DEAR PARENTS

Welcome back, great to see you all! Term 2 is shaping up to be a fantastic time for learning. The students have returned with huge smiles on their faces, with lots of holiday stories to share. Also noticeable is how quickly everyone has settled back into routine, which allows for learning opportunities to be maximized. The students have showed how well they work as a team and how they incorporate each other into their learning activities and games. Students will be working together to cover certain learning content, particularly during Integrated Studies and in Literature Circles. Your child will receive a timetable in the coming days outlining our blocks of teaching. Please stick this on the fridge or somewhere of easy access, as it provides constant structure and everyone knows what they are doing for the day. We also have Winter Sports this term and NAPLAN (for Grade 3) in May. Please look out for the coming information. That aside, I’m looking forward to an excellent term, please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything.
**Literacy:**
This term in Literacy, students will be working in small groups targeting comprehension, grammar structure and hidden themes. Students will also read independently on a book chosen by themselves, completing activities accordingly and responding to the text by ways of answering questions relating to characters and messages portrayed in the book. Also, the SSP program will be implemented through small group rotation activities, allowing the students to focus on reading and spelling.

**Numeracy:**
Our Numeracy focus for this term will consist of learning how to add and subtract money, while also using it in fraction and percentage form. The students then move into shape and measurement, while still working on multiplication and division, including quick recall of multiplication facts.

**Integrated Studies:**
Our main project for this term is Australian Explorers. Here, students will discover how and when key explorers discovered and navigated Australia. Students will learn how to move around the internet and how to paraphrase key information from their research.

**Science:**
Students are continuing on with their research relating to ‘Natural Disasters’. Students are answering questions relating how and why natural disasters occur and what are the implications for the surviving people. The students are compiling their information through PowerPoint and poster presentations.

**Religion:**
This term we are working on ‘Creation, Praise’ and ‘Serving Others’. These are both very exciting units, as it gives us great insight into Christian life and brings us closer to the Church. These units also show how faith is important when living our lives, as messages are in everything we do. We just have to look for them and enjoy the appreciation life gives us.
Homework:

I set reading every night (except weekends), from the book chosen by the student from the library each Friday. Please ensure this is done as it helps to practise literacy skills that we learn during the day. Also, spelling words are given out every Monday, and are expected to be practised every night. A test will be undertaken each Friday.

This is an exciting term, and I look forward to a positive and rewarding time with all the students. Please drop in anytime you would like to have a chat.

Kindest Regards,

Chen Pearson
IMPORTANT DATES

April 13th – Miss Pearson away

April 14th – Town library (Bring books to return/borrow)

April 15th – Swimming in Lakes

April 22nd – Swimming in Lakes

April 25th – ANZAC Day

April 29th – Swimming in Lakes

May 2nd – Lochiel House Visit

May 5th – Swimming Lakes

May 6th – MSN2 Cross Country

May 10th/11th/11th – Naplan (Grade 3)

May 12th – Swimming in Lakes

May 13th – School Photos

May 18th – Whole School Mass (Colman)

May 19th – Swimming in Lakes

May 20th – District Winter Sports

May 26th/27th – Grade 3 Camp – Lakes Entrance

May 30th – Division Cross Country

June 3rd – Swimming in Lakes

June 10th – Swimming in Lakes/Division Winter Sports

June 13th – No School

June 22nd – Whole School Mass

June 24th School Finishes 2.15pm/Assembly