Dear Families

Welcome back to term 4. This term is packed with lots of special events, celebrations and fun filled learning both on and off campus. We celebrate our individuality every time we are referred to by our Aboriginal name ‘Yerra’ which means individual, unique.

Towards the end of the term I will speak to you about your child’s progress and his/her grading and achievements for the final report.

Student Behaviour Management

We are using the growth Mind-Set model whereby students as a group decide which behaviours they wish to work towards as a class. Personal and group learning goals are going to be revisited daily with opportunities for reflections to improve learning outcomes.

Readers

This is the term when students strive to reach year level benchmarks. Year 1 level 15 and year 2 level 22. Emphasis is on understanding and fluency.

We are continuing with our peer buddy reading each morning. Any notes either to or from school should be placed in the reader folder. Each child has their own reading goal for this term. (see attached sheet SMARTAR Goals)

Ice-blocks

We will continue to sell ice-blocks for $1 as part of our business enterprise. We have raised enough money to pay for the bus and most of the entrance fee into the zoo. Thank you for your continued support.
School Uniform

This term hats are needed for all outside play. **NO HAT NO PLAY**
Appropriate footwear is important to prevent injuries, no thongs or open shoes. You will be informed if your child’s hat is lost. Remember that socks help prevent blisters. All uniforms can be purchased from the front office. Please remember to pack food in cool containers as we are unable to place food in the fridge.

Curriculum

This term we are looking at the book ‘Rainbow Snake’s Magic’ by Colleen Batten, another Australian author. We will be concentrating on rhyme and alliteration. Students will be continuing to work with numbers to 100 and 1000, exploring place value and multiple counting strategies. We will continue to look at shapes, fractions, measurements, including liquid measure and mapping.

Science and the Garden

In the garden we are looking at the ways things are moved around the garden such as by pushing, pulling and rolling and the equipment that makes gardening easier.

Visual Arts

We are creating displays that explain Christmas traditions around the world with our “Wallara” buddies. If you have any old decorations, cards, sequins, pine cones etc. it would be greatly appreciated.

Health

We are focusing on keeping our bodies safe in the hot weather with appropriate foods, drinks and activities.
Global Outlook

Our class is still managing the’ Gotta-Get-A-Bus’ project that collects cans to fund end of year excursions for the entire school. Students will continue to be responsible for collections during break times.

Dates to Note

Week 2 Fri 28th Oct World Teachers Day
Week 3 Mon Oct 31st @3.30 p.m. Governing Council
Thurs.3rd Nov We all sing 12.30p.m.
Week4 Tues 8th Nov Zoo Trip
Frid 11th Nov Remembrance Day assembly
Week 6 Mon 21st Nov school closure
Week 7 Sun Nov 27th Kitchen Garden working bee
Week 8 Mon Dec 5th @3.30 p.m. Governing Council
Week Mon Dec 12th @3.30 p.m. Governing Council
Thurs 15th Dec year 7 graduation, school reports,
2017 class placements
Frid Dec 16th 2pm Dismissal

Attendance

It is important your child attends school on time each day. As it is mandatory for school attendance, we adhere to strict guidelines for the recording of absence/lateness. Parents (not your child) must inform us about any absence. As it is our duty of care we need to know that your child is safe if absent from school.
Please feel free to speak to me before or after school but be aware it is very difficult for me to give you the attention you deserve when I am managing the class.

When taking your child early you need to notify the front office first and collect the appropriate pass which informs me your child has been signed out.

Looking forward to a great last term with you and your child.

Val