WELCOME TO TERM 4:

We have started the term very smoothly with students quickly settling back into their learning after the term break.

Week one of the new term saw a very successful Year 4 Camp to Ace High at Cape Schank. We have received very positive feedback about our students whilst on camp and I would like to congratulate and thank all participants for this. I would especially like to thank our Year 4 Class Teachers; Ms Dorey, Mrs Torney, Ms Ferlazzo and Ms Karutz for their great planning and conduct of the Camp. My thanks also goes to Mrs Morgan, Mrs Cashin and Mr Vrettas who joined the Year 4s on Camp ensuring that staff to student ratios were met.

This week our staff and students have got behind ‘PE Week’ (Physical Education Week) and it is great to see the participation of both students and staff in the scheduled before school and lunchtime activities. Swimming for Grades 5 & 6 has also commenced. We have also just completed a fabulous ‘Walkathon’ with outstanding student and staff participation. It was quite spectacular to see the whole school in unison complete their respective courses. Thanks also to our parents/carers who came along and supported the event.

Looking at the Calendar of Events (published for your viewing) you will see that we have approved through School Council a number of incursions and excursions to compliment the learning program at the various year levels within the school. We thank you for your support in ensuring that payments and permission notices are returned by the due dates.

We have also farewelled Mr Curnow (5C) who has been successful in gaining a position at Beaufort Primary School. This decision was a family and lifestyle decision and in his farewell speech at the School Assembly he thanked the school community for his time as a Westgrove staff member mentioning that he will always have great memories of his years on staff. We have welcomed Mr Harris as 5C’s class teacher and he is looking forward to continuing the great learning and teaching for the remainder of the school year.

Last term we collected over 35,000 Woolworths Earn & Learn points and we are now in the process of selecting our equipment using these points. A huge thank you for your great support with this.

We are looking forward to our 2016 Prep (Foundation) students attending our Transition Programs:

- Program #1 - Friday October 23rd 12:15pm - 1:15pm
- Program #2 - Friday November 6th 12:15pm - 1:15pm
- Program #3 - Friday November 20th 12:15pm - 1:15pm

and then again on the State wide Orientation Day- Tuesday December 8th 9:30am - 10:30am

Our Year 6 Team have been liaising with our Secondary School Providers to ensure that all of our Year 6 students will have a smooth transition to their respective 2016 schools. Plans are also in place in readiness for the Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day also on Tuesday December 8th.

Planning has indeed commenced for 2016 with School Council approving our 2016 Parent/Carer Payments. School Council has not increased these payments from 2015 and in being very mindful of financial implications are encouraging families to pursue the support processes available as outlined in the package that will be distribute to families in the very near future. To further support our
planning for 2016 we ask that families that are intending not to return in 2016 to inform the Office as soon as possible.

I thank our families for your continued partnership with us in ensuring that your child/children are following our school values of:

- Be a Learner
- Be Safe
- Be Respectful

If we display these values then Together We Grow and continue to ensure that Westgrove Primary School is a GREAT SCHOOL.

Helen Fraser
Executive Principal.