Welcome back to term 3. I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday. The students returned ready to learn and they are already enthusiastically immersed in their studies.

In sports news, it’s all about skipping and soccer this term. In HPE, students are working on skipping goals to improve their physical fitness, balance and creativity. I’ve already seen some students master some very clever tricks. Students are also busy practicing for the Laura Soccer Tournament which is tentatively scheduled for Thursday 28 August. More details to come.

We’re pleased to welcome back Ms Kathy this term for music. All students are having the chance to learn some keyboard skills and compose some creative compositions. Ms Kathy is also conducting our school choir this term and we’re very excited to see and hear our talented singers perform at parade in the coming weeks.

Please look out next week for information on completing the School Opinion Survey. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at playgroup, parade or the markets.

Have a look at Rushon’s recount of what he did on the holidays!

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**P&C MEETING @ 2.45pm THURSDAY 31ST JULY! PLEASE COME ALONG TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM!**
Junior Class Capers!!

We have so many exciting things happening this term. Miss Kathy is visiting once a week for music; Mademoiselle Jo is still doing weekly French lessons; our whole school PE lessons include soccer and using skipping to develop teamwork and goal-setting skills. This week, for Art, we will be producing collages for the Cook Shire Show. Don’t forget the Show Day holiday is Friday 1st August!

Philosophy is one of our most interesting like: ‘What does it mean to be a good friend?’ ‘What makes a good life?’ and ‘Is money important?’

Boxes and bits needed!
I would like to introduce box construction as a weekly lunch time activity. We need a collection of small boxes and other bits and bobs that children can stick together to make their creations. Please bring in any small boxes, yoghurt tubs, bits of scrap fabric etc. Government rules say we can’t use toilet paper rolls, but kitchen towel rolls are excellent.

This is ‘Prep Town’. The students in the Prep class have recently read the story ‘To Town’ and later created their very own township.
It is so exciting to see everyone back at school ready to learn. The Seniors need to be congratulated on their exceptional start to the term, as they all demonstrated great respect and excellent learning behaviours. We know that they can extend these behaviours for the rest of the year.

**Homework** is now **compulsory**! The change in format means that each child needs to complete the three set tasks in order to be prepared for the following week’s work. **Spelling:** The individualised spelling words are to be practiced at home and are then tested on the Tuesday of the following week. **Reading:** Reading is a foundation for all learning and needs to be signed by parent or caregiver to state that it was completed. **Maths:** The two worksheets are introductory worksheets for the following week’s work. If the tasks are too difficult, the student can a) ask for assistance at home or b) parent signs sheets to state they were attempted but were not clear or too difficult. This is a diagnostic tool and it is very helpful to know if students are able to complete the work or not.

If the homework is unable to be completed at home. Students are welcome to complete the work before school in the classroom. The homework will be officially due at 8:20am every Tuesday.

Please let Miss Heidi know if there are questions or issues with the homework. You are welcome to email her at *hcarr51@eq.edu.au*

**Unit Focus**

The first half of this term we are focusing on ‘A Cool Drink of Water’. This unit aims to develop students’ understanding of the World Water Crisis. The main **English assessment** will be due at the end of Week 5, Term 3. The assessment comprises of three parts:

- **Note taking** - The students’ notes that they take from a set video will be assessed to develop their understanding of the topic as well as developing the skill of note taking.
- **Text Analysis** - The students will analyse a text, specifically the four areas of Audience, Purpose, Content & Form.
- **Simple Poster** - Using an image, a quote and a fact place these items onto a poster to gain empathy for the Water Crisis from the viewer.

**Geography** will be an activity based learning to help students understands the issues of the Water Crisis. Additionally, students will be working on their mapping skills and working towards identifying every country in Asia and Europe. In **PE** we are increasing our skills and fitness through skipping and we are developing our Soccer skills so that we ready for the Soccer Carnival at the end of the term.

**Science** is all about chemistry. We will be learning how to make observations about physical properties to classify matter. Students will be conducting experiments to gain a better understanding of chemical changes, mixtures, solutions and filtration. They will use their understanding to evaluate whether science justifies recycling water for drinking.
Music classes with Ms Kathy on Wednesday’s!

CDCC comes out to Rossville State School every second Wednesday morning to provide a play-group session for those families with younger children.

Dates for Term 3:
6th August, 20th August, 3rd September & 17th September

Please come along and join the fun!