Dear Junior School Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4, 2016. We hope you and your child had a relaxing and enjoyable break, and are ready for the final term of 2016. Please remember that Term 4 is a SunSmart term and students are required to wear their hats when outside, the 'no hat, no play' rule will be reinforced.

**Term 4 Learning Areas and Other Reminders:**

**READING**
Students participate in independent reading on a daily basis. Our focus for Term 4 will be to continue to develop student’s fluency when reading aloud and to draw on the CAFE reading strategies to develop their comprehension, including recognising literacy elements, cause-and-effect relationships, and compare and contrast within and between texts.

**WRITING**
Students will be learning about the key components of persuasive writing, information reports and poems whilst consolidating their knowledge about the different stages of writing (Planning, Drafting, Editing & Publishing).

**MATHEMATICS**
Term 4 will be very busy for our mathematicians! As always, we will be guided by student data to ensure we are catering for the needs of our Junior School learners. We anticipate covering fractions, multiplication, division, location, chance and 3D shape units.

**INQUIRY**
Our Inquiry topic during Term 4 is ‘What lives in the garden?’ The students will observe and investigate living things and their characteristics, focusing on minibeasts. Students will be participating in a school visit where they will get an up close look at the creatures they are studying and an excursion to the IMAX and Melbourne Museum during the term.

**SHOW AND SHARE**
A mystery box themed Show and Share will begin early in the term. Look out for more information coming home soon in the blue satchel. We greatly appreciate the support given to the students in preparation for Show and Share during previous terms. They have been very engaging and informative.

**LIFE EDUCATION**
Students will participate in the Life Education program in Week 2 or 3 of Term 4. Please check Compass for more information.

**BLUE SATCHELS**
Blue satchels are important for carrying communication notices from school to home and home to school. It needs to be returned to school every day with the reader cover and journal inside.

**COMPASS**
Please remember to check Compass regularly regarding upcoming events and permission/payment forms.

**ALLERGIES and ANAPHYLAXIS**
Please note that we have students at this level with Anaphylaxis and food allergies. Please refer to ‘Medical Matters’ on the GPS website [here](http://example.com) or the Parent Handbook for more information.

If you have any concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact your class teacher. We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Yours sincerely,
Junior School Team