Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The students have settled back into classroom routines very quickly and have begun to produce some wonderful work. Here is a glimpse into our classroom and some of the activities that we will be doing this term.

**Literacy**

In literacy the students are all becoming better speakers, listeners, readers, writers and spellers. Kindergarten are still learning their sounds, sight words, tricky words, creating flip books, practicing handwriting skills, looking and discussing Big books and helping to create their own stories in writing.

Year 1/2 & 3 the students are continuing to strengthen their knowledge of word families, blends, digraphs, spelling rules and spelling lists. Our guided reading and writing sessions are looking at the different types in texts. Students are then constructing their own text according to the learnt text type. E.g. Recounts – The Athletics Carnival & Procedures – Cooking Chocolate Crackles. Handwriting skills are improving with Year 3 about to commence joining their letters (Foundation Style Writing). Homework is still sent home on Mondays and returned on Fridays. Home reading is also given to students every day.

**Numeracy**

In maths we are building our knowledge of numbers and their place value in the number system. Students will be strengthening their number combinations to help them become faster in solving equations. They are learning a number of strategies to use across the strands of Number, Space & Measurement.

**Wednesdays - We have creative arts with Mrs Rantissi.** We are working on our roles in the up and coming school concert and also creating special art pieces to place in the Ballina Art Gallery. She is also teaching Library on Wednesdays allowing students to borrow books of interests to take home and share with you. The students still need to have a bag to help protect the books when they go in their school bags. We also borrow books from the mobile library that visits every 2nd Wednesday.

**Human Society & its Environment units** this term are People and Places / People in our Community. In **Science & Technology** we looking at The Weather / Day and Night Cycles.

**During PE lessons which will incorporate skills into the students playing of games. These skills involve the improvement of their running, jumping, catching, kicking & skipping.**

Other areas that students will be heavily engaged are computers, health and personal development choices, morning fitness, concert practices,

**Scripture** is on Thursday afternoons where **Mrs Barnwell** always has some great stories, songs and activities to teach the students.

A quick thank you to those parents who are coming into the class and changing home readers. They are also listening to each of these students read. This is a huge help to the students and I really appreciate you giving your time.

I hope you like this quick insight into our class.

Mr Spencer K/1/2/3 Teacher