Welcome to Grade 5/6 2014

**Literacy**

In literacy this term the students will revise the structures and features of a recount. They will explore the language and features used in job applications. The students will work towards researching and composing a biography on a past Australian Prime Minister. The students will continue to work in specialised reading focus groups throughout the term.

**Maths**

This term students will revise and extend on their knowledge of whole number and place value systems. They will develop skills in portioning and renaming numbers. The students will have the opportunity to read, write, interpret and order numbers up to at least the millions place value and decimal numbers up to the thousandths place value.

**Inquiry**

This term’s inquiry question is “How do I as a leader contribute to society?” It will focus on aspects of leadership qualities and the rights and responsibilities of leaders. Students will also learn about effective decision making at various levels of Government. Students will explore the historical developments which led to Federation and the establishment of democracy in Australia.

**Religion**

This term’s Religion unit will focus on Community. They will learn that all people can use their gifts and talents to build up and serve the community and better the lives of others, especially those who need it most. The students will learn how people demonstrate their discipleship in many ways, some through religious life.

**PE / Italian**

In PE, the 5/6 classes are learning the skills of the Interschool sports and two weeks of soccer clinics will be provided through Sport Education Development Australia (SEDA). This term in Italian we will be revising greetings, numbers to 100 and learning the pattern to form numbers to 1000. We will learn useful classroom phrases. We will focus on Easter traditions in Italy.

**Performing Arts / Art**

This term in Performing Arts the students will be given the opportunity to independently or collaboratively explore and experiment with different ways of performing. They will be required to consider the appropriateness of their presentation for intended audience.

This term in Art we are focusing on colour theory, depth, distance (perspective) in drawings. And the artist that we will focus on is Pop Artist Andy Warhol.

**Special Events**

This term the students will be involved in many activities including Interschool Sports and preparing a whole school assembly/reflection for the Archbishop’s visit to St Theresa’s Primary School.

**Bounce Back**

This term’s Bounce Back unit focuses on Success. It targets the skills of setting and achieving goals, problem solving and being resourceful which in turn leads to resilience. It will develop student’s self-discipline and self-management skills which are factors that contribute strongly to success.