Welcome back to Term Four. We hope you had a lovely break and fitted in lots of relaxation. The students have returned to school revitalised and eager to learn.

In the classroom
The 3/4’s are learning about Forces this term, and will be investigating the following questions to direct their inquiries:

- What are forces?
- How do forces affect things in the earth’s atmosphere?
- How did Newton change the course of science?
- What Newton laws would apply in outer space?
- What would happen to moving objects if there was no friction?

During week two of this term we will be visited by Hands On Science who will be teaching us about conducting experiments involving force and movement. We welcome any parents who have a physics background who wish to share their knowledge, to contact their classroom teachers to arrange the most suitable time.

Literacy
We will continue to develop students reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Every morning students participate in the literacy block. Each student’s individual literacy needs are targeted during the small group activities. During writing this term the 3/4’s will focus on procedural writing and poetry. Our ongoing activities relating to spelling, handwriting and structuring writing is targeted within these genres. During reading sessions, the students’ specific needs for reading comprehension are targeted within small group activities.

Numeracy
During Numeracy lessons this term the 3/4’s will be building on the students' knowledge of time, number patterns, addition and subtraction, place value, money and multiplication and division. The numeracy lessons vary in structure. Whole group activities are designed for introduction and assessment purposes. These are followed by small group lessons that target students particular learning needs in Mathematics.
**Kitchen Garden**
All of our summer vegetable seedling will be planted in the garden this term. These include tomatoes, eggplants, pumpkins, basil zucchinis and more. The students will be making fresh crunchy salads, dips and foods from around the world. Summer here we come!

**Homework**
The 3/4 students have continued using the new multiplication program with enthusiasm. You may have seen some certificates come home as the students move through the strategy levels. The new program involves learning multiplication strategies that are levelled and ascend in order of difficulty. Students move through the levels at their own pace. The program equips students with strategies such as doubling, doubling plus one, doubling minus one, and to apply these strategies to a range of mathematical problems.

**Parent/Helpers**
A big thank you from the teachers to our parent helpers. Your time spent with your child’s class is invaluable. Should you wish to volunteer to help in your child’s class, or change your current arrangements please see your classroom teacher.

**Communication**
If you require any further information/clarification please feel free to check with your child’s teacher who will be able to assist or point you in the right direction.

We are all looking forward to a fun and productive term four.

Kind Regards,

Ryan, Sarah, Bianca, Taryn, Hannah and Holly
ART
Term Four is a busy and exciting term at Westgarth Primary School. This year’s Art Show will be held on Thursday 21st November from 5.30 – 8.00pm in the WEB on Clarke Street. Each student will select one 2D and one 3D piece of art work to be exhibited.

This term the grade 3/4 students will be covering the areas of modelling (with clay), construction and some festive themed activities after the Art Show.

The 3/4’s have been exploring the medium of clay. They will be creating a piece based on the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. Once their clay piece has been air dried and fired, they will have the opportunity to paint it.

In the construction unit, students will create 3D ‘crinkly’ creatures using coloured paper. Students will practise skills such as cutting, folding, twisting and zigzag effects.

In the coming weeks we will require parent helpers to assist us with the Art Show. This will involve displaying art work as well as taking them down after the event. There will be more details to follow in the Newsletter.

If you ordered calendars, card packs or iPhone covers they are currently being printed. You should receive them by the end of November. Thank you for your ongoing support with fundraising for our school.

*Julia Reeves & Rushe Lynch*
Visual Art Teachers

MUSIC
In Term 4 the grade 3/4 students will be focusing on recorder playing. We started last term and will be continuing to work on extending the range of notes we can play as well as reading music from the stave to work out how to play simple songs. Parents are reminded to try and provide some practise time at home. As with any instrument, practise is essential for skills to develop and to keep enthusiasm and enjoyment up. Please remind your child to pack their recorder in their school bag on the day that they attend their music lesson. Students should also have a folder of some description to keep their sheet music safe and intact. Recorder playing will strongly develop the students’ knowledge of the stave and its relationship to notated rhythms.

We will also be preparing for our end of year concert where the children will perform some of the songs that they have learnt throughout the year as well as some new surprises.

*John Carr*
Music Specialist
P.E.
In term four grade 3-6 students will have the option of competing in the District Triathlon on Friday November 15th. Teams will be in age groups and will have one runner, one swimmer (two swimmers can be in the 10 year old age group) and one bike rider. If your child has expressed interest in competing a note will be sent home with information about the event in the coming weeks.

SEDA are running some football clinics each Thursday for the next 5 weeks at Westgarth Primary School for all the students. Each year level will have their clinic during one of these weeks. Grade 5-6 students will finish the summer sport fixture over the next 4 weeks on Fridays.

Grade 3-6 students will continue to develop skills already learnt and start to learn about strategy and rules in different sports in PE lessons. They will be introduced some basic Orienteering skills and have the option to compete at the Victorian Schools Championships on 8th November (please see note in Newsletter from Tuesday 15th October for more information on this). Grade 1-2 students will also be introduced to Orienteering.

Ricky Davis
P.E. Co-ordinator

LANGUAGES
Students in Grades 3 and 4 will be involved in a Greek play, ‘When Tony got lost at the Zoo’. It is based upon a children’s book the students have become familiar with. Working with their peers, the students will be practising their lines and rehearsing as a small group with a specific focus on language fluency and expression, before showcasing their performance to their peers. Where possible, we hope that their buddy grade will also be able to be a part of the audience. We will also be exploring a unit of work titled ‘What Time Is It?’ Using vocabulary taught and applications on the ipads and interactive whiteboard, the students will be learning about time, with a mathematical focus. The Grade 3/4 students will also revise numbers to 100 and beyond, through engaging games and songs.

Kathy Daskalou
Language Teacher