Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to 2017 and a new year of learning.

Year 5 is an exciting time for students as they are introduced to new ways of learning and challenging themselves to grow as learners. This year we are extending our Virtues Project to foster a Growth Mindset classroom environment. We look forward to hearing about the discussions you hold at home about this as the year progresses.

Here is a brief outline of our term ahead:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - This term we are exploring God’s Call to Reconcile and through this students will identify God’s reconciling love and the ways they are called to action through their relationships with others.

LITERACY - Literacy this year will have a focus on discovering our identity as a writer and reader. We will achieve this through exploration of a variety of literature, whilst also focusing on Grammar and Spelling through our Grammar Rules and Soundwaves texts.

MATHEMATICS - We will be covering all strands of Mathematics this term with the goal to strengthen the students’ knowledge and skills through an inquiry and hands-on approach to learning new concepts. We will continue to improve our knowledge of multiplication tables and number facts (incorporating our new iPads).

HISTORY - Our historical inquiry this term ventures into why Europeans settled in Australia. This will involve developing students’ research and communication skills.

SCIENCE - ‘How does the environment impact the survival of living things?’ is our scientific inquiry this term. Through this we will investigate rainforests and the adaptations of plants and animals.

CREATIVE ARTS - Our Creative Arts this term will be linked to our historical inquiry. We will appreciate and create visual and dramatic representations of our understanding of historical perspectives.

PDHPE - Mrs Jacqui Bolger will be working with the students on Personal Development and Health once a fortnight. Mrs Amy Ryals will be providing fundamental skills development including fitness, lawn bowls, soccer and athletics through weekly sessions.

HOMEWORK – Handed out Friday and due Thursday.

Homework this term will include:

- Reading – record in your diary daily.
- Spelling – activities using students’ self-selected words.
- Maths Mentals – selected sections aimed at challenging students to extend themselves.
- Project Based Learning – students will have the opportunity to be creative and explore their interests.

We look forward to meeting you next week and sharing your children’s learning journey throughout this year.

Mrs Alison Smith, Mrs Erin Rumble & Mrs Jacqui Bolger