Dear Parents/Guardians and families,

It’s hard to believe it is term 4 already. There are many fun things happening which will be outlined in this Junior News and we look forward to the term ahead. It has been wonderful observing and playing a part in the development of the students so far this year, both academically and socially.

As we prepare the Year 1 students to lead and mentor this year’s preps in 2013, and the Year 2 students for their journey into the middle area of the school, we wish them well in Term 4 and beyond.

Glen Wise, Junior Team Leader and the Junior Team

**Literacy**

**Reading**

In Literacy we will be continuing with the Café reading program with an emphasis on building the independence of our student readers. More specifically, we will be revising the Café focus areas including: the students formulating questions about what they are reading, making personal connections to the text and making inferences where students read between the lines to find hidden and deeper meaning.

**Writing**

The genre of writing we are focussing on this term is ‘persuasive writing’ where students will try to convince readers of their argument or opinion. We will also be revising the writing process of Planting the Seed > Drafting > Editing > Revising > Publishing.

**Spelling**

The classroom spelling program will continue to focus on the Spalding program as well as an emphasis on words from the students’ own writing.
Integrated Curriculum

This term we are studying ‘Space’ as our integrated unit, focusing on providing students with an awareness of earth and its place within the solar system. This will include exploring the universe, what our solar system is made up of and space exploration. We have fantastic activities planned and you can already see the students’ fascination with all aspects of space.

Excursion

This term the students will be going on an exciting excursion to the Imax Theatre in Melbourne. We will be seeing the space movie ‘Hubble in 3D’ on the huge screen. Students will get as close as they can to experiencing the launch of a rocket and the view of Earth from space. We will also be having a brief visit of the Melbourne Museum before heading back to Torquay.

This excursion will take place on Thursday the 22nd of November and we will leave school at approximately 8.45 am and return by 3pm. If you are interested in coming along as a parent helper, please let your teacher know.

A permission note will be sent home shortly.