Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term Two, we hope that you all enjoyed a restful time with your families over the Easter break. The term has started with all of the children eager to be back and willing to learn. We look forward to discussing your child’s learning progress at the Parent Teacher Interviews held over weeks 2 and 3.

This term our Religion unit will support the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist which some children will be making later this term. If you require further information please contact the Parish Office on 5482 1213. During this unit we will look at the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist) and how they welcome and strengthen members of the Church community.

In English we will be exploring and creating a variety of narrative, exposition, information reports and procedural texts. The culminating assessment task will involve planning, drafting and publishing a PowerPoint presentation using digital images collected on excursions.

In Maths this term we are focusing on consolidating the children’s knowledge of numbers with three digits and moving them on to ten thousands. They will learn how to regroup when subtracting and adding two or more numbers and continue to learn the 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 multiplication and division number facts. Their knowledge of measurement, data collection and recording will also be built on through hands-on and digital activities.

In History this term we will be exploring the continuity over time in the local community. The children will pose questions to investigate the establishment and development of the local community, especially the gold mining, timber and dairy farming industries. Our excursions to the Wood Works and Gold Mining Museums will support this learning.

In Science we will investigate that heat can be produced in many ways and can move from one object to another. Children will conduct simple experiments and learn to write and follow procedures.

This term the children will attend Dance Fever lessons on Monday afternoons.

We are preparing the children for NAPLAN to be completed in week four. We have been providing them with many situations to develop the skills they need to participate in those tests. As a parent you can support your child by:

- Encouraging your child to read as often as possible.
- Not putting too much emphasis on the tests.
- Letting your child practice with online materials from Study Ladder and/or the NAPLAN site at www.naplan.edu.au
- How the child feels on the day also plays a part in the performance of the individual. (So ensuring a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast.)
Please feel free to always contact your class teacher if you have any concerns. You can phone, write a letter or contact us through email at:

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God Bless,

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