Welcome to Term 4!

We hope you all had a great holiday with your families. We cannot believe it is Term 4 already, the year is flying by! This term is going to be a busy one. We have been preparing for our school performance of ‘Seussical’. It has already been great to see the enthusiasm and confidence being displayed in our musical numbers.

We also have our Swimming program beginning in Week 7, which is always a busy and exciting time.

We are looking forward to the creativity and problem solving approach we have taken to our Science unit on Force and Motion and know that the hands on aspect will really appeal to the students. We look forward to having a wonderful last term with your children, we have been so proud of their progress throughout the year!

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Inquiry- Science

We have set a challenge for the class in our Physical Science unit this term:

*The King and Queen are under attack, they must be protected and be transported safely! How can we use forces and motion to move the King and Queen to safety?*

We have already started learning about forces, motion and energy, the challenge is to use this learning to design and create a mode of transportation for the Lego King and Queen. We have already started investigating forces through hands-on games including pinball, marbles, dominoes and many more. We are excited to see what solutions are designed!
This term we will be covering the following concepts in class:

- Mapping and Location
- Revising four operations
- Number patterns
- Revision of concepts covered in Year 4
- Reinforcing automatic fact recall

We will be looking at individual needs and consolidating some of the areas that need further revision or extension.

We hope to give the students some opportunities to seek assistance in certain areas they have set goals for or have found they need further assistance with.

**Religion**

Our first unit is ‘Living the Law of Love’. In this unit we explore good friendship, and the need for forgiveness and healing. We learn through friendship, that people learn about themselves, others and God.

In our second unit, ‘Advent People: Waiting for the Prince of Peace’, we look for the signs of God’s presence in our world. Advent is a time for Christians to make changes in their lives and we investigate how we can do this.

**Maths**

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**Literacy**

This term in Reading we have started by focusing on the comprehension strategies of Paraphrasing and Inferring. The students will also be looking at reading different forms of Poetry, and revising some of the comprehension strategies from earlier in the year.

In Writing we will link some of our Scientific learning with our writing, through the use of diagrams and explanation text. We are also planning on producing our own Poetry.

In Spelling we have analysed the areas of need we need to consolidate, including spelling words with double consonants, editing skills, vowel patterns, and many more!

In Speaking and Listening we will be reinforcing group discussion skills through our Literacy and Inquiry sessions. We will also share our poetry and experiment with use of voice for reading poetry.