Dear Parents,
Welcome back to the final term of 2016 Colman Class. It's an exciting time of the year and such a wonderful way to finish, with lots of new and exciting topics to be covered. The students are raring to go, so let's get our skates on and make it a positive term, filled with lots of fun!

Curriculum:
Literacy:
Our literacy time blocks are outlined in the timetable your child brought home, which details specific times of each of our learning sessions. This term we will continue working in literacy circles, and also reading independently chosen books. Each student has an individual goal they are striving to achieve over the term relating to literacy, which will be targeted and reviewed regularly. We are continuing to build our skills in the area of writing in different genres, targeting informative texts, non-fiction articles and creative themes. This will be done in our literacy blocks and also our science blocks, to help strengthen the students’ knowledge in these areas. Our grammar focus for this term is learning how to correctly edit a piece of work using the correct grammar and punctuation, such as including talking marks, commas, exclamation marks and many more.

Numeracy:
Our numeracy this term is structured through station work, peer teaching and group activities. We are working on developing our knowledge in the area of time and graphing, whilst also targeting map coordinates and data reading. This term, word problems will also be targeted to enhance problem solving when working mathematically. Assessment of each unit is undertaken as a pre and post-test.

Religion:
This term, we are working on ‘Christmas – Joy and Peace’ and ‘Church – Reaching Out’. This will enable us to work towards understanding the nature and challenges of the Christian mission through study and reflection of our own lives and the scriptures. It will also demonstrate to the students the meaning behind Christmas and what Jesus is trying to teach us all.

Integrated Studies:
We are working on learning how to do CPR. The students will practise on an ‘Annie’ CPR Doll, and will learn the process behind the breathing and pumping cycles. Students will also learn how to correctly bandage someone as well as recognizing the signs of shock. This unit is a hands on practical topic, and students will be given plenty of opportunities to master their first aid skills.

Homework:
I have set reading and spelling every night (except weekends), from the book chosen by the student from the library or from home. The spelling words are given to the students each Friday. Please ensure this is done, as it helps to consolidate literacy skills we practise during the day. In addition to this, a numeracy sheet will be sent home each Friday to further consolidate numeracy skills. If these two activities are not completed, the student will complete these on a Friday in our catch up session time. If you or your child/ren experience difficulties with this, please feel free to contact me.

It’s a very exciting and busy time of the year. However, it is also very rewarding, as the Grade 6’s are finalising their primary school years, enabling many other students to step up and shine to become our new leaders. With this said, let’s have a positive, yet fun filled term, ending on a terrific note at the conclusion of the year.

If you need anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest Regards,
Chen Pearson
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 3rd – Pupil Free Day
October 18th – Life Ed Van
October 20th – Flower Show (Take flowers over)
October 21st – Flower Show (View all the flowers)
October 26th – Bad Hair Day
October 27th – Kanga 8’s Cricket (Lakes Entrance)

November 1st – Melbourne Cup Holiday
November 2nd – Toni Redshaw – Antibullying PD
November 3rd – Gizmo (3–6)
November 8th – Kanga 6’s (Orbost)
November 15th – Lochiel House Visit
November 16th – Arts Council
December 6th – Evacuation Drill
December 12th – End of School Concert

sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart
—winnie the pooh

You must always remember...
You are Braver than you believe,
Stronger than you seem,
and Smarter than you think.
—Christopher Robin
A child is like a butterfly in the wind. Some can fly higher than others, but each one flies the best it can. Why compare one against the other? Each one is different, each one is special, each one is beautiful.