Dear Parents,
Welcome back to the final term of 2015 in Xavier 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 and fun filled term!

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 different genre types, targeting explanation texts, personal narratives 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 using the Speech Sounds Pictures (SSP) strategies to assist with the students’ spelling. We will also still be continuing with Café 5 to assist with consolidation in a variety of literacy areas.

Numeracy:
Our numeracy this term is structured through station work, peer teaching and group activities. We are working on consolidating our knowledge in the area of time and algebra, 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 ‘Discovering our Christian Heritage’ and ‘Feasts of the Christmas Season’. 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 that of 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 Independent Chosen topics. This is where the students will select a topic from a variety of themes to undertake their research. This may include looking at World War 2 or it may involve researching about Climate Change to Third World Country Diseases. The finished piece of work will be in poster or power point format.

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 practice 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 the Grade 5’s to step up and shine to become our new leaders. With this said, let’s ensure we 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 14th – Xavier Mass
October 15th – Arts Council at OPS
October 16th – Nude Food Day
October 21st – Life Ed Van
October 21st – Remembrance Day Tour – St. James Hall
October 23rd – Flower Show/Summer Sports
October 27th – Grade 6 Transition OSC
October 28th – Science Day (Middle Session Activities)
October 29th – Kanga Cricket
October 30th – Keeping Kids Safe – Daniel Morcome Day

November 3rd – Pupil Free Day
November 6th – Xavier’s Assembly
November 7th – Working Bee
November 10th – Lochiel House Visit
November 11th – Remembrance Day
November 13th – Grade 6 Transition OSC
November 20th – Grade 6 Transition OSC

December 1st – Nagle Orientation/OSC Transition
December 2nd – Grade 6 Full Day Transition
December 3rd–4th – Grade 6 Orientation Camp
December 7th – Collaborative Conferences
December 14th – School Concert
December 16th – Graduation Mass 🙏
December 16th – School Finishes – Have a great holiday!

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the smallest
things take
up the most
room in your
heart

–winnie the pooh