Welcome to Term 3

**Literacy**

**Reading**

In Room 9 we have a lot of very enthusiastic readers. I can’t stress enough to parents how important it is for your child to be reading at home. This term, in guided reading, we will continue to focus on our comprehension, decoding of unfamiliar words and fluency. There will be a strong focus on informational texts to complement our writing genre this term.

**Writing**

This term we will be focusing on informational texts. Students will investigate how informative texts present new information and how illustrations and diagrams are used to convey ideas. They will interpret and investigate the technical language used in online and multimodal texts. Students will be given opportunities to explore a range of informative texts and develop their researching and summarising skills. Over the term they will be assessed on their knowledge through individual and collaborative work tasks. A final assessment will involve the students displaying their knowledge and understanding of the skills covered as they create their own informative text on an animal/creature of their choosing.

**Spelling**

We will continue to focus on our three new sounds each week. Homework will continue to be sent home every Monday, and expected to be handed in on Friday. Students will be tested on their words every Friday.

**Dates to remember:**
- **Friday 25 July** - House Cross Country
- **Thursday 14 August** - Great Galaxies incursion
- **Wednesday 20 August** - Library excursion
- **Wednesday August 27th** - CREEC excursion
- **Thursday 18 September** – Athletics field events
- **Friday 19 September** – Athletics track events
**Numeracy**

Concepts to be covered in Numeracy this term;

- Identifying data sources
- Investigating data collection methods (surveys)
- Collecting and displaying data
- Interpreting data
- Creating and evaluating data displays
- Measure, order and compare length, mass and capacity
- Investigate temperature
- Volume
- Money
- Represent money and count change
- Solving word problems related to change
- **REVISION-Time**

**Science**

In science this term we will be investigating how natural and processed materials have a range of physical properties and the ways in which these properties can influence their use. Our topic for this term is called “Package it better”. We will be looking at ways in which packages are made to protect and preserve its contents while also being economical, attractive and preferably have minimal impact on the environment.

**History**

We will be exploring and investigating natural and social systems within Australia. Students will have the opportunity to study natural Australian landforms and systems and take a look into the social systems that are fundamentally Australian. We will cover topics such as;

- Ways in which living things connect with each other to form communities
- Australian natural and man-made landforms
- The role of government
- Rules, laws and punishment
- How consumers make choices about the goods and services they access/purchase

**Health**

In health this term we will continue to explore and develop our interpersonal skills. The following topics will be covered;

- Resilience
- Developing self-efficacy, sense of belonging and connection
- Coping strategies
- Decision making
- Help seeking and developing networks of support