Welcome!
Welcome back. We hope you all had a fantastic time over the holidays with your family and friends.

We have a busy term ahead with lots of exciting things happening such as the Level 6 camp, excursion to the Planetarium, NAPLAN and the athletics carnival.

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 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: This term students will continue to develop their independent writing skills focusing on elements of the ’6 Traits of Writing’, such as Voice and Word Choice. We will look at the structure and techniques to use when writing a persuasive argument and practise using tools such as tightening tension, dynamic dialogue and exciting endings when writing creatively. There will also be a continuing focus on spelling, grammar and vocabulary. In Reading and Viewing, we will continue to revise different reading strategies and use them practically when reading independently and participating in reciprocal reading activities. Students will read a variety of texts, with the focus on non-fiction articles.

Inquiry: Our QUEST this term is Exploration with a particular focus on Space. Throughout this Inquiry students will learn about the life of an astronaut, celestial bodies and the technology involved in space exploration. Students will visit the Planetarium in Week 3 (check Compass for details) and participate in a variety of immersion activities to really get their minds thinking!

Homework: Homework will continue as it has in Term 1. That is, it 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 Wednesday for the first half of lunch. The students will be supervised and supported to complete the outstanding tasks.

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 and Compass regularly.
Have your children read 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.
Make sure clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled.

Key Dates/Events
18th-22nd April—Level 6 Camp
26th April—District Cross Country
29th April—Level 5/6 Excursion to Planetarium
5th May—Camelot Rise Athletics
6th May—Curriculum Day (no students required at school)
10th-12th May—Level 5 NAPLAN
16th May—District Cross Country
13th June—Queens Birthday Holiday
16th June—Fire Ed
22nd June—Reports go live on Compass
24th June—Portfolios sent home
24th June—Last day of Term 2

Reminders
• Doors to classrooms open from 8.50am for students to organise bags, notices, etc.

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- Ignacio Estrada