Welcome back! Can you believe that it is TERM 4!?! 

First of all, we wanted to thank all the Level 3 families for such a fantastic Term 3! It was so busy with many exciting things happening all at once but everyone just kept going and got on with things. Without the support of our parents and wider school community, events like the concert, excursions and camps could not go ahead. These are all valuable experiences for your children so THANKYOU!

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

TRANSITION

Term 4 can often be tricky for students as they work towards finishing the year with their current grade, while at the same time transitioning towards their new grade for 2015. There is a fine balance (for staff also) between keeping your head in this year while trying to prepare for new and quite often scary experiences next year. Talk to your child about what they are looking forward to next year. A common theme for parents of current Grade 3 students will be camp and pen licences, while parents of Grade 4 students will probably hear endless talk of Interschool Sports and Leadership positions. Remain positive and show excitement along with your child. It is also completely appropriate to discuss anything your child might be apprehensive about. Have them actually name their concerns and talk about strategies they could use to cope with different situations. Transition sessions will be on Thursdays for 4 weeks, beginning on 13th November, with a final session on Tuesday 9th December.

JUNIOR ROCKERS CONCERT

We have a number of students in Level 3 learning an instrument with Junior Rockers. This year, these students have a fantastic opportunity to showcase their musical talent during a concert on Thursday 27th November at 6:00pm. Even if your child doesn’t learn an instrument, come along anyway! It’s a great way for students to support their friends. It will be a free event! YAY!

CURRICULUM DAY

We will have our final curriculum day on Wednesday 3rd December. Staff will be working in their 2015 teams on curriculum planning. This is a student-free day.
CAROLS NIGHT

Christmas is coming whether you like it or not! Talks have begun regarding song choices for Level 3’s performance so stay tuned! Carols night is on Friday 12th December. Further details will be provided at a later date.

DON’T FORGET…

Term 4 = HATS! Students are required to wear a hat at play times as well as during PE and other outdoor activities. No hat = no play. Please ensure your child’s hat is named, that way it will find its way back to its owner if/when it gets lost.

Writing seeds – please keep sending seeds in for writing. These are used as a prompt for students during writing sessions and provide the opportunity for students to write a specific text type based on a topic that is relevant to them.

3A and 3C need a few more boxes of tissues to get us through the term. Cold and flu season might be coming to an end but hayfever season is just beginning! Donations would be appreciated!

TERM 4 LEARNING

Literacy

We will continue to revise our comprehension strategies during Reading sessions. These are constantly referred to in class and are becoming a regular part of the students’ vocabularies.

In Writing, we will be focusing on narratives, procedures, information reports and persuasive texts.

Maths

This term we will be working on place value, decimals, fractions, division, number patterns, problem solving, shape, symmetry, volume and the metric system…phew, we’re exhausted already! Please continue to provide opportunities for ‘real-life maths’ at home.

Inquiry

To round off the year, we will continue with our Australia theme and will be learning about the significance of different dates and celebrations observed in our country. We will look at how these have evolved over time, linking with multiculturalism.