Dear Senior School Parents,
Welcome to term 4! As usual our Senior Students are ready for a busy term.

**English - Reading**
Our learning focus for term 3 is the formation of new book club reading groups, where students are placed into groups of 5-6 students based on their interest to read the same ‘just right’ novel. Also each class will study an author, and students will analyse the style and text features used by the author to engage the reader.

**English – Writing**
The learning focus this term is to write to entertain by writing a song, song parody or a poem, as well as writing a book review. We will also focus on note taking and learn important skills to find key information, to summarise and paraphrase. Year 5s students will be involved in writing leadership speeches for 2017 leadership roles.

**Mathematics**
Our students will continue to be engaged in differentiated learning through whole class and small group instruction. This term there will be a particular focus on the measurement topics of time, volume, capacity and mass as well as the number topic financial maths. Financial maths will support our Inquiry topic of Economics.

**Inquiry**
Our learning focus will be on economics, where students explore the importance of economics and financial decision-making in everyday life, and consider why resources are allocated to meet needs and wants of their community. In the concluding weeks of the term, Year 5 students will focus on leadership by considering their leadership aspirations for 2017, and Year 6 students will focus on transition to Secondary School.

**Physical Education/Sport**
This term your child will be involved in our Summer Cup competition. This competition is led by our house and vice captains who select their teams and these teams compete in eight sports against other house teams. Some students will also be involved in Summer Sports play-offs (softball and volleyball) and a District Cricket Competition. (Please refer to our calendar items in the newsletter for all sports dates.)

**Swimming**
Senior Students will be involved in a 9 day intensive swimming program from Monday 28th Nov- Friday 9th Dec.

**IMPORTANT DATES**
Whole School Photo and Yr. 6 Graduation Photo- Thursday, 6th October  
Well Being Workshop- Thursday, 13th October  
Life Education Program- 14th - 21st October  
Metro Train Presentation to Yr. 6 (catching public transport) – Tuesday, 18th October  
Transition day for Year 6s to attend their secondary school- Tues, 6th Dec (no swimming on this day).  
Year 6 Graduation- night of Tuesday, 13th December  
MSAC Year 6 excursion- Thursday, 15th December

Yours sincerely, 
The Senior School Teachers

*Year 5* Simon Judkins (5J), Alex Nitsos (5N), Steve Pertz (5P)  
*Year 6* Janice Miller (6M), Helen Karvela (6K), Narelle Sime (6S), Megan Stewart-North (6N)