

1/2S Classroom Newsletter

Term 4, 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4! I hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable time with your families.

As always, please feel free to see me with any questions or concerns you may have.

I am looking forward to another busy and exciting term with your children!

SWIMMING

Swimming will commence on Wednesday 9th November. A few kind reminders:

- Clearly label **all items** of clothing
- If possible, wear a **red** swimming cap. Please place talcum powder in the cap daily to assist with slipping the caps on easily
- Pack an extra snack, such as another piece of fruit, as the children may be hungrier than usual
- Allow quiet time after school and ensure the children are in bed earlier than usual to allow the children to recuperate
- Thongs can be worn to and from the pool but usual footwear will be required for the remainder of the day.

Important Dates:

21st October – Myuna Farm Excursion

22nd October – School Trivia Night

26th October – Walk or Wheel to School Day

27th & 28th October – Start Smart Incursion

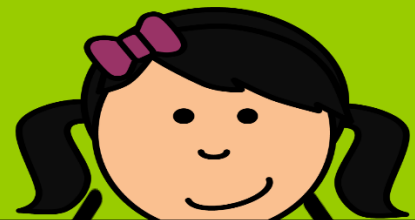
31st October – Curriculum Day – No School

1st November – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – No School

9th – 18th November – Swimming

30th November – Walk or Wheel to School Day

20th December – Last Day of Term 4 – Early dismissal at 1pm



Thank you to the wonderful parents who show their support through morning reading and Fruity Friday! We truly appreciate it!

Student Absences and Late Arrivals

Student absences and late arrivals continue to be of concern. When your child is absent, please phone the school office on the day or send a note on their return. The school bell rings at 8:50 each morning to allow the children to time to unpack before learning commences at 9:00.

Semester 2 Assessments will be conducted throughout term 4. If your child will be absent for more than 2 – 3 days, please notify their teacher so alternative arrangements can be made.

Term Reminders



Brainy Bites are fresh fruit or vegetable snacks that the children eat in class between breakfast and morning tea. A healthy snack helps brain activity and concentration. All children are encouraged to bring a bottle (filled with water only), which they are able to access at any time in their classroom. The school continues to encourage “wrapper- free” days on Wednesdays, with a focus on fresh rather than packaged food.



School Uniform – As the weather warms up please ensure your children are dressed in light clothing, such as the summer dress or shorts/skorts and polo. **Hats are required throughout term 4.** Any students without a hat will be required to sit in a shaded area during outside activities.



Communication Folders – Please continue to encourage your children to empty their purple communication folders daily. Notices should be returned to school in your child’s purple folder with any money enclosed in an envelope.



No Nuts! Thank you for your assistance in ensuring no nuts or nut products, such as Nutella, are packed in your child’s lunchbox. As several children in the school suffer from severe nut allergies, we appreciate your support in providing a safe and allergen free environment.

In the classroom...

This term in literacy the children will continue to extend their comprehension strategies in reading, learn how to make their writing more interesting and write a play.

In mathematics the children will consolidate their understanding of number, including operations, and develop strategies to tackle problem solving tasks.

Our science unit for the term is called 'From Farm to Table'. The children will investigate how food is brought from the farm to the table and the importance of making healthy lifestyle choice. As part of our science unit the children will enjoy an excursion to Myuna Farm.

Clubs at School

Drama – Tuesday lunchtime in the hall

Choir – Wednesday lunchtime in the library

Library Club – Monday - Friday lunchtime in the library

Homework



During Term 4, the children will continue to bring home a reader each night which should be

read with an adult before being signed in their reader folder. Please encourage your children to check their understanding of the book by asking questions about the text or having your child retell what they have read.

The children will also continue to receive a number facts sheet or open-ended Mathematics task each week.

Families wishing to have their children continue to practice the skills they are learning in the classroom can direct their children to www.studyladder.com.au.



Once again, a big thank you for your continued support.

Cheryl See - 1/2S Teacher