Welcome back to Term Four. This year has just gone so quickly. We look forward to a final term together.

RELIGION
Our Religious Education Units for this term include: “Stories of the People of God”. Through this unit, students will learn about significant people in the Bible.
The second unit focuses on the seasons of “Advent and Christmas”. The children will learn about the two Advent stories – the Annunciation and the Visitation. In these stories the Advent themes of hope and joyful expectation are presented.

LITERACY
Thank you so much for the continual support that we have received from our Parent Helpers. Our Literacy block wouldn’t run as smoothly without you. Just a reminder to keep up with nightly reading, regularly discussing the text.

MATHS
In Maths the children will investigate:
• Counting by ones, twos, fives and tens to a given target.
• Working Mathematically through various maths games that involve problem solving.
• Division (Sharing)
• Groups of and Rows of
• Telling the time to the half hour
• Using maps and diagrams
• Chance and Data
• Revision of previous concepts

IDEAS to help your child at home:
• Counting practice.
• Number games.
• Purchasing small items using real money.
• Discuss different events that occur during the day and what time they occur. Allow your child to read both analogue and digital time.
• Use simple maps when travelling or at the Zoo etc.

Science with Mr Hollamby
Science will continue this term on Thursdays with Mr Hollamby. The focus will be on Physics. Through investigations and activities the students will explore Light and Sound and how they are produced.
Inquiry Unit

This term we will focus on History in particular looking at families both in the past and the present. Students will identify the differences in family structures and roles today and how these have either changed or remained the same over time. We will incorporate the vocabulary of present, past and future, signified by terms indicating time such as ‘a long time ago’, ‘then and now’, ‘now and then’, ‘old and new’, ‘tomorrow’. We will also examine dates and changes that may have occurred that have personal significance, such as birthdays, celebrations and seasons. The students will also investigate the differences and similarities between students’ own daily lives and life during their parents’ and grandparents’ childhoods, including family traditions, school life, leisure time activities and communications.

Swimming

This term we will begin swimming lessons at the Kew Recreation Centre. The children will swim week commencing 8th December till the 12th December. There will be a permission note sent home before the swimming week outlining exact times and details. If you would like to help walk classes to the pool and assist the children in getting dried and dressed, please let us know via the permission slip. Children will need to bring extra food during swimming as they will be burning lots of energy.

Dance Fever.

On Thursdays we have dance lessons! "Dance Fever" a company with extensive experience teaching dance in schools in Queensland and New South Wales are our specialist teachers. These lessons are a very popular and enjoyable for the children. Keep an eye out for Dance Night which will occur near the end of the Term.

Please remember that hats are compulsory during Term 4. Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named.

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GRADE 1'S TIMETABLE 2014

Children are encouraged to borrow regularly from the library any day before school or during Library lesson on Monday.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Nadia Holding and Mrs Anna Walpole
The Year One Team