Welcome!
Welcome back. We hope you all had a fantastic time over the holidays with your family.
We have a busy term ahead with both Level 5 and 6 camps and lots of other exciting learning opportunities.

Curriculum
Maths: We will be covering many new concepts this term including shape, area and transformation. We will continue to focus on number and the 4 operations—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and relate these skills to money and finance. Students will also work on open ended activities and projects that challenge their thinking and relate to real life situations.

English: Students will continue to develop their independent writing skills through the use of ‘seeds’. The focus for this term is: writing to persuade and writing to inform. Throughout this term we will look at reading strategies such as questioning, summarising and synthesising. Students will read a variety of texts, with the focus on non-fiction articles. These articles will cover various topics such as natural disasters, the ANZACS, The Gold Rush and the Australian Government. We will also be asking the students to complete an oral presentation later in the term.

Inquiry: Our QUEST this term is Sustainability and we will be focusing on natural disasters. We will be asking what causes them, why does it happen and how often do they occur. We will discuss the impact they have on our environment and their link to living sustainably.

Camps: Both Level 5 and 6 students will be spending some time preparing for their upcoming camps. Level 5 students will be looking at the Gold Rush, life in the 1850’s and the Eureka stockade in more detail. The Level 6 students will be preparing for their Canberra camp concentrating on our Government and voting system, along with gaining some knowledge about our ANZACS and war heroes for our visit to the Australian War Memorial.

Homework: A new homework structure will be introduced in the third week. In Level 5 and 6 homework will be given to students on a Monday. There will be a 10 day cycle, with the expectation of it being returned by the following Wednesday. This will allow a homework free weekend if desired. The homework will consist of a compulsory section and an opt-in section. Parents will be required to approve your child’s completion or non-completion of homework by signing the homework sheet.

If students don’t complete the required homework (and parents have NOT signed the non-completion section on the homework form) they will attend homework club. This will run every second Thursday for the first half of lunch. The students will be supervised and supported to complete the outstanding tasks.

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
20th-23rd April - Level 5 Sovereign Hill Camp
24th April - Curriculum Day (no students required at school)
7th May - Camelot Rise Athletics
11th-15th May - Level 6 Canberra Camp
12th-14th May - Level 5 NAPLAN
18th May - District Cross Country
30th–6th June - Noumea Study Tour (for participating students)
4th June - District Cross Country
8th June - Queens Birthday Holiday
10th-17th June - Life Ed Van

Reminders
- Doors to classrooms open from 8.50am for students to organise bags, notices, etc.
- Homework starts from week three. Please familiarise yourself with our new homework structure.