Dear Parents from 5/6J,

Welcome back for the 2014 teaching year. It has been a great start and everyone is getting used to their new routines. Please find below information to support your child with routines.

**Timetable**
The current Term One timetable which has specialist and classroom teaching sessions is glued into your child’s diary. This is for you and your child to use. It’s in their diary to encourage independence and responsibility.

**Sport**
Sport is on Monday and Tuesday, please make sure your child has their hat, drink bottle and appropriate shoes. If your child is unable to participate in sport that day could you please notify the teacher in writing. Interschool Sport will most likely be going ahead in Term 2 but is yet to be confirmed. Could you please fill out the notice about Interschool sport if you haven’t already done so and return it to school ASAP so we have the attending student numbers to make some logistical decisions.

**Homework**
We have started using Mathletics and Reading Eggspress on the school computers. These are also available at home. They are both great resources and it would be highly beneficial if students completed half an hour or more of work at home. Their Mathletics (www.mathletics.com.au) and Reading Eggspress logins (www.readingeggs.com.au) are the same and have been written in their diaries.

DIPL Spelling homework has started. DIPL instructions have been glued into their DIPL homework book.

Please try to have your child read for 15 minutes, 4 times per week, and if you able ask them questions about what they are reading. It will certainly help with comprehension, especially summarizing the page or paragraph for the main idea and the purpose of the text.

Each week there will be two sets of homework. One set will be their DIPL homework, but I will also be setting homework which will include reading, maths, writing and research.

Generally homework goes out on Mondays and the children are expected to bring their homework books back to school on Friday. I will be checking their diaries and homework every Friday. If students have not completed their homework, they will be asked to complete it at playtimes. Students who do their homework and reading will be rewarded in class. Students will also be rewarded if they choose to complete extra homework.

Please feel free to ring and make an appointment to come in and discuss any questions or issues that you have about your child. If you look on the timetable, you will see the best times to discuss any concerns.

I am looking forward to having a great year.

Regards,
Miss Tracy Johnson