Welcome back!

Welcome back to Term Two! We hope you have had an enjoyable holiday break and you are as excited as we are to start the new term!

A few reminders…

- Please ensure that your child continues to bring their diary each Friday.
- All level 1/2 children should have a blue folder. This folder is to be kept in your child’s school bag for: Diary, Notices and Readers.
- Spelling books are due back every fortnight on a Friday.

Diaries

The children have become a lot more confident with our routines and have been using their diaries responsibly. Please ensure your child fills out his/her diary with the reading homework each day. They are required to write the title of the book they read and we ask that you sign the diary each day. Diaries will be checked and signed by classroom teachers every Friday.

Investigations/Discovery Time

The children have really enjoyed participating in Investigations and Discovery Time during Term One. It has been pleasing to see the amount of enthusiasm and willingness to try out different areas and find out new information. We are sure that all children are excited to begin learning about their chosen topics again this term.

Homework

It has been great to see the children who have been bringing home their spelling list words and learning them each week night. The spelling words are still being tested every fortnight on a Friday. It is essential that your child not only learns to spell these words but is able to read them and has an understanding of what the words mean. Work with your child to verbally place their spelling words into meaningful sentences and stories. Talk to your child about things they notice in the words, such as, simple blends or familiar spelling patterns.

Reading

It has been great to see that the children have become a lot more confident with their readers and that they are independently changing their readers each day and recognising many more words and letter patterns. Please remember to ask your child lots of questions about the book that they are reading to make sure that they have a good understanding of what is happening inside the text.

Some examples of questions that could help with comprehension are:

- What do you think the characters are feeling?
- What would you do if that happened to you?
- Why did that character want to do that?
- Would you change the ending, beginning or middle? Why?
What are we learning in Term Two?

Literacy:

During Term Two, the children will be learning how to write sentences using naming words, actions words and using appropriate punctuation. In addition to this, students will learn about persuasive writing and how to give an opinion on a specific topic. They will also be encouraged to write about personal experiences, and identify letter patterns within their spelling words.

Mathematics:

**In Number** we will focus on subtracting numbers up to 100. We will begin to look at money and the different coins and notes we use in Australia. Students will also learn how to add amounts of money and work out change up to $1. Students will revise over number patterns by skip counting up to 100 by 2’s, 5’s, and 10’s.

**In Measurement and Geometry** we will be learning about mass by measuring the weight of different objects and comparing them, as well as measuring the length of objects using centimetres and metres. Students will develop their skills in telling time to the hour and half hour. During this time they will learn the purpose of the hour hand, minute hand and second hand.

Religious Education/Inquiry:

In our Inquiry this term we are learning about Biological Science (Living & Non Living Things). Students will learn the difference between living and non-living things as well as making connections between living things and their habitats.

Students will focus on God and explore the Creation story in the Bible. They will discover that because planet earth belongs to God, we can show others that we love God by taking care of our environment.

Upcoming Events

**Friday 22**nd **April** – Year 1/2 Wildlife Incursion

**Monday 25**th **April** – ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)

**Wednesday 27**th **April** – Foundation and Year 1/2 Pyjama & Movie Night

**Thursday 5**th **May** – Mothers Day Stall

**Friday 6**th **May** – Mothers Day Cupcake Celebration

**Monday 9**th **May** – Café Reading Parent Launch

**Tuesday 17**th **May** – School closure day

**Wednesday 25**th **May** – Year 1’s Good Shepherd Experience

**Friday 10**th **June**– Werribee Zoo excursion

**Monday 13**th **June** – Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)

**Wednesday 15**th **June** – Progress Interviews

**Friday 17**th **June** – Progress Interviews (School closure day)

**Thursday 23**rd **June** – Student reports go home

**Friday 24**th **June** – End of Term 2

Thank you!

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