WELCOME BACK FOR TERM 3!

It’s hard to believe that half of the year has flown by already!

We had a wonderful time in Term 2 learning all about the helpful people in our community. The children loved having visits from the Firemen. We learnt about fire safety and looked at the fire engine. We even got to have a turn at squirting the hose! Our Literacy unit on nursery rhymes was a great hit and all the children (and teachers!) had a very fun day dressed up as different nursery rhyme characters. Everyone went to such an effort and it was wonderful to see all the children enjoy the different activities including the Jack and Jill Water Relay, Humpty Dumpty Egg and Spoon Race and the Nursery Rhyme Scavenger Hunt.

Term 3 is looking to be action packed. In addition to our wonderful classroom program we are looking forward to beginning our dancing lessons, preparing us for our upcoming concert. We will also take part in our school swimming program, commencing Week 6.

Three-way conferences will be held in Week 4, with times and dates to be confirmed soon. These conferences are a chance for the children to share their learning goals and progress across the curriculum with a specific focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Personal Learning.

Looking forward to a great Term 3!

A FEW REMINDERS:

**Classroom Helpers:**
New rosters for classroom helpers and PMP helpers will be displayed on the Prep notice board early in Term 3.

We will also be looking for helpers to come along on the bus for our excursion to Collingwood Children's Farm and throughout the school swimming program. Please see your classroom teacher if you have any questions.

**Show and Tell:**
This term we are commencing Show and Tell to further develop the children’s speaking and listening behaviours. At the end of last term you would have received a Show and Tell roster indicating the topics for each week. Each child has been allocated a specific day to present their Show and Tell. Please help your child prepare for their Show and Tell each week.

**Notice Folders:**
Please ensure that all notice folders are returned to school promptly to assist with Wednesday’s notice distribution.

**Sun Smart & Safety:**
Remember that hats will be needed again from Monday 1 September. If you ride your scooter to school, please wear a helmet!

**Show and Tell: Library, ICT Lab, Maths Mix Ups, Buddies (fortnightly)**

**Tuesday: Dancing practice**

**Wednesday: PMP**

**Thursday: Visual Arts, Physical Education**

**Friday: Performing Arts, French, Icy-poles, Assembly (fortnightly)**

**Poetry:**
This term we will be continuing to share a class poem each week which will come home on a Friday, in the children’s poetry folders. We encourage you to share the poem with your child each week as they are often very excited. Please ensure poetry folders are returned each week for the next week’s poem.

**Swimming**
From Wednesday 20th August - Thursday 28th August the children from Prep - Grade 4 will take part in the school swimming program.

During these days the Prep children will be departing school at approximately 12.30pm and will return around 2.15pm. A permission form will be sent home shortly with detailed information. Please stay tuned!
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**Literacy**

During Term 3, children will be exposed to a range of text types including descriptions, poetry and narratives. Educational play will continue to be a focus in our mornings to continue to develop children’s oral language and decision making through exploring familiar activities. We will slowly be introducing writing on lines and dotted thirds as children make their way towards achieving their Dotted Thirds License. Our spelling foci will continue to be drawn from our big book reading and the students own writing. You may have already started to receive some wordlists the children have been working on. Please encourage your child to read, write and play games with these words as they further develop their knowledge of high frequency words.

**Numeracy**

This term we will be commencing Maths Mix Ups with our Numeracy Specialist, Shelley Morrison. This will be held every Monday and all students will be further developing their knowledge of number and place value. The 100th Day of School is fast approaching, however we look forward to continuing counting the number of school days right up until the end of the year to help imbed some of the great concepts we have been exploring this year including odd and even numbers, counting on, skip counting and place value. Other Numeracy topics that will be covered this term include; 3D shapes, counting on, money, counting back, chance and data (graphing), addition, subtraction and length with a constant focus on number.

**Integrated Studies**

This term the children will be learning about weather and how it affects living things. As part of this unit we will go on an excursion to Collingwood Children’s Farm to **Monday 4 August**, to learn about the changes that occur at the Farm in each season. Please take this opportunity to dig out any picture books you have about weather and the seasons to read with your child.

**Looking forward to a fun-filled Term 3!**

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