Welcome!
It's hard to believe that we in the last term for 2015! We hope you have all had a fantastic holiday and are well rested and ready to tackle our exciting and busy Term 4!

Inquiry
This term our Inquiry topic is Inspiration. For the first 3 weeks we are looking at what inspiration is and why it drives us? We are also looking at inspirational people and the qualities they have. For the remainder of the term Level 5 students will be focusing on ‘Leadership’ and what makes a good leader, in preparation for becoming our school leaders in 2016. The Level 6 students will be focusing is ‘Change’, in order to prepare them for the transition into secondary school. We will also be celebrating the end of primary school with our Graduation Ceremony.

Mathematics
During Term 4, students will be consolidating their mathematical knowledge through open ended tasks and projects. Students will also participate in teacher led focus groups based on individual areas of need.

English
The comparing and contrasting of different authors writing style is our focus for Reading in Term 4. We will look at the way authors write and the stylistic features they use. We will continue to work on comprehension strategies with a big focus on inference. For Writing, students will continue to use various ‘seeds’ to generate ideas. We are also focusing on the ‘6 Traits of Writing’. They are Voice, Organisation, Ideas, Conventions, Word Choice and Sentence Fluency.

We have asked all students to bring in a ‘seed’ from home to inspire their first piece of writing this term.

ICT
The ICT project for this term is linked to our topic on INSPIRATION! Students have been asked to choose a topic they are passionate about and create an animation, game or video using Kahootz, Game Maker or Movie Maker.

Homework
We have now been using the new homework structure for the past 2 terms. Just a reminder that students now receive their homework on a Monday and it needs 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 do not complete the required homework (and parents have NOT signed the non-completion section of the homework sheet) they will attend homework club which will run every second Thursday for the first half of lunch.

Dates to Remember (there are lots of them!)
Week 2
Thursday 15th October—Level 6 Transition Session
Week 3
Thursday 29th October—Level 6 Highvale Secondary School Transition Presentation
Week 5
Friday 6th November—Level 6 Round Robin Sports Day
Week 7
Level 5 Leadership speeches to be presented
Thursday 19th November—Levels 3-6 Camerata
Week 9
Tuesday 1st December—Level 6 excursion to Luna Park
Thursday 3rd December—Level 5 excursion to Taskworks
Week 10
Tuesday 8th December—Level 6 Year 7 State Secondary School Orientation Day (Private schools have their own days)
Wednesday 9th December—Christmas Concert
Week 11
Thursday 17th December—Level 6 Graduation
Friday 18th December—Last day of term 4

Reminders
**School hats are to be worn in Term 4. Only school legionnaire or broad brim hats are acceptable.**
**Classroom doors are open from 8.50am. This is a great time to speak to your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our caring and wonderful parents for the support you have shown us this year.

Thank-you.
From the Level 5/6 Team