Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for another term. Even though this is an eleven week term it is already showing signs of being action packed and very busy with lots of activities planned.

For Science and History this term 2/3F will be exploring the natural resources of the Earth and what we can see from our place on this earth. During our rotations with Grade 2 we will be exploring the changes in transport throughout history and creating a model of a futuristic mode of transport. We will also be exploring the properties of water; the uses of water, where to find it and how to conserve it. We will also be investigating the water cycle. YEAR 3 student only, will be spending an evening at school in week 3 to participate in space activities.

In Religion we will be looking at the impact of stories from the old and New Testament and how they relate to us.

In English we will continue with our prepared speaking and enhance our ability to create narratives and reports using descriptive language. We are also learning different ways to write book reports and hopefully inspire others to read our favourite books. Bug Club is a great web site the children love to use their reading skills on and is available at home and every day at school.

We have already begun to learn multiplication and subtraction skills in Mathematics. We are continuing to develop our measurement and chance and data knowledge through investigations. Study Ladder is a great web site for children to use to consolidate these skills.

Thanks to all the parents who have been able to volunteer in some way to assist with classroom activities here at school and for your wonderful support with activities the children complete at home. It is appreciated by both the students and me. This term we are asking for Parent Help for the following times:

- Early morning reading: from 8:30 to 9:00 every day except Friday.
- Year 3 rotations for English and Maths; 9:30 to 10:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Small group tasks; 2:15 to 2:50 Monday and Friday.
Parents are welcome to help at other times if you have time available. Please let me know if you are able to assist at other times or in other ways.

We are following the Australian Curriculum for Mathematics, Religion, Science, History and English and further information is available from their web site: http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/

Please always feel free to contact me if you have any concerns. You can phone, write a letter or contact me through email. This is preferred to ‘catching up’ during the rush of the morning or during the class time.

God Bless,

Charmaine.

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