Welcome to our 2016 school year!

Reminders:
- **Punctuality** - Students should arrive at school at 8:50, ready to commence learning at 9:00. Students who arrive late miss out on important teaching time and it also distracts others from their learning.
- **Fruit and water** - Fresh fruit and a bottle of water keep students hydrated and alert.
- **Writer’s Notebook** - Collect and bring to school mementoes or information that may be used for Writer’s Notebooks.
- **Diaries** – Students will soon be receiving a school diary for the year 2016. These diaries need to be brought to school each day. They will be a record of your child’s reading each night as well as key dates and events for the school year.

Homework:
Next week your child will be receiving the first homework grid for the year. This is to be completed over the fortnight and signed by your before it is returned.

- **Reading** - 30 minutes of nightly reading is an essential component of homework.
- **Mathletics** – Is open for students to access challenges weekly, passwords will be handed out to students to access Mathletics at home.

Reading:
This term we will be revisiting all of the comprehension strategies, including prediction, prior knowledge, summarising, making connections, inferring and asking questions. Students will also be working on their own individual reading goals that will be recorded in their school diaries. Students will be reading narrative texts and identifying their different structures and features.

Writing:
This term we are beginning our writing workshops by establishing individual Writer’s Notebooks. Students will be exposed to a range of narratives and will plan, draft, revise, edit and publish their own narrative text. Students will have their own individual spelling words that they will need to practise weekly as well as participating in class spelling investigations.

Mathematics:
Students will participate in maths sessions that focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies. We will also be investigating length, perimeter, mass and time. We encourage the use of Mathletics to support students learning at school.

Inquiry Topic:
Our inquiry unit this term, It’s Your Call, will link with our Life Education Incursion. We will be looking at:
- Exploring the Decision Making Process
- Safe and appropriate use of Information Technology
- Short and long term consequences of decisions
- Factors that influence decisions such as friends, family, media and laws

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program:
Once again we encourage family members to consider volunteering in our Kitchen or Garden program. Remember to visit our Altona Green Primary School website where all the recipes are available for you to try at home!