Welcome!
What a fantastic start to 2015! Thank you to all families for your smiling, welcoming faces and positive feedback. We are looking forward to a positive and productive Term One. It’s been lovely that many parents have come and introduced themselves to us already.
It’s exciting to welcome Craig Irvine, Stephanie MacFadyen and Deb Hong to our Level 3/4 team.

Curriculum
Maths: Assessments will be taking place over the first few weeks within classrooms to allow us to best cater for the needs of all students. The Extension Maths classes and GRIN program will commence later in the term, once all assessment has been completed.

English: Our Primary focus this term is to establish good reading, writing and speaking & listening behaviours. We will look at teaching strategies to support the development of reading, writing & spelling. We look forward to hearing students using Literacy ‘lingo’ (Just Right Books, writing seeds; for example) and developing independent learning skills.

Inquiry: Our QUEST this term is Identity.
Students will be exploring multi-culturalism and what has contributed to making Australia the place it is. We will be looking for parents who are willing to share their own experiences about coming to live in Australia later in the term. We also look forward to a whole-school multi-age day incursion to support our Inquiry unit.

Homework: The Homework Policy is currently being reviewed. An opportunity for parent feedback is upcoming.

Library/ICT: The Library & Computer Lab will be unavailable this term due to the building works. ICT will take place in classrooms & opportunities will arise for student borrowing. Students will still have access to a range of reading material in their classrooms.
What you can do at home to help

- Ask your child open-ended questions about their day at school, eg. “Tell me something positive about your day.”
- Encourage your child to speak with their teacher about any concerns or worries.
- Check the weekly newsletters.
- Read with your child daily and encourage them to record their reading in their diaries.
- Ensure your child has an early night and is organised for school the next day.
- Check with your child each day to see if they have any notices that require attention. Return notices promptly.
- Make sure clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled.

Key Dates/Events

Basketball Clinic: Tuesday 10th Feb
New Parents BBQ: Thursday 12th Feb
Level 3/4 Information Night: Wednesday 18th Feb
Getting to know you interviews: Thursday 19th Feb
Curriculum Day: Monday 23rd Feb
Labour Day Holiday: Monday 9th Mar
Twilight Sports: Wednesday 18th Mar

Reminders

- Hats to be worn in Term One.
- All students to have an Art smock & Library bag at school
- Doors to classrooms open from 8.50am for students to organize bags, notices, etc.
- To maximize space in tubs, some student stationery has been collected & will be distributed as required.

Regards,
The Level 3/4 Team