Welcome back to Term 3.

We have had a very busy start to Term 3 with two new students and a student teacher joining our class. We welcome Riley Jenkinson and Cohen Reynolds to Year 4. Miss Fimmano is completing her Teaching Internship with us and we are delighted to have her.

Term 3 is an exciting time for 12 of our students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on 30th August. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this very special event.

Our major focus this term is around Geography. We will be continuing to learn about continents in the southern hemisphere and how the climate affects these places. In English this term Miss Fimmano will be taking us around the world. We will continue to use the Blue Box, Raz-Kids e-readers and a variety of other tasks and books to supplement our English Programme.

In Maths we will be covering a range of topics. Fractions and decimals will play a major part in our learning this term, as will Mental Maths addition strategies. Again we encourage parents to help support their children’s mathematical learning with lots of practical activities at home. Don’t forget daily practice of basic facts, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. By the end of Year Four students should be fluent with, and have an easy recall of, all basic facts.

In History students will be learning why great sea journeys of exploration occurred and will investigate a well known navigator, explorer or trader from earlier times.

Homework will continue to be handed out on Mondays and will usually be due back on the following Monday – diaries will record the requirements including hand in days.

The basis of each week’s homework is:

- Reading every day
- Basic facts practice every day
- A Contract
- A Religion activity found in diaries
- Spelling

** A reminder that diaries should be brought to school every day and Library bags need to be brought in every Friday. **

Our class assembly is on Wednesday 16 September.

Other events this term are:

- Eucharist Commitment Mass Sunday 2/8/15 @ 8:30am
- Pyjama Day Wednesday 5/8/15
- St Mary MacKillop Liturgy 8.40am Friday 7/8
- Eucharist Retreat Wed 19/8
- Book Week Dress Up Day Tues 25/8
- Athletics Carnival Thursday 27/9
- First Holy Communion Sunday 30/8 10am
- Special Canteen Day Thursday 3/9
- Options begin 4/9
- School Photos Tues 8/9 – Winter school Uniform
- Talent Quest Wed 9/9
- Interschool Athletics Carnival Friday 11/9
- Footy Colours Dress Up Day 18/9
- Learning Journey Mon 21/9 2.40 – 4.30

Mrs Vicki Hodgson and Mrs Jan Young