Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to a very busy start to Term 4. This term, we welcome Sandro to our class. We also have a student teacher from the University of South Australia, Ms Bridgette Vaccarella, working in our class for 4 weeks this term. Sports Day is in week 1 and swimming begins in week 2. In week 5 the IELC unit will be going on excursion to learn about beach safety in Glenelg. Our theme this term will be on space and the planets, with a focus on the moon and the sun.

In language, our genre this term will be science fiction narratives, which complements our space theme. Narratives also include description of characters and the setting. We’ve done physical descriptions of animals in information report so in narratives, we’ll be looking at developing the description of the behaviours of the characters. Words Their Way and guided reading will continue as usual.

This term, we will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. In number we’ll be learning about arrays and sharing which will lead on to multiplication and division. There will also be problem solving using numbers.

The students learnt about night and day last term and as a result it sparked their interest in ‘space’. Therefore our science focus this term is on space and the planets. We have begun by asking the question ‘What is science?’ and have attempted to do a mind map. There has been some very interesting discussions as to what science is all about. They all know they have to learn science but couldn’t really define it because it covers so many areas. They’re all excited about finding out more about space.

In health, our excursion to Glenelg Beach to work with the life savers will teach the students about what to do to keep themselves safe when
enjoying a day out on the beach. This will also be a continuation of the water safety lessons that they would have had in week 2. As part of their PE program, the students will be exploring the concepts of tactical defence and attacking skills through a range of team games. They will also be introduced to the sport of gymnastics.

In visual arts, the focus will centre on simple printing techniques and a variety of craftworks to create art.

As in past years, Ms Poppy will be busy getting the students ready for our end of the year concert. The concert is usually a lovely family affair and it’s great to watch the kids perform and everyone enjoying themselves.

Then of course, we’ll finish off with the IELC graduation and the Year 7s graduation in week 9. I look forward to seeing you all at our concert and the graduation.

Regards,

Koon Lee