icy pole. We are still in need of a few helpers to package up icy poles into class sizes for the little side, and sell them to the big side! It’s a most rewarding event as most kids tell you it's their favourite day of the year! Come along to the canteen after drop off.

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday 8 February at 8.30pm in the Farmhouse. All welcome. Our AGM will be in March. This is the time to come along and put your hand up for getting involved more formally in the team or as a general member.

THANK YOU!
Thank you to all the amazing people who have contributed to Parents and Friends this year, from volunteering on stalls, making, baking, entertaining and generally helping bring our community together. We look forward to more antics next year!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS !!
We wish you all a rejuvenating holiday and a great start to 2017.

Jessamy, Emma, Nerida, Jac, Claire.
westgarthpandf@gmail.com
Orienteering

We had 160 competitors at the primary school orienteering championships on Friday 18 November. Each year we have more and more students wanting to enter the competition. This year the day was held at Hanging Rock which was a beautiful setting complete with kangaroos hopping around. Orienteering requires a wide range of skills such as map reading, stamina, and persistence. A massive thank you to Anne and Bruce Arthur (and Mason) who are orienteering experts. They helped coach the students on the day before they headed off on their course. Thanks to Andy, Rachel, Nettie, Kylie, Mhairi, Tom & Sarah for assisting the students on the day. We had many parents drive all the way to Hanging Rock to help out on the day which was very much appreciated. Tess’s dad Drew even ran out on the course to assist a few students with their last couple of checkpoints. In the overall results Westgarth achieved 2nd place which was very exciting. Most of our students finished in the top 10 in their age groups. It was a terrific achievement and all students that competed should be very proud of themselves. The following students received a placing on the day.

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*Westgarth grade 3 boys took out all the placing for the pairs course*

Swimming trials - We took 60 keen grade 3-5 students to the Northcote Pool to try out for the Westgarth 2017 swimming team. Everyone swam so well, were great sports and tried out strokes that they weren’t super confident doing, so well done! We had lots of parent helpers to time as well as help us walk to and from the pool. A big thank you to the teachers Holly & Mhairi and all the parents – Anne, Amy, Paul, Grant, Melinda, Lori, Claire, Johanna, Melissa, Sophie, John, Christie and Erika. Thank you to all the parents that helped cheer the students down the very long 50 metre pool.

The following students are swimming in the 2017 team and will be busy training over the summer break!

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Have a great break, have fun outdoors and being active, Rushe.
Interschool summer sport reports

Softball report by Seb R
2016 softball team started term one with a great win but then one of our games was cancelled due to rain. As we got to the end of term one, we lost our division place to Bell Street because they played an extra game. Back again in term four we only played two matches and we won our second and lost our first match. Overall this year the softball team managed to get away with some great wins due to good sportsmanship, team work and a big effort.

Softball report by Maria C & Sophie H
This year the grade 5 and 6 softball team had lots of fun! We all improved our skills, worked as a team and got to know the game. This term the grade 6s only got to play two games but we made the most of them. The first game, against Fairfield Primary we unfortunately lost but we all had a go. We won our second game against Thornbury Primary. The team had a great time! Overall, the softball team this year have had a very successful season. We have enjoyed playing different schools and discovering a game that was new to most of us.

Bat tennis report by Oscar H & Charlie V
Bat tennis had a great year in 2016. Everyone had a great time and overall enjoyed the sport! We visited many schools and trained hard. Unfortunately the team didn’t do very well this year but the team did improve in many ways and we gained friendships along the way within the team and with other schools. Despite our losses we were always optimistic, shared good sportsmanship and had a fantastic time. Overall, everyone enjoyed this year of bat tennis. Thanks you to everyone that helped make bat tennis a great year!

Cricket report by Anson B
Westgarth went undefeated, claiming many memorable victories on our way to the top of the ladder. Highlights included a huge win over Fairfield in which we took 24 wickets! By the end of the year, we were champions!

Rounders report by Zoe M & Maddie L
This season in mixed and girl’s rounders we finished in 8th place for mixed and 6th place for girl’s. We played seven games against the other schools in our district. Both teams won 2 games each, mixed losing 3 and girl’s losing 4 games. Everyone played really well this season, with improvement showing in all areas. Go Westgarth!
This fortnight’s eSmart tip comes from a book of fabulous online safety tips. You can download and read the booklet here.

