Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2015 and what an eventful term we have ahead of us! Term 1 is already packed with many sporting and special events such as our Opening School Mass, Swimming Carnival, Parent/Teacher Conferences, Western Region Carnival, Assemblies, Ash Wednesday, Easter etc.......

This year Mr. Smith will be teaching in 4 Gold and Mrs. McIsaac will be teaching 4 Blue.

Our topics this term are:

**RE**- God’s Earth: students will learn about the stewardship of creation.

**Math’s**- We will be covering all strands of Mathematics this term, with an aim to solidify concepts.

**English**- This term our theme will be “Utterly Me”. We will be studying the novel- The Lemonade War. Through this book the students will learn about themselves and their place in the world. We will also explore poetry and imaginative writing.

**History**- Our unit for this term is Aboriginal Culture. The unit will investigate cultural features of Aboriginal lifestyle and will be integrated with aspects of the English curriculum.

**Science**- Our main focus for Science this term is “Plants in Action” and “Friends or Foes”. Here we will look at the stages of plant development and the interactions between plants and animals, along with their importance to our environment.

**Creative Arts**- In Visual Arts we will be focusing on the areas of Painting, Drawing and Digital Art activities. This is a very enjoyable, hand’s on unit! In Music & Drama we will be looking at the concepts of duration and improvisation.
PDHPE- Health: This term we will be studying the unit titled "Self Awareness" which will incorporate elements of Protective Behaviours. P.E: The theme for this term is "Games & Sport" and the children will develop skills across a range of activities.

Homework- will consist of a weekly Math's Mentals unit, weekly spelling unit and associated activities along with a Home Reader.

HOUSE KEEPING
✓ Library day is 4 Gold- Monday
   4 Blue- Tuesday
✓ P.E. day is 4 Gold- Tuesday
✓ 4 Blue- Wednesday
✓ Sport day will be Friday for both classes.
✓ If your child is absent from school please remember to send a note in when they return to class. This also applies should they arrive late or are being picked up early.
✓ Label all clothing and other items.
✓ Remember to pack fruit and a water bottle each day.
✓ Remember "No Hat, No Play".

Finally, if you ever have any questions, concerns or would like to just catch up, do not hesitate to contact Luke or myself at school and arrange a time. If you would like to use email as a way of contact please do, our addresses are luke.smith@cg.catholic.edu.au, vanessa.mcisaac@cg.catholic.edu.au. We continue to work with an open door policy.

We look forward to meeting you at the Parent/Teacher conferences, commencing in Week 3. In the meantime, could you please complete and return the Parent Survey by Wednesday 4th February.

Many thanks
Vanessa McIsaac & Luke Smith