Hello Everyone!
Welcome back to you all!
I trust that you all enjoyed special moments with your children. This term we would like to welcome Pre Service Teacher Steph Adams from Flinders University. Steph is in the third year of her four year teaching degree. She will be with us for the first four weeks of the term. Please say hello when you see her in the classroom or school yard.

Curriculum

MATHEMATICS

Measurement
Learning about Length, Converting measurements, Perimeter, Area, Volume, Capacity and Mass.

Data Collection and graphing
Focusing on collecting and recording data, Column, Bar, Line, Composite and Pie graphs and organising data.

Geometry
Investigating solids, 2D and 3D shapes, nets and symmetry.

Number
Revising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts.

iMaths
Continue working with elements of the iMaths program to foster relevant real-life maths investigations. Allowing students to apply and practise their knowledge in a variety of maths concepts.

Selected children will continue to work and receive extra maths support with the Quicksmart intervention program.

ENGLISH PROGRAM

Writing
Our writing genre for term 3 will be Scientific Information Report writing. (Used to describe and provide information about experimental research). This will be integrated with our Science topic of ‘Chemical Changes’.

Word Study
Our Words Their Way structure in our classroom this term will allow us to establish three word study groups. Children participate in a variety of different activities daily. This term groups will be focussing on long and short sounds with open syllables, unaccented final syllables and prefixes.
We continue to learn more about Sheena Cameron’s reading comprehension skills throughout our guided reading lessons. Guided reading will be resourced from Pearson Place an online resource allowing for differentiation tasks based on individual reading skills and abilities. The topic of ‘Extreme Changes’ will be our main focus integrating our science theme.

We will work further on reviewing and consolidating Capital letters, Commas, Quotation marks, Apostrophes, Colons and Brackets in our writing. As well the elements required to create compound and complex sentences and paragraphs.

Homework is Monday to Thursday every week. Each day your child will be expected to obtain a green light in Reflex Maths, read for a minimum of 15 minutes, complete a maths task and at times also a reading activity. Could you please sign when your child completes their reading and Reflex maths requirements each day. Children must bring their homework books and diaries to school daily.

Throughout term 3 we are learning more about the Chemical Science topic of ‘What’s the matter’?

We will be investigating the following;

- What happens when materials are mixed?
- What is solubility?
- What changes does heating and cooling cause?
- Why do metals rust?
- What are solids, liquids and gases?

The following topics will be covered this term.

- Gold
- Life on the Goldfields
- Populate or Perish
- Migration Policies
- Stories of Migration to Australia
Geography

- Creating an Indian Restaurant
- The Himalayas
- Japan’s Islands
- Siberia’s landforms

Economics and Business

- Trade Off
- Opportunity Cost
- Limited Resources
- Prioritising
- Family Spending

Civics and Citizenship

- The difference between rules and laws.

Health and Personal Development

Once a week we will be working with our school’s counsellor Glenn Hart. Our focus for first half of the term will be ‘Play is the Way’ and the six key elements of this program through games. During the second half of the term we will be participating in the Relationship and Sexual Health Program. Notes will be coming home soon regarding what this program entails.

Specialised Areas Teacher

**Physical Education (Mr Nguyen)**  
This term the Years 5-7 will continue their development of communication skills, group cooperation, teamwork and sportsmanship through the sports of volleyball and badminton.

**Performing Arts (Miss Poppy)**  
Students will devise original routines that showcase their technical abilities and express emotions.

**The Arts (Ms Glasper)**  
This term in Visual Art we will be making posters based upon the theme of this year’s Book Week ‘Books Light up Our World’. We will then experiment with techniques in Batik.
Reminders

Please remember if your child is playing a musical instrument it is vital they bring this with them each Wednesday.

Every Wednesday is also choir and books must be taken to each lesson.

School Assembly is on even weeks throughout the school term at 2:15pm in the hall.

Please look out for camp details coming home soon.

Important Day / Events

| Week 2  | Tuesday 28th of July | ICAS English Test |
| Week 3  | Tuesday 4th of August | Debating at 6:30pm for specific students |
| Week 4  | Monday 10th of August | Governing Council Meeting 6:00pm |
|         | Tuesday 11th of August | ICAS Maths Test |
| Week 5  | Friday 21st of August | Choir Magic Millions |
| Week 6  | Tuesday 25th of August | Debating at 6:30pm for specific students |
|         | Friday 28th of August | Book Week Assembly at 2:15pm in the hall (Books Light Up Our World) |
| Week 8  | Wednesday 9th of September | Choir practise from 12:30pm-3:15pm |
|         | Wednesday 9th of September | Governing Council Meeting at 6:00pm |
|         | Friday 11th of September | Pupil Free Day (NO SCHOOL) |
|         | Saturday 12th of September | Choir at the Festival of Music Performance |
| Week 9  | Monday 14th of September | School Closure (NO SCHOOL) |
|         | Saturday 19th of September | Bunning’s BBQ/CAKE STALL |
| Week 10 | Friday 25th of September | Assembly 1:30pm (Early dismissal 2:00pm) |

If you have any questions or queries please come and see me at any time.

Wishing you all a wonderful term.

Cheers

Chris 😊