Curriculum News

Welcome back to school! We’re hoping you all had a restful and relaxing Easter break. We would like to share with you the classroom focus for the following curriculum areas for Term 2.

**LITERACY**
This term our focus will be on continuing to learn the letters of the alphabet and the sound that each letter makes. Each week the focus letters/sounds that we are learning in class will be sent home as part of their homework. It would be beneficial if you could discuss these letters and sounds at home to help improve their understanding.

We will consolidate our understanding of reading strategies such as Eagle Eye (using picture cues) and Lips the Fish (using the first sound) to solve unknown words during reading groups. We will also introduce the reading strategy Stretchy Snake (stretching out the sounds and then blending them together). When they bring books home, encourage them to use these strategies. It would also be beneficial is your child to retell the books using key words such as characters, setting, take-off and landing.

Another major focus for Term 2 is to learn all our gold and red words. These are the 32 most frequently used words in books that we will be reading. Learning these words will greatly enhance your child’s ability to read this year. If everyone reaches the goal of learning all 12 gold words, we get to celebrate by having a Gold Party! Then hopefully this will be followed by a Red Party.

**NUMERACY**
This term we will continue to focus will be on number concepts as well as introducing a variety of other math concepts. We will be using a variety of hands on materials to engage students in their learning.

**Term 2 concepts:**
- numerals, number names and words to 10
- counting to 20
- more and less
- 2D shapes (circle, triangle, square, rectangle)
- length
- patterns
- location

At home you can help by asking your child to collect a number of items (eg. 6 bananas when at the shop) and talking about more and less, practise counting to 20 (eg. how many steps to…) or looking for shapes around the house or yard.

**How Parents can help us!**

**Attendance** - Ensuring your children arrives on time and prepared for EACH school day is of enormous value to their schooling. Attendance is important as every day counts!

**Homework** - Homework has already begun, it goes home on Monday and is to be returned Friday. Homework includes practising the weeks focus sounds, their magic words and reading a book. In the beginning you may read the book to your child and have them hold the book, turn pages and point to the words as you read.

**Lunch** - We encourage the children to always eat their healthy food first. It would greatly assist us, if you could please pack a sandwich and piece of fruit for their lunch every day.

**At home** – Encourage children to be independent by allowing them to get their bag organised for school by packing their lunch box and their hat.

Miss Hansen, Miss Henry & Mrs Burstow  
Prep Teachers

Steve Kanowski  
Principal

**Key Days for Music & PE**

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| PSH       | PE: Tuesday 11:10am  
Music: Wednesday 12:10pm |
| Parade    | Even weeks  
2pm in the Hall |

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**Celebrations!**
It’s great to see how many students have learnt all their gold words! Each class cannot wait to have a gold party once everyone has learnt their gold words!