Dear Parents,

As you will be aware, during Term 1, Senior Primary students were given the opportunity to trial one of the leading Numeracy programs online, Mathletics. Due to its success in the classroom and the many positive reports from home, the school has decided to have Senior Primaries trialing the program on a permanent basis throughout the remainder of the year.

The students have enjoyed using Mathletics immensely and we feel that the program gives us a broader scope of resources to use in catering for each child. Within the Mathletics program, teachers are able to access worldwide Numeracy resources as well as our own which are all designed in unison with Australian Curriculum standards.

Throughout the remainder of the year, Mathletics will be used at least once a week in classrooms as well as weekly for homework tasks. The expectations that have been given to the children are as follows.

- On a fortnightly basis, students will be given a digital homework task based on the curriculum area we are looking at during Numeracy sessions at school. This gives students a different avenue to consolidate their skills. Students will be expected to participate in no more than 20 minutes of Live Mathletics per week (five minutes per day).

- On alternate weeks, students will be given a set homework piece, again based around the area of study, which will be a more hands on approach to their learning. Students will again be expected to participate in no more than 20 minutes of Live Mathletics per week (five minutes per day).

Students are also aware that staff are able to track their activity and homework expectations will remain the same. (Students will be given one grace per term for not completing homework and after that they will be provided the opportunity to complete the work during recess or lunchtime).

Live Mathletics is a safe resource within the Mathletics program which allows students to choose a level they feel comfortable with and to complete quick maths fact equations with students from around the globe, enhancing not only their times tables recall, but also number facts. There is no ability for the children to interact with one another online.

For students who are unable to complete homework tasks online, they will be given an alternate hard copy task to complete in their workbooks. Please advise your classroom teacher if this is the case for your student.

We look forward to exploring Mathletics with your child and seeing the benefits that it continues to bring. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Blessings,

Mel Dykstra, Ben Clark, Kathy Vale and Carmen de Kock.

Senior Primary Teachers