Dear Parents and Carers,

The last term is in full swing with lots to do in 9 weeks. We have with us Miss Zoe Graham who is a student teacher in her 3rd year at ACU for weeks 2-5. She will be teaching the children across several learning areas with support from us both. The children are making her feel very welcome. We have swimming every Monday and Wednesday for the next few weeks, and also have the team from “Raw Art” visiting later in the term. Twilla is working on a Christmas production with the children, and this will be presented in the last weeks of term.

Below is an outline of the term’s curriculum and events.

Mrs Hinton

**English**: A mini unit on media through the lens of television advertisements. We will complete the unit with the children planning, creating, using drama and filming an ad of their own within small groups. This can be done on our 3 new IPads! Spelling strategies and reading will also be a focus with Miss Graham.

**Religion**: In conjunction with Miss Graham the children will learn about Liturgy and we will support them in preparing and organising our final year Mass and graduation Liturgy in the final week of school. This will also include exploring prayers of the faithful and writing their own prayers and blessings. Also, we will continue our learning on belonging which has been ongoing throughout the year, however, this term has a strong focus on friendships groups and making new friends. In the last few weeks both year levels will engage in learning surrounding transitions either to High School or as new Year 7 leaders. Our ‘Play is the Way’ resource will continue to be embedded within daily learning.

Mrs Lindsay

**Maths**: We have just completed an investigation, “Fantasy Flight”, planning a trip around the world. We will also be working on some Algebra, percentages, volume and rate/ratio.

**SOSE**: Our unit this term is “Walk Like An Egyptian” (studying Ancient Egypt) which Miss Graham and I are planning and teaching together. The students have already completed two short assessment tasks, and in coming weeks will be able to choose other tasks depending on their interests.

**Science**: “Marvellous Microbes” investigates micro-organisms and the role they play in our lives. This unit has several investigations which the students are enjoying (apart from the smells!)

**Art**: The students have been very keen to try some string art, so we will work on this later in the term.

In the last couple of weeks we will be busy preparing for graduation with all year 6 and 7 students involved in some manner. We will provide information closer to this time. Children will be creating Christmas art and using technology to create 2 different PowerPoint presentations. Information on the year 7 Fun Day will be provided soon.

Thanking you for your support throughout the year.

Kate and Karen