SOCIAL NETWORKING

WHAT IS SOCIAL NETWORKING?
Social networking describes a range of websites and mobile applications that allow users to create a personal profile and connect, interact, and share with other users from around the world.

Social networking allows young people to connect with friends and family, share photos and videos, play games, and chat with other users online.

Many young people may have multiple social media accounts and this often forms an integral part of developing their social identity.

WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES OF SOCIAL NETWORKING?
Issues may arise when young people are accepting ‘followers’ (people) who they do not know in the real world as friends, or when they receive aggressive or hostile communication from friends or followers.

SOCIAL NETWORKING APPLICATION EXAMPLES
- Facebook
- Instagram
- YouTube
- Snapchat
- Kik Messenger
- Google+
- Twitter
- Club Penguin

TIPS FOR SAFE SOCIAL NETWORKING
1. Know who your child is friends with online.
2. Talk to your child about what personal information is okay, and what is not okay, to share online.
3. Ensure secure privacy settings are enabled on your child’s social networking accounts.
4. Be aware of how to block and report users/pages/groups if an issue were to arise.
5. Know how and where to get help on the various sites and apps they use and check out our list of Useful Websites at the back of this booklet.
News from the Kitchen Garden
Mary – kitchen.westgarth@gmail.com  Virginia garden.westgarth@gmail.com

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That’s how many hours our volunteers have contributed in the Kitchen and Garden this year. Wow – what an achievement, and you can see the results of all those hours in the wonderful work of the students this year. Our kitchen garden community of children, volunteers, teachers and ourselves have just finished celebrating ALL the gardening and cooking that we have done together over the year. The contribution everyone makes to the KG program combine to give the children a very rich experience of relationships, skills, knowledge and a meaningful environment to consolidate many of the skills they are acquiring in the classroom. The children showed their appreciation by making a variety of gifts and writing some very thoughtful cards. We enjoyed the last celebratory sessions with some special school created drinks and spicy gingerbread stars.
We look forward to seeing our lovely volunteers again next year. Remember you don’t need to commit to a whole year or a whole term. Stay tuned as we will send out information about days and times for your child’s grade at the beginning of the 2017. We are fortunate to have many relatives and friends of our students involved in the program and we ask that you please forward any relevant volunteering information to them, as it becomes available.
Best wishes,
Mary and Virginia.

Year 4 students with volunteers Mario and Marcel, preparing to share the gingerbread stars.

GINGERBREAD STARS - Estrellas de Pan de Jengibre

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<td>6 tbsp (1/2 cup) golden syrup</td>
<td>3. With the motor running, and egg mixture and process until the dough just comes together</td>
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<td>3 ½ cups Self Raising flour</td>
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<td>1 cup plain flour</td>
<td>5. Cut dough in half and wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate until well chilled</td>
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<td>2 tsp cinnamon</td>
<td>6. Roll out to a thickness of ½ cm</td>
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<td>2 tsp mixed spice</td>
<td>7. Cut out shapes with star cutters</td>
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<td>3 tbsp dried ginger</td>
<td>8. Line the trays with baking paper and place stars on them</td>
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<td>2 eggs</td>
<td>9. Cook at 170 degrees for about 10 mins.</td>
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NI HAO - The Year of the Monkey is Coming to End!

Dear Students, Parents & Teachers

As the 2016 comes to end, we want to thank everyone for supporting our Chinese classes as a user pays after school program at Westgarth Primary School. We are especially grateful for the support of Principal Jo Wheeler and all parents who have been helping us to complete a successful year.

We are delighted to continue supporting the school next year by once again offering Mandarin classes to students. There will be a beginners class for students who have not done mandarin before. Hopefully our current students will continue to the more advanced classes in Mandarin.

To help new parents make a decision, we are providing you with some information about us.

We, the Storz Centre of Accelerated Learning Excellence (SCALE) are the children's arm of the Australasian Centre of Chinese Studies (ACCS).

ACCS was founded by Dr Moni Lai Storz in 1994. It has been offering Mandarin & Cantonese classes to adults and children for over 20 years in Australia & the UK.

