1 August 2013

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term Three 2013. This Watch your step in pre-Primary this term....we have been invaded by all kinds of minibeasts! We have a "Science Lab" in the classroom where our junior entomologists can thoroughly investigate all kinds of bugs and creepy crawlies. This is to encourage imaginative play, oral language skills, vocabulary, social skills and fine motor ability.

HOMEWORK

We are continuing our reading and sight word program that we began in Term 1. Some students are now also bringing home spelling work based on the sight words they have learned. Maths packs will be coming home in the coming weeks. These are changed each Monday and the sight words are checked and updated on Thursdays. Please ensure these are in the children's folders on the appropriate days. Our Library day is still on Wednesday.

BECOMING INDEPENDENT

In order to encourage independence and confidence we would like to request that parents who bring their children to school in the morning, start dropping them at the gate and allow them to make their own way to the classroom and unpack their belongings by themselves. This will also be the final term that we will have rostered parent help in the classroom as we are making the transition to Year One it is important that students take more responsibility for completing tasks independently.

EVENTS THIS TERM

Beverley Show: We will have a class display in the exhibition shed at the Beverley Show. The K/PP Committee will also be selling raffle tickets for a framed photograph at the show. If you are able to donate some time to assist please let Vanessa Hewitt or a member of the K/PP Committee know.

Book Week Dress Up Day: Students can dress as a character from a favourite book on Wednesday 21st August.

Father's Night: The Pre Primary Father's Night is currently scheduled for Thursday 29 August. Parents will be notified of further details closer to the time.

Athletics Carnival: The faction athletics carnival is held on the town oval on Friday 30th August. Pre Primary students who were born in 2007 will be participating with their factions on the day. Those who were born in 2008 will stay with the class teacher at school, but will participate in a novelty race before having lunch at the oval.

COMMUNICATION

Please ensure that you have notified Pre Primary staff of your child's pick up schedule. Children who are unsure of how they are getting home or who is collecting them can become very stressed. If there are any changes please let us know via the communication book or a phone call to the front office. If your child usually goes home on the bus and we have had no notification that they will be picked up we will send them on the bus.
ILLNESS

Please ensure that if your child is showing signs of being unwell or has had an episode of vomiting or diarrhoea in the last 12-24 hours that they do not attend school that day. This minimises the spread of disease to other students and staff and gives children time to rest and recover. If your child is absent the office can be notified on 9646 1165.

The Pre Primary staff are not able to administer any medication or therapeutic remedies to students unless the appropriate forms have been completed by a parent or carer. These are available through the office.

SHARED READING

On Wednesday mornings, the Year 4 and Pre Primary classes join up for 15 minutes shared reading. This involves students from Year 4 reading to the younger children and also the Pre Primary students reading to the older children.

Kind Regards

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