# October—November 2019

It's the beginning of Term 4 and we're in for a big one!

Bizarre Bazaar, Orienteering, Summer sports, Christmas concert, Graduation and Transition, just to name a few.

# Literacy

In Reading, we are well and truly stuck into our poetry unit. Our mentor text: The poet Slave of Cuba, has offered us an alternate view on the lives of those who live in a different country, born in a different generation to us. The poetry has presented a story line of specific events and detail which has to be carefully inferred.

In Writing, we have been creating free verse poetry and channelling our prior knowledge to develop some excellent poetry, with fine detail. Included in our poetry is figurative language, specific word choices, and a focus of a particular event. We have produced some fantastic pieces throughout this unit and I can't wait to see what else we can create as we move into writing about Ballads

Shortly in Literacy, we will be looking at speeches and developing our own. Year 5 students will be writing for a captain position in 2020 and Year 6 students will develop a speech for graduation, reflecting on their memories of Primary School.

# Numeracy

We are loving Numeracy this term!!

In Number and Algebra we have been working with patterns and introduced the use of variables. Variables were a little bit daunting at first, have become easier as the unit continued. In order to learn this, we have been looking at different shape chicken boxes and developing rules for the amount of panels we will require.

In Measurement and Geometry, we have just completed a unit of time and are now looking at units of measurement and how they can be converted to another metric unit. We've been using all types of measuring instruments, so we should now be skilled in how to appropriately measure mass, capacity and

# Inquiry

Term 4 means it's time to start preparing for the Bizarre Bazaar market. We're currently in the design phase of developing a product and completing our business proposal. This part of the unit requires students to begin thinking about the expenses related to creating a product and how they can ensure that some part of the product/stall is environmentally friendly.

Keep an eye out for the advertisements to start rotating around the school as we move through the steps of promoting our business and building up the interest for the market.

### Reminders

#### Year 6 Graduation:

It's the last term for the Year 6 students and we're in full swing of preparing for graduation. If year 6 students are yet to bring in their three photos, can we please have them sooner rather than later.

### **ICT lessons:**

Thank you for all the donations of old computer parts. We have spent some time this term pulling apart different electronics and researching a particular component in them. Students have completed a presentation and we will begin presenting these to the classes in the next few weeks.

**FlexiBuzz** is the preferred form of contact between teachers and parents. If parents need to contact teachers, please request contact with a teacher and we will then open communication via the chat option.

Please don't forget to inform teachers if your child is absent.

### Homework:

Please remember that homework is to be submitted every Friday. Don't forget that our weekly homework includes reading practice, spelling practice and times table practice.