

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term Two. We hope you had an amazing holiday and are ready to get back into school life.

We will be doing a lot of talking about technology this term. Our big question for Inquiry is, 'How has technology changed or improved our lives?' This is going to be a hands-on term with lots of thinking, designing and creating. We may ask for your help and expertise throughout the term.

For Writing this term we will be learning how to write reports and clear precise instructions. Our exciting Reading programme will support our learning about culture and technology. We will be focusing on how to take notes from what we are reading and working on our vocabulary development.

Our Mathematics will continue to extend our number knowledge, as well as learning more about measurement. There will be a focus on time and taking accurate measurements.

We have decided to trial a weekly homework sheet this term. All learners need to bring in their homework books on Friday. There will no longer be a red notebook sent home on a Monday, their homework sheet will have their spelling words and basic facts on it. Homework tasks will be reading, spelling, basic facts, one writing or language task and a bonus activity to complete. It is important that you encourage your child to be proactive with their homework.

Some things coming up for this term:

- Pasifika Fortnight
- Cycle Skills Training
- Book Week
- Reports
- Student Led Conferences

Please remember that you are always welcome to come and speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions or queries. We look forward to another successful term.

Year 5 Team