Welcome to Term 4, I can't believe we're here already! As always we are busy, busy, busy! Especially because this term is only 9 weeks so let's get to it!

Important dates for Term 4:
6th November: Primary Parade 
11th November- Remembrance Day
22nd November- Chaplaincy Dinner
2nd December- Celebration Parade
4th December- Final Primary Parade (Yellow Class are performing)
5th December- Christmas Pageant
6th December Prep- Year 3 Swimming Carnival

English:
Unit 7- In unit 7 we are exploring plot and characterisation in narratives. Students will learn about how authors use language to evoke feelings about characters. They will also be exploring the use of plot to create tension and have us ‘sitting on the edge of our seats’ while reading. In week 5, students will be using everything that have learned to create an event to add to a text that we are exploring though the unit.

In unit 8 students explore a range of texts from different cultures. They create a written retell of an event in the life of a person or character from one of the stories studied and then presents a performance of the retell to an audience of peer s and families. Yes, YOU are invited (dates to come).

This term Drama and Technology are integrated into our English units.

Maths:
In maths we continue to expand our knowledge in the areas of Number and Place Value, Patterns and Algebra, Space, Measurement, Chance and Data and Location and Transformation.

Science: SAVE PLANET EARTH!
This term we are exploring the reasons for, and processes of, conserving planet Earth’s resources.

We begin by looking at what resources Earth offers and how we can use them sustainably at home and at school. We then apply our knowledge to create an action plan for conserving resources in our community. Pretty impressive hey!

We are also teaming up with Ms Warren this term to create an art piece from recycled goods. We are hoping to have this finished in time to submit to a local competition. If you have any containers or items that you would like to donate to the recycled art project please send them in with your child. They would be very much appreciated.

Spelling:
This term we are looking at:
Week 1: Making adjectives by adding y
Week 2: Homographs
Week 3: Long /i/- spelt igh
Week 4: w influenced vowel patterns
Week 5: Contractions
Week 6: Ordinal numbers
Week 7: Months of the year, and
Week 8: Compound words.
Week 9: Revision
We start exploring the weekly focus each Monday and we have testing on Fridays.

Homework: Beginning week 2.
Each week students will have reading, a weekly worksheet and a spelling activity for homework.

There is an expectation that all homework is completed and handed in EACH FRIDAY. Those students who complete all their homework will be invited to a Homework Superstars lunch at the end of the term as a reward for their hard work.

Please note, I make the homework to ensure it directly relates to what students are learning about in class. Each activity is designed to help extend your child’s learning and help them succeed.
If you are having trouble getting homework completed, Cloncurry State School offers a Homework Club every afternoon to support parents and students. I hear they also provide afternoon tea!! That's got to be a winner!

Thanks for your support everyone. Have a great last term, Jemma Regan

Music
In music this term we will be learning about different sounds and the instruments that make them. We will also be learning some different characteristic that are associated with these instruments. Students will then be identifying the instruments and a feeling/emotion that the instrument creates for their assessment. I hope you hear lots of singing and rhythmic patterns happening around your home over the next term!

Miss Donovan