**Term One 2012**

**Coming Events:**
- Scienceworks Excursion 9am Friday 24th February.
- 8th and 9th March—Craftpower Incursion
- Friday 23rd March—Twilight Aths
- Friday 30th March—Camp out on the Oval
- Friday 30th March—Last day of Term 1.

**Please ensure that each child has at school:**
- School hat
- Art Smock
- Library Bag

**Literacy and Numeracy**

**LITERACY**

We have had a great start to the year with our new Literacy group settling in with Mrs P this week.

During Term One we will be working on recounts, lists and simple explanations. We have enjoyed reading recounts about the summer holidays and all of the wonderful adventures our families had. There will also be a focus on consolidating letter sound relationships, full stops and capital letters.

Throughout the term we will also explore the use of ‘a’ and ‘an’, as well as he/she and his/her. Later in the Term, we will be focusing on letters that blend together such as ‘tr’.

**NUMERACY**

During Term One we will focus on building students’ skills in number.

This will include identifying odd and even numbers, learning tens facts and developing addition strategies such as counting on, using doubles and near doubles and making a 10. We will focus on skip counting by 2, 5 and 10 and on identifying counting patterns.

Mrs P will assist with groups during class activities and the children will participate in shared problem solving activities on Friday. Where possible the activities will be hands on and will include working on the Interactive Whiteboard.

**The Changing Sky**

This year we have an inquiry unit that will continue throughout the year called “The Changing Sky.” In this unit we will be making observations and discussing changes that occur at different times of the day and year.

Our Term One Inquiry topic is “What makes it move?” We are looking into simple machines and exploring how they work. A highlight of the term will be our visit to Scienceworks and the Planetarium, where we will explore toys and forces as well as participate in the Tycho to the Moon session. Later in the term the children will also have the opportunity to build their own moving toy as part of our Craftpower incursion.

Our understandings this term are:
- Mechanisms cause movement in every day objects
- Many different objects use the same basic mechanism
- There are many parts that work together to make objects move