Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our commitment to the education of students at Westgarth Primary School, we are offering students in Years 4 - 6 the opportunity to participate in ‘Reaching for the stars’ – an after school extension and enrichment program. These classes will commence Tuesday, 26 April from 3:45pm – 4:30pm. A teacher will sign in any students who attend Out of School Hours Care.

The enrichment and extension program provides opportunities for students to further develop their knowledge, skills and/or areas of passion in an interesting and stimulating environment. Please see below for a brief overview of each program on offer.

All programs are voluntary, but a commitment from students and parents is required as the programs run outside of school hours and may require additional work to normal class requirements. It is expected that once a commitment to a program has been made, that student will attend all sessions over the two term period. Students can choose one activity for the two terms.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the programs offered please return the permission slip together with payment of $80.00 as soon as possible but no later than Friday 15th April 2016 to secure a place.

Please note: Sessions will be held every Tuesday in terms 2 and 3 with exceptions of public holidays, curriculum days and the day of parent-teacher interviews. Sessions will start in the third week of term two.

Please see your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Jo Wheeler  
Principal

‘Reaching for the stars’ – Program outlines

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| Coding club        | Minimum number of participants: 10  
Coding (programming) is a great skill to engage students in creating projects such as animations and games. It is an important skill for students to support the development of problem solving, critical thinking and creativity, and helps to prepare students for the digital age.  
Find out more at: [http://www.codeclubau.org](http://www.codeclubau.org) | Ben Cunningham and Yolanda Stephenson |
| Maths Olympiad      | Minimum number of participants: 10  
This mathematics extension and enrichment program introduces students to important mathematical concepts and develops flexibility for problem solving. It focuses on the students’ ability to solve mathematical problems in a creative manner - as opposed to simply reaching a solution using a prescribed method. Students will have the opportunity to participate in an Australasian-wide maths competition.  
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<td>Art studio Sewing society</td>
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<td>Students will be taken through the design process and learn to use tools and equipment, related to sewing, safely. They will learn how to hand sew, use a sewing machine and cut out fabric. Although all students will begin with template patterns they will have a choice of fabrics and finishes so that their beautiful handmade creations will be unique and lovingly designed and made by them.</td>
<td>Aimee Murphy</td>
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<td>Tournament of Minds</td>
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<td>ToM is a problem solving program for multi-aged teams of students. Students are required to solve demanding, open-ended long-term challenges. The program develops students’ creative problem solving approaches and techniques, fosters cooperative learning and team work and promotes knowledge and appreciation of self and others. Students may be selected to compete against other schools at a regional tournament at La Trobe University on the weekend of 20 and 21 August. Find out more at: <a href="http://www.tom.edu.au">http://www.tom.edu.au</a></td>
<td>Brenda O’Leary and Sarah Lugton</td>
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<td>Write 4 fun</td>
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<td>Write 4 fun encourages students to develop their writing skills – particularly in relation to the craft of writing poetry. Students will explore various types of poetry and expand their vocabulary. There will also be opportunities for students to enter poetry writing competitions. Write 4 fun will culminate with an ‘open mic’ poetry night in term three.</td>
<td>Sharon Kouryialas</td>
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REACHING FOR THE STARS - ENRICHMENT AND EXTENSION CLASSES
Terms 2 and 3, 2016

I give permission for my child _______________________________ Class Teacher: _______________ to participate in the ‘Reaching for the stars’ program offered at the school on Tuesdays from 3:45pm – 4:30pm in terms 2 and 3. My child and I understand that he/she is expected to attend every session and that spaces are limited.

I have forwarded $80.00 cash/cheque/credit card. Please complete details below.

Parent Signature: __________________________________________ Date ______________________

Parent contact Number: ________________________________

Emergency Contact ____________________________________ Phone: ______________________

His/Her program preferences are: 1. __________________________ 2. __________________________

Payment method:

☐ Cash  ☐ Cheque  ☐ Card  AMOUNT: $………………………………………..

Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐

Expire Date: ☐ ☐/☐ ☐

Cardholder’s Name: ......................................................................................... (Please Print)

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