Dear Parents,
Welcome back to school for Term 3.
At the end of last term we said a sad farewell to Daffa who has returned to his country with his family, and Ryleigh who has moved to a new school. We send them our best wishes and good luck on this next phase of their lives. We also welcome our new student Dev and his family to our school.
Although we will be starting some new work in Geography, in Reception we continue to practise and consolidate basic skills in Literacy and Maths. We will continue to work on Science topics and begin our new Geography unit. We will be finishing the Premiers Reading Challenge Books we read and discuss in our class. Our Reading focus this term will be in retelling a text we have read and recalling the main points. We will also begin our Words Their Way Spelling program for most children, with the support of Carol, our Literacy Coordinator, although some children will still focus on Jolly Phonics and blending activities. We will also start formal Handwriting lessons. A number of children have finished the 200 Magic 100 words and will be starting a different sight word practice format. The other children will continue to work through all the word sets. I encourage all children and parents to go through all the words in their plastic packets as it is surprising how quickly some of them are forgotten.
Thank You
Ms Alanna

Term 3 Overview

**English** - continue to
- practise recognising and recording of all the names and sounds of all letters - upper and lower case, Alphabet Warm-up Booklet
- alphabetical order
- dictation activities
- more tricky blends e.g. or, au, aw,
- syllables
- rhyming words
- identify vowel sounds - long and short
- guided reading groups
- Writing focus will be constructing simple sentences and grammar activities with Carol

**Maths** - continue to
- practise and consolidate basic Number concepts and ‘Trusting the Count’
- consolidate early ‘Secret Code’ problem-solving strategies - count on, count back, turn-arounds, doubles, subitising, unitising (grouping)
- early addition concepts - more/less, count on, count back
- ordinal numbers
**Technology -**

Ipad lessons with Ms Diana - Students will begin to develop simple algorithms as a sequence of steps for carrying out instructions eg to direct a robotic device through a maze.

**Health and PE**

PE lessons with Mr. Nguyen, develop fine motor skills in jumping and hopping through Jump Rope with an understanding of how physical activity can improve wellbeing

**JP Fitness Stations**

**Personal and Social Development -** continue to

- practise strategies for dealing with others
- use Kimochi puppets and their language and rules for further social and emotional development
- use all the keys for learning success with Program Achieve

**Health -** Road Safety lessons with Ms Julia’s Class

**Science**

'Weather' -

- different types of weather,
- weather words,
- what we wear in different types of weather,
- how weather affects us

**Geography**

'Place'

- children describe features of familiar places,
- recognise places that are special to people,
- recognise that places can be represented on maps and globes

**The Arts**

**Performing Arts** - with Ms Poppy, learning about the five elements of dance and how they are used to develop choreography.

**Visual Arts** - with Ms Glasper, exploring a variety of different techniques and processes to create original and imaginative works of Art.