Dear Parents

We hope you all enjoyed a truly wonderful summer holiday with your children and that you are all rested and ready for a very busy and exciting Term 1.

We’ve already commenced our Integrated Studies focus for this term of “Ocean Environments”. Children may like to bring along some toys or items to do with the sea for classroom displays or to talk to their friends about.

HOME READING

Regular home reading is beneficial for your child and the books they bring home should be fairly easy for them to read. As your child chooses their own book, it may sometimes be too difficult for them. If this is the case, please just read it to them and ask your child to retell some of the story orally. If you have any concerns please see your child’s teacher.

Please record any book your child is reading even if they forget to change their book at school they can still choose a book from home to read and record it. We will check these from time to time to see how they are going but please don’t hesitate to let us know if you have any concerns about their reading.

ART SMOCKS

There are still a number of children that do not have an Art smock. They really need to cover their clothes for many of the activities that they do in the Art room each week. These can be purchased through the Uniform shop or an old adult shirt may be used.
LIBRARY

The children have begun to bring home Library books again. Please ensure that your child has a library bag and that they return it each week on their Library day.

COMPUTER

The children have started to use the computers and laptops, if you would like your child to use their own headphones then please supply a pair that can be kept in their locker and used when required. This helps them to hear the programs better and distract others in the room less.

WATER AND SMART SNACKS

As the summer days are quite warm, the children will need to bring a bottle of water each day so that they can have a sip throughout the day. It is better for the children to have a quick drink of water at their table while working, rather than interrupt their learning to take a walk to the taps to get a drink of water.

The children are also encouraged to have a ‘smart snack’ of a small amount of fruit that they can nibble on (strawberries, pieces of apple, a banana) or sultanas or cucumber and carrot sticks. (Nothing messy like an orange or mandarine that needs to be peeled and held to eat and may require them to wash their hands afterwards!!)

If at any time you have any concerns please see your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Even if you don’t really think it is urgent, the sooner we know about issues the easier it is to resolve them.

Thank you for your continued support in the education of your children.

The Grade 1 and 2 teachers

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