Welcome back for 2017. I hope everyone had a relaxing break over Christmas and the New Year. Here are the learning areas that we will be focussing on in class for Term 1.

LITERACY
This term’s literacy focus is around comprehending, analysing and creating short stories. Students will analyse the structure of narratives as well as other features such as theme, narrative point of view, direct speech and figurative language. These skills will then be applied when students draft, edit and publish their own short story. Reading will also take place in small groups, with each group focussing on a goal specific to the capabilities of the students.

NUMERACY
During Term 1, students will develop their understandings and proficiency in the following areas, in order to apply them to real-world problems:

- Number and place value – select and apply efficient mental and written strategies and appropriate digital technologies to solve problems involving all four operations with whole numbers;
- Patterns and algebra - identify and describe properties of prime, composite, square and triangular numbers;
- Fractions and decimals - compare fractions with related denominators and locate and represent them on a number line (proper, improper, mixed), and make connections between equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages;
- Data – interpret and compare a range of data displays, including side-by-side column graphs for two categorical variables.

OTHER KLAs
Visual Art - Students will explore the Surrealist art movement, and apply this understanding to create their own surrealist art piece that represents a metaphorical concept.
Geography - Students will develop an understanding of the diversity of places by representing and interpreting data and information in a variety of forms.
Health - Students will explore the physiological structures of the brain and how to apply cognitive scripts to regulate emotions and feelings.

How Parents can help us!
Whiteboard Markers – Please ensure your child has brought a whiteboard marker. Students use them every day!
Water Bottles – To minimise time out of class, we try to avoid sending students out for a drink. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to keep in the classroom.
Homework – Homework is handed out every week on Monday, and is due Friday morning so it can be marked. Homework helps students form habits of working independently, which will benefit them as they move to high school/older grades.

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Key Days for 5/6KW

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Study Ladder
Students are able to log onto www.studyladder.com from home using the username and password in their homework book.