Welcome!
Well, here we are! Term Four already! It’s hard to believe we are in our last term of school. Once again, Term Four promises to be a very busy one, with our Swimming program, L4 Phillip Island Camp, the Camelot Camerata, SRI Service, Christmas Concert, preparations for 2016 and Reports!

Curriculum:

Literacy & Numeracy - Please see our overview on the following page.

Inquiry – Our whole school QUEST concept this term is Inspiration with our level question being ‘What Fuels Your Passion?’. Students have chosen specific areas that fuel their own ‘passion’, and that they would like to explore further. Later in the term, the students will then be teaching others about an aspect of their passion. A notice has already been sent out via COMPASS seeking parent helpers for assisting some of the ‘Passion’ groups, particularly if you have expertise or a specific interest in any of the areas. We are planning an incursion this term based on some of the children’s passions, keep an eye out for further information regarding this.

We were so impressed with the children’s Inquiry and Actions in Term Three. Their understanding of the Inquiry process has developed over the year and they are well on the way to becoming independent, inquisitive learners.

Thank you for your support over the year. It has been wonderful watching the children’s growth and development. You, as their parents, have much to be proud of.

Homework – We will continue to explain and give the students their homework on a Monday and it will need to be returned the following Wednesday (10 day cycle). This allows for a homework free weekend if desired. The homework consists of a compulsory and an opt-in section. Parents are required to approve their 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 of the homework sheet) they will attend homework club. This will run every second Thursday for the first half of lunch. The students will be supervised and supported by a teacher to complete the outstanding tasks.

Swimming Program — A reminder that the Swimming program begins on Tuesday, 17th November. Students will need to have their swimming bag, bathers and towels at school every day for the two week program. Encourage your child to unpack their bathers and towel each day after school, so they can be dried out, and to pack their bag ready for the next day. Getting into a regular routine is the best way to ensure nothing is left behind!

Library/ICT:

Library and ICT sessions in the lab will continue this term. Our focus this term in ICT will be on CyberSafety, as well as continuing to build ICT skills and exposing students to a variety of programs to support their learning.

What you can do at home to help:

*Ask your child open-ended questions about their day at school, e.g. "Tell me something positive about your day."

*Encourage your child to speak with their teacher about any concerns or worries.

*Check the weekly newsletters and COMPASS messages.

*Have your children practice their times tables on a regular basis.

*Encourage your child to read every night.

*Make sure clothing and personal belongings are clearly labeled, especially important with the Swimming program commencing later this term.

*In preparation for the Year 4 Camp, arrange a sleepover for your child at a friend or relative’s house, especially if they haven’t slept away from home before.

Key Dates/Events:

16th Oct – Whole School Incursion: AFL Footy Roadshow
22nd Oct – Level 4 Hooptime Regional Finals 9.00 – 2.30 (selected students)
3rd Nov – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
4 – 6th Nov – L4 Phillip Island Camp
19th Nov.- 3 - 6 Camerata Concert
16th –27th Nov.-Swimming Program
26th Nov.- ‘One day only’ Book Fair
4th Dec.- SRI Service
9th Dec.- Christmas Concert and BBQ
11th Dec.- Reports and Portfolios Home
15th Dec.- Meet new grades
16th Dec.- Class Parties

Reminders

- Doors to classrooms open from 8:50am for students to organise themselves for the day. This is the time for any notices to be placed in the tub and bags to be placed in bag boxes.
- Remember Term Four is a Sun Smart term and all students are required to wear their school hats.