Dear Parents, Welcome back to Term Four in Colman. We’re close to the end of the year, time has gone fast! This newsletter is intended to keep you updated with activities and events in our classroom. This term we will hold our class sleepover and camp to Conran.

Julie Kennedy.

**Curriculum**

**English**
Reading – We are continuing our work on independent reading. (Read to self for 12 minutes, and read to someone for 12 minutes). Afterwards we share a recount of our reading adventures.

Writing – We are writing every day, focussing on ‘Poetry’ and ‘Discussion’ text types. The students are working eagerly in Writers Workshop and creating sensational publications using the writing process.

Spelling – Spelling lists are handed out each Thursday and students are to practice them using booklet ideas found in their Velcro bag/diary, during the week. Testing will occur each Thursday in the literacy block as a mini lesson. Spelling activities are in their blue Velcro bags.

**Art:** Art will be integrated into all areas of the curriculum; particularly in religious education where it gives the students an artistic way to display their knowledge.

**Music:** Mr May takes the students every Wednesday after lunch to build on their music skills and interest in the Arts. He is continuing to work on rhythm activities, recorder and singing.

**Religion:** This term, our units of focus will be ‘Reaching Out’ and ‘Christmas – the message of joy and peace’. We are also leading Mass on the 4th of November and would love to see as many of you there as possible.

**Physical Education:** Mr Hamer is taking the students every Wednesday, 12.30pm for skills and games. Don’t forget to pack sneakers!

**Mathematics:** This term, we are continuing our work on exploring statistics; chance and data and number focussing on multiplication and division. Mr Hamer is taking the 3/4 maths this term. We are planning together so the students will be introduced to new concepts at the same time. We are using the Nelson Mathematic books which provide engaging small group and whole group tasks.

**Inquiry:** This term, the students are completing interactive notebooks in the area of Geography. We are looking at how places are similar and different. Also investigating how we are connected to places and how the earth provides for us. (Please ensure you look at our notice boards for the latest published work!)
**Parent helpers:**
I would appreciate having parents and grandparents help out during reading by sitting with children and assisting them with their reading when needed. Reading occurs from 9 to 10 am each day. Spelling tests are conducted on Thursday mornings between 9 to 10 am. Please let me know if you are available to volunteer.

A reminder that a Working With Children’s Check needs to be acquired to come into the class.

**Fruit:** Each morning at 10am we have a fruit break. Children are asked to have some prepared (cut, sliced etc) fruit/veg in their bag. I would like to stress the importance of healthy eating/drinking and ask that parents support this also. If students are able to bring food in reusable containers rather than plastic to reduce our class waste that would be greatly appreciated.

Nicole Ingram continues to be in the classroom this term. We are very fortunate to have her invaluable help. Nicole is with us Wednesday to Friday. She works in small focus groups to assist student learning.

**Homework:** Requirements for out of school homework are as follows;
- Reading for at least 20 minutes each night
- Spelling word practise (using the aid of activity book handed out, located in Velcro bag)
- Mathematics/ English worksheets

Students are to do homework and bring it in the following day. If homework is not completed at home, students are able to do it before school in the classroom from 8.30 am onwards.

**Diaries:** Diaries will be signed every Friday morning to ensure that reading is taking place every night. Title of book, page number and duration of reading time should be written. (e.g. Tashi, 10-19, 25 mins)

**Website:**
If you have not had the chance, the class website has been updated during the holidays to include information for our Inquiry topics.

The address for this is [www.colman234.weebly.com](http://www.colman234.weebly.com)

I encourage you to explore and would welcome some feedback.
Colman Important Dates

15th of October: VACP Performance at OPS
16th of October: Nude Food Day
21st of October: Life Ed Van
21st of October: Remembrance day performance at St James Hall
23rd of October: Flower Show
28th of October: Lochiel House Visit
28th of October: Science Day
30th of October: Daniel Morcome Day
30th – 31st of October: Class Sleepover at school
3rd of November: Melbourne Cup (No school)
4th of November: Colman All Saints Mass, 9:30am St Colman’s Church
11th of November: Remembrance Day
19th – 20th of November: Colman Cape Conran Camp
20th of November: Operation: Unite
4th of December: Colman Prayer Assembly
7th – 10th of December: Collaborative Conferences
9th of December: Helper’s Morning Tea
14th of December: School Concert/ BBQ/ Golden Honour Card Assembly
16th of December: Graduation Mass, 9:30am, St Colman’s Church
16th of December: Last Day of Term!

Class sleepover:
During the term, I would like to have a class sleepover in preparation for our camp this term. The sleepover is planned for Friday the 30th to Saturday the 31st of October. To start from 5pm and continue to 10am the following morning.

Please send the following back so I am able to plan further. Further details to come.

My child/ren ____________________________________________
Can attend [ ]
Cannot attend [ ]