Please remember our classroom's open door policy. All parents and caregivers are most welcome to come in anytime to help, observe or have a chat (time permitting). We will be going on camp in week six and a note will go home shortly. We will be joining the Mt Mee senior students at the Stanley River Environmental Education Centre. The focus of the camp will be 'Leadership', including—resourcefulness, empathy, initiative and decision making.
Welcome to Term 4. In English this term we will be completing our exploration of literary texts with historical contexts, the examination of personal recounts and personal letters and the exploration of language features in texts.

During Mathematics time we will be studying money and financial mathematics, number and place value and location and transformation. Geography will see us exploring Australia’s connection with other countries in the Asia pacific region. History will keep us busy with investigating the development of Australia as a diverse society. Science is all about experiments, so the kids need to be prepared to get their hands dirty. We will also continue to have a keen focus on reading comprehension through weekly TOCS lessons and focussed learning episodes in class. As high school draws closer it is also our class priority to become experts with number facts, so please encourage your child in this area. Additionally, spelling will continue to be part of daily homework. Testing your child at home before our Friday test is a good way for you to gauge their understanding.

Vege Patch
Over the holidays we received some welcome rain and this combined with our continuous supply of composted sheep manure has meant that our vegetables have blossomed and are ready for harvest. You can look forward to your child coming home with some fresh produce sometime this term.

Aqua & Fawn
The two girls (sheep) enjoyed a well earned break back at the farm over the holidays. As well as being relieved of their wool by shearing, they were given their yearly vaccination and drenched to eradicate worms. We are still waiting to hear about our grant application which should allow us to fence the oval and build a small barn for the sheep to be housed in at night. Over the Christmas break they will return to the farm and be put in with the ram. All going well, next year’s grade 6 will be welcoming baby lambs into the school around Easter time.

Chicken Garden
Thank you to the River’s family who kindly took the chickens home over the holidays. They have returned safe and sound and looked refreshed after a couple of weeks of no cuddling. Sadly ‘Nugget’ our Pekin rooster passed away from natural causes during their time away. He was very old and had been with us for many years. RIP—‘Nugget’.

If anyone has quiet bantams they are looking for homes for, we do have room for a couple more, so let us know.