Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to new students and their families. Area 3 farewelled Term One on a high note with the school Community Fun Day. The students enjoyed running their side show games as adults and fellow students played to win! A big "Thank you!" to families and friends who came to support Area 3 and the school at the Community Fun Day!

This term our projects will have a Science focus. Students will be investigating how the past affects the future. They will have an opportunity to experience some science concepts before selecting an area to explore further. At the end of the term there will be a Science Expo day, where the students will be showcasing their projects.

In Literacy students will continue to develop skills using CAFÉ reading strategies. We encourage students to read daily and use what they learn when reading at home.

**TiLER maths**

The school will be focusing on improving the students’ understanding of number, using TiLER maths strategies.

This is being approached using more nontraditional methods, where students are investigating number strategies through open ended tasks.

Maths concepts and fluency (being able to do maths quickly and efficiently) will be further developed by playing engaging and enriching maths games.

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**Special points of interest:**

- Students will be starting dancing lessons which are run by Stomp, a professional dance company. All students are encouraged to participate.
- Home Learning - students should read every night. Mathletics and Reading Eggs are available for extra practice and are positively encouraged. Students should record their reading onto the reading log.
- Home Learning - teachers will send home tasks suitable for the student’s year level and ability on Mondays. It is expected that the homework is returned on Friday.
- NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 students commence on Tuesday 10th May until Thursday 12th May.