14th July 2014

Dear Parents

Welcome to term three, we hope you enjoyed the break with your family.

Religious Education – We will continue our studies for Eucharist preparation with the grade 3s. The grade 4s will be investigating Our Parish and how we can all become more active participants.

Literacy - Our writing focus will begin with report writing as we prepare for our Learning Expo. The children will be learning how to research and present information in the form of a report either written or oral. The children’s reading comprehension will continue looking at learning to discern between fact and opinion and cause and effect. These are very large concepts. Spelling and grammar (using adjectives, synonyms, antonyms, pronouns, contractions, apostrophes, similes and collective nouns) are covered in the writing programme and these continue to provide the children with a broad base of language for their reading and writing. We will continue to study handwriting as the children refine their joined writing for speed and legibility.

Children are required to read aloud to you every night for 15 minutes and then record their reading in their reading logs. Please sign your child’s reading log book after you have listened to them read. These logs are kept in a zip bag and this is where you will find your notices, newsletters etc. PLEASE MAKE SURE THESE Logs ARE KEPT IN YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL BAG AT ALL TIMES.

- Grade 3/4A bring their reading logs Fridays.
- Grade 3/4T bring their reading logs on Thursdays.

Please sit with your child while they use Study Ladder, Skoolbo and Mathletics at home. Remember to access our class blogs regularly.

LIBRARY

3/4T - Mondays

3/4A - Tuesdays

*Cake raffles Fridays and tickets are purchased on Thursdays.

Assembly Friday 9am

Sports Uniform will need to be worn on Mondays. Our extras sport lesson each week for this term will be Wednesdays and your child will need to be in school uniform on this day.

ITALIAN/PE are held on Mondays and Drama every Fridays.

Maths - We will be practising times tables constantly as the children learn how to work with numbers using the four processes. Please practise times tables at home and begin with the 2s and 3s, moving on as necessary. When children have a good understanding of the four processes (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing) they can begin to confidently problem solve and work towards being independent learners in the classroom. Term 3’s focus will be multiplication and division, fractions and decimals and we will study measurement as well. See attached proposed Maths program for term 3.

Inquiry – This term our focus is on the environment – LIFE, BE IN IT. Our driving question is:
Who is responsible for the facilities, resources, services we need to keep us and our environment healthy for now and in the future?

We will continue our investigations on how we can actively promote a healthy, sustainable environment, both now and in the future and the children’s research will culminate in our Learning Expo.

The children will be making a board game about healthy living. As a family you could discuss ‘What makes a good board game?’ then the children can incorporate these suggestions in our class work. These suggestions could talk about the appearance of the game, the colours used, the language used in the instructions, how easy it is to play? Is it enjoyable and Why?

Reminder: As part of making healthy choices we have brain food at 10am – this is something healthy, cheese, fruit, vegetables or rice crackers. (No nuts or eggs please – allergies!!!)

Food for Recess and lunch also needs to be a healthy choice – treats like chocolate and potato chips in moderation thank you. Children need to have their water bottle every day.

If your circumstances at home change please your classroom teachers know; sometimes small things can have a large impact. If your child expresses concerns about school please discuss this with us.

Please ensure that your child is at school by 8:45am every day. If you happen to be late please accompany your child inside and fill out a blue late slip. If you need to take your child from school for an appointment and need to leave early a blue slip also needs to be given to the teacher.

If your child has been absent from school it is a legal requirement that they bring a note explaining why they were away.

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

- Coloured wool
- Knitting needles
- Crochet hooks
- Embroidery cottons
- Unloved knitting Nancies or knitting Bees
- Magazines like Home Beautiful or Real Living – not Women’s Weekly or Women’s Day or New Idea etc. Thank you.

Kind regards

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