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 (with lots of fun!). It’s been lovely that many parents have come and introduced themselves to us already.

We would like to welcome Sophie Blacklock and Pia Colero to Camelot Rise Primary School and our Level 5/6 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 consolidate good reading, writing and speaking & listening behaviours. We will look at teaching strategies which extend the development of reading, writing & spelling. We look forward to hearing students using Literacy ‘lingo’ (for example writing seeds) and continue to developing independent learning skills in preparation for Level 6 as well as Secondary school.

Inquiry: Our QUEST this term is Identity. Students will be exploring Australian history and what has contributed to making Australia the place it is. We will be focusing specifically on Federation and how Australia became a nation. Along with contributions specific individuals and groups have made to the development of Australian society.

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

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 students to use the library for book borrowing. Students will still have access to a range of reading material in their classrooms.

We do encourage that students have some reading material with them at school every day, for example a novel or magazine.

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.
- Have your children ready daily and encourage them to record their reading in their diaries.
- Ensure your child gets enough sleep 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
Level 5/6 Information evening Wednesday 11th Feb
New Parents BBQ: Thursday 12th Feb
Getting to know you interviews: Thursday 19th Feb
Curriculum Day: Monday 23rd Feb
Level 5 Art Excursion Wednesday 25th Feb
Level 6 Family Life Parent Information Session Monday 2nd Mar
Level 6 Art Excursion Wednesday 4th Mar
Labour Day Holiday: Monday 9th Mar
Level 6 Family Life Sessions commence Thursday 12th Mar
Twilight Sports: Wednesday 18th Mar

Reminders
- Hats to be worn in Term One
- All students to have a named Art smock & Library bag at school
- Doors to classrooms open from 8.50am for students to organise bags, notices, etc. (listen out for the bell!)
- Level 5s and 6s, keep an eye out for a notices about Sovereign Hill and Canberra Camp.

Regards,
The Level 5/6 Team