Welcome Back to Term Four
How quickly did Term Four arrive!? Straight back into it is our motto in the Middle Sub School. Already by week four we have attended an amazing incursion called ‘Planks’ which supports our Inquiry unit based around bridges and structures, completed a walkathon, enjoyed fun food day, consumed a yummy welcome back breakfast and managed to pop in a little yoga/dancing class. The teachers in the Middle Sub School have never witnessed the entire Level so engaged and dare I say, silent! Says a lot about the merits of yoga!

Literacy- the Term Four focus has shifted to information reports. Students have been learning how to extract key information from a variety of sources before writing an information report based on these facts in their own words. In reading we have been paying particular attention to summarising, predicting, comparing and contrasting two sources of information on the same topic.

Mathematics
After a long unit of division, we have just recently moved on to the challenging but fun topic of fractions. Fractions are often an area students have difficulty understanding. The best way you can support students at home is talking and modelling fractions in as many everyday situations as possible. You can look at simple support tasks such as drawing shapes and splitting them to fractions or simply folding a pieces of paper into half, then quarters then eighths. Why not surprise them with a few fraction sandwiches and a little fraction note in their lunch box, asking them what fraction their sandwich or orange has been cut into. We have also been practising times tables each week and graphing results in our learning journals.

Homework
Please ensure your children are completing their homework, which includes reading on a daily basis. We can not stress enough, how vital daily reading is. It is also important that occasionally you monitor what they are reading and ask them a few questions to ensure they are comprehending the story well.

Inquiry
Our Inquiry unit will take us on a journey to the city to view the Eureka Tower! The school trip will occur on Thursday 13th November. The Planks incursion that occurred in week 3 was simply fantastic. The structures created by the children were so diverse and impressive. Some structures were so tall, even teachers couldn’t reach the top. Some structures acted as a cage and children built themselves inside. Check out the photos on the left.

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