SCALE is designed to support parents and teachers in their efforts to build bridges between the Chinese and Australian community. One of the ways is through learning the Chinese language and culture.

Dr Storz pioneered the application of Accelerated Learning techniques to the teaching of Chinese Mandarin in Australia and UK (Mind, Body Power: The Self Help Book in Accelerated Learning, 1989). Accelerated Learning or Suggestopedia is a pedagogical approach based on a whole brain communication model using positive suggestions and tools from the performance arts such as music, story telling, play(s) games, relaxation/creative visualization and kinesthetic exercises to process content, in this case, Mandarin.

Accelerated Learning is further backed up by the findings from neuroscience regarding brain plasticity. Children (and adults) learn best by using both sides of their brain simultaneously. This creates an accelerated outcome not only in content but students’ self esteem and love for the subject also increases.

Our classes are an after school program. Currently, we are working with several schools besides Westgarth Primary School, viz. Merri Creek Primary: Montmorency Primary, St Mary's Catholic Primary in Ascot Vale and Sandringham East Primary. In addition to these school supported programs, public weekend classes are held also in Hawthorn, Bentleigh and Box Hill.

A term consists of 8 weeks, one 2 hour class per week.

Classes begin each school term usually the second week of the term at 3.45-5.45pm and finish the week before the end of school term.

The cost per student is $250 per term including GST, text books & any other supplementary materials.

In order to support the school further, we handle all the administrative work regarding enrolment so please contact us directly for all enquiries.

Contact: Dr. Moni Storz at moni@accschinese.com or Olga olga@accschinese.com or 0421709414

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Dear Parents,

This is just an expression of interest form & does not commit you in any way to enrolling your child/children.

Please email your form by 15 Jan 2017, as classes are kept small, your child will be enrolled on a first come, first serve basis. As soon as we get 6 students in the same age group, we will inform you.

NAME OF PARENTS: ________________________________________________________________

AGE OF CHILD/REN: _____________________________________________________________

CONTACT EMAIL AND/OR MOBILE: _______________________________________________

Please return your name and details to us by emailing: olga@accschinese.com or text Olga 0421 709 414.
Robotics and electronic craft Jan school holiday program @ Jika Jika

The program has been so popular, we have had to add some more classes!

- 3 day Mission to Mars LEGO Mindstorms challenge (10% off early bird special)
- 3hr intro to LEGO Mindstorms

3 hr Girls only Intro to Lego Mindstorms and electronic craft workshop that includes sewn circuits. (Girls are more than welcome at all our workshops, but this one is especially for them)

Check our website for details and like our page on FB for special offers and updates


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**Summer Holiday Program 2017**
(Tues 3 Jan – Fri 27 Jan)
Book online at www.leapkids.com.au

**Donations** - Hi, I am gathering good quality children's clothes as well as any small match box cars to send to a remote Aboriginal community in the NT that I am working with. Any donations would be welcome as they are in very short supply (particularly for boys clothes).
If anyone is cleaning out cupboards - I am happy to come and collect. You can text me on 0418 137 870.
I will also be sending up clothes and toys throughout next year so please contact me at a later date if you are able to donate. Thankyou so much, they are a fantastic and very needy community.
Kate Denborough (mum to a Grade 6, Grade 4 and Prep)

**Lost:** Brand new boys size 14 M-One-11 Army Green khaki hooded duffle coat with rope valued at $150. Last seen in lost property late November. Please hand it in to the school office or to aftercare.

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**Bright Sparks Creative Workshops**
**Holiday Program - January 2017**

Bright Sparks is a creative arts program designed to help children learn about themselves and develop a sense of inner strength, promoting confidence, resilience and general wellbeing. Children create artwork that is meaningful to them through a variety of creative media such as; painting, drawing, clay and recycled materials. Sessions are run by an Art Therapist and are beneficial for all children from Prep to Grade 3. Individual Art Therapy sessions are also available.

30.30am - 3.30pm January 23, 24 & 25
$170 / $110 (concession) for a 3 day course or $65 per session
Eka Jika Community Centre, Northea

Contact Naomi on 0421 914 220 or email: naomil@brightsparks.id.au
Naomi Williams (M.A. Arts Therapy) is a Creative Arts Therapist with 11 years experience facilitating creative workshops, individual art therapy sessions and resilience programs for children.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**