Room 4 Newsletter
Welcome back to Term 4. We hope you had an enjoyable break over the holidays and are recharged for a busy term. We are looking forward to the varied activities planned this term.

**English**
Students will be part of a book club in which small groups read a common novel and discuss elements of each chapter. These elements include character traits, making text connections and predictions, imagery and vocabulary. This will be in addition to guided reading and shared book sessions.

In writing, students will investigate the language and structure of informative texts and in particular, biographical reports. They will then create a biography using the structure they have learnt. This will then be presented to the class orally.

Spelling continues to focus on words with the same sound but have different spelling (eg er, ir, ur). Students will continue to recognise homophones and know how to use context to identify correct spelling. They will also understand that although Standard Australian English originated in England, it has been influenced by many other languages. This will be taught through root words (eg octo means 8) and exploration of word origins (eg avatar, caravan, tsunami).

**Maths**
We will continue to consolidate earlier concepts. Furthermore, the following areas will be covered:
- solve word problems for multiplication and division
- solve word problems related to money (purchases and change)
- investigate the area of regular and irregular shapes
- investigate volume
- compare and classify angles
- explore everyday chance events
- investigate data collection methods and representations
- collect data, create and evaluate data displays

**Science**
Our unit for this term, Beneath Our Feet, comes from the Earth and Space Science strand. It provides opportunities for students to explore how natural processes and human activity shape their surroundings. Students also investigate factors that affect the erosion of soils. They also consider the presence of different soil types that they have encountered, and the properties that they contain. Students will test a sample of soil from their home and compare this to other samples. They will use microscopes to make observations about different soil types.

**Dates for the diary**
Term 4 dates: Tuesday 14 October - Thursday 18 December
Monday December 1 CREEC excursion (TBC)
Room 4 Masterchef challenge date to be advised