Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to the start of another year, the final chapter of primary school. Both Ms Murray and Mr Collins are excited about the full and interesting curriculum we will encounter this year. Please continue to be in close contact with any concerns you have so that we can keep our progress positive and excellent.

Below is a brief outline of the topics that will be covered in each subject area for this term.

**Religion** - This term our focus unit is *Alive with the Spirit of Prayer*. The students will learn about the Sacraments and how they relate to our lives. Our focus will be on living out our faith, the social justice implications which will link with The Virtues Project and MJR (Making Jesus Real).

**English** - Our unit this term is “Out in the Cold,” which introduces a range of skills through the content about Antarctica. In this unit students will investigate a range of genres and they will compose a variety of their own texts, including persuasive and informative. Students will have opportunities to develop skills in reading and viewing, writing and representing. We will continue to use the school wide spelling and grammar programme, *Sound Waves* and *Grammar Rules*.

**Mathematics** - We will be covering all strands of Mathematics this term with the goal to strengthen the children’s knowledge and skills. The students will continue to be involved in learning their multiplication tables, number facts (incorporating our iPads) along with a hands-on approach to learning new concepts. Study Ladder will be available to consolidate the basic concepts.

**History** - We will be exploring the beginning of Federation in Australia, the people, places and events that have seen the development of our political system.

**Science** - *Earthquake Explorers* is our focus unit. It provides opportunities for students to explore how earthquakes occur, plate tectonics and volcanoes.

**Creative Arts** - This term the students will be exploring different types of mediums and creating various art forms around our English topic.

**PDHPE and Sport** - This term we will be focusing on fundamental movement and looking at the important skills the children need to play sports. Mrs Rials is working on and assessing fitness and skills including lawn bowls, soccer and cross country practice. Jacqui Bolger will also have the children every second week for the Personal Development and Health units. Sport for Year 6 will be on Fridays.

**Homework** - The homework for Term 1 will be in the form of a term grid. Students will be required to choose three activities to complete each week. This is an ideal opportunity to prepare for the rigors of homework next year too. The diary will provide a constant reminder of the requirements for this. Please support us by encouraging reading every night and supervising the recording of this in the diary.

We look forward to a busy and productive term. Please continue to be in contact with us throughout the term and appointments can be made through the office if required. A reminder to send in a note, email or Skoolbag notifying any absence.

Kind Regards,

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