Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to school for Term 2, 2015. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We have a busy term in front of us but are off to a good start.

**LITERACY GROUPS**
The students really enjoyed group reading time and there were some great discussions surrounding the texts. We will be continuing literacy groups this term. Literacy groups will continue to take place on Mondays 11:40-12, Tuesdays 11:40-12:15 and Wednesdays 11:40-12:00 (but not in week 4 due to NAPLAN testing). If you would like to help, please come and see me after class. I understand that many of you are very busy and are unable to help out with our reading groups, however, it would be great if you could spend some time each week, reading with your child at home or discussing books they are reading. These conversations can greatly enhance your child’s understanding of their literature.

**HSIE**
Our next HSIE topic will be ‘Our local environment’. As part of this unit we are engaging in a Project Based Learning (PBL) unit through which students will get a chance to explore a local area of their interest. They will be developing their collaboration and leadership skills as they actively participate in their learning.

**NEWS**
Although news in 3A has been a great success and enjoyed by everyone, we will not be continuing news times this term. Instead we will be looking at a more formal teaching of public speaking. This includes another public speaking competition towards the end of the term.

**SPORT**
The Cross Country Carnival is going to be held on Friday 1st May around Narrabeen Lake. The PSSA winter competition will commence shortly. Students will be notified by coaches if they have been selected to represent the school in either soccer, rugby or netball. School sport will continue to run on Friday afternoons from 2 pm. This term 3A will be continuing sport from last term, engaging in four different rotations to develop an understanding of our Indigenous heritage as well as continuing to practise their ball skills. We will come out for sport after recess for 45 minutes on Wednesdays.

**NAPLAN**
NAPLAN will be in week 4 of this term. We have already started looking at how to answer test style questions. I have been discussing with the students how to cope with sitting these tests.

Reports will be handed out later this term.

I think that 3A has settled into the Primary section of the school really well and I am looking forward to a wonderful term with your children.

Should you require any further information regarding your child’s learning please do not hesitate to contact me. I am usually available in the mornings and an appointment can be made for longer discussions.

Yours sincerely,

Janna Adam