Dear Parents

We hope you all enjoyed the holidays with your children and that you are all rested and ready for another very busy Term 3. Term 2 was so busy with our Cultural Asia unit which the children really enjoyed.

This term we are starting with a healthy focus. Then we will commence our Integrated Studies focus for this term of “Then and Now”. This unit looks at Sunbury in the olden days and compares with Sunbury of today. Children may like to bring along some toys or items to do with “Then and now” for classroom displays or to talk to their friends about. This will be our focus for our show and tell/news sessions. Please talk to your child about this topic so as to help them be exposed to the language used in the topic.

An excursion to Yarrabee has been booked for this topic, more details to follow soon.

CONCERTS

This term 1/2 M and 1/2T will be having concerts with 1/2A having their concert early Term 4. The dates for these have been published in the school newsletter and are 1/2 M Wednesday August 5th, 1/2 T Thursday September 10th and 1/2 A Thursday November 5th. Please mark your grade’s date in your diary.

BOOK WEEK and BOOK FAIR

This year book fair will be run in Book Week. The dates for Book fair will be 26th - 28th August. There will also be other activities in this week, more details later.

Library bags

We have noticed lately that a number of children are not regularly borrowing library books. Please make sure your child has a bag to bring their library books home in and if you are not sure which day to return them on please ask your child’s teacher.
**Drink Bottles**

Even with the weather being cold, the children still get thirsty as the heating can be very drying inside. Please ensure your child has a water bottle (with only water in it) that is named so as to help minimise disruptions to class learning time.

**Names on clothes**

Please make sure your child has their name on all their jumpers, coats, beanies etc. As the children warm up from running around they take them off and it is easier for us to return them to their owners. Even if you have put names on your child’s clothes please check as sometimes these wash off over time.

**Absence Notes**

Please make sure that if your child is absent to write a note on their return or you can ring the school and leave a message for your class teacher. If your child is going to be away for more than 3 days please contact the school so that we can arrange for notes and newsletters to be sent home.

**SMART SNACKS**

As we are starting the term with a healthy focus the children are encouraged to have a 'smart snack' of some 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 very ripe pears that needs to be peeled and held to eat and may require them to wash their hands afterwards!!) This snack is in addition to the snack that the children have at recess, so please provide a substantial snack as in the cold weather the children hungry.

*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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