To all D4 parents and guardians, this newsletter is a quick overview of what your child has done in class this term. Mr Ian Bulmer

**Literacy**

All students have done a good job at improving their spelling.

In guided reading we have been concentrating on Main Idea, Compare and Contrast, Fact & Opinion and Cause & Effect.

In their Thursday/Friday session the children have been working on Citizenship and the Environment.

**Science**

In First Term, they planned their own experiments based on topics such as, “Which ball bounced the best?”, “What material held heat the best?”.

This term the planned, tested, retested and evaluated their experiment under the scientific approach.

They have had an introduction to material science in preparation for third term.

**Writing**

Over the term, D4 has produced some fantastic writing. The main focus of the term was writing Narratives and Persuasive texts. During writing lessons the children have been learning the parts of a story...beginning, events, complications, etc.

With our buddies in Term Two, we have been designing picture books. Each group had to plan draw and present what they have achieved.

Our newspaper story has been looking at the features of narrative writing.
**Mathematics**

The class has been broken into groups with some children going to Mr Christie, and some going to Miss Longley and Mr Bulmer. All children are using the new programme called *Stepping Stones*. We have been concentrating on number activities. These activities include reading and writing four digit numbers, rounding numbers to tens, hundreds and beyond, addition and subtraction and the concept of time.

All the class has been encouraged to learn their tables and during the term we have had some fantastic tables champions.

Other areas the children have worked on is graphing and working on Mathematical questioning.

**Humanities and Social Sciences**

D4 spent a lot of the term looking at Indigenous culture and how they used their environment.

The children used an enquiry approach to formulate questions and then research the topic. The children worked in groups and presented their information to the class. Other areas which the class has worked on are researching an explorer and how we can be sustainable in a modern world.

**Billboard**

**Dates to remember in Term 3 2016**

Term 3 is from 19 Jul to 23 Sep.
The school break is from 24 Sep to 9 Oct.

At the end of Term 2, Mr Bulmer will be retiring from teaching.
I wish all the children and parents of D4 all the best in the future.
It has been fantastic working with you all and everyone else at Caralee.

This is my
FAREWELL....GOODBYE....AMEN.