Dear Parents

We hope you all enjoyed the holidays with your children and that you are all rested and ready for our final term for this year. Term 3 was so busy with our Then and Now unit which the children really enjoyed.

This term we are starting with a health focus called Awesome October. This will incorporate fitness, healthy eating, caring for our environment and other things to help to improve our health. Then we will commence our Integrated Studies focus for this term of “Where’s the science”. This unit is all about science and doing experiments to find out more about our world and how and why things work. This will be our focus for our show and tell/ news sessions for the term. Please talk to your child and help them find out information to share with the class about this topic. You may even like to share a simple experiment with us.

**Market Fresh**

On Tuesday we have our Market Fresh incursion. If you are able to help just let your class teacher know.

**Concerts**

1/ 2T and 1/2A will be having concerts this term. The dates for these have been published in the school newsletter and are 1/ 2T Thursday October 15th and 1/ 2 A Tuesday November 17th. Please mark your grade’s date in your diary.

**Swimming**

Please return these forms as quickly as possible so as we can finalize numbers and inform parent helpers of the times we are swimming. If you would like to be a parent helper you must have a current Working with Children card, shown at the office to enter the change rooms.

**Library bags**

Thank you to those parents who have helped their children find misplaced library books in the holidays. Children are not allowed to borrow books if they have overdue books even if they have found their library bags. Books can be returned any day of the week if they have been found. Overdue notices will come out later in the term with the library closing for borrowing at the beginning of December.
Drink Bottles

Now the weather is warming up, the children are getting thirsty during class time. 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 clothes particularly as we are going swimming this term. Last term we had a lot of parents searching for lost jumpers so please check that the name on your child’s jumper is theirs and not someone else’s they have mistaken for theirs. Remember 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. Even if you know you are going to be away in advance, write us a note so you don’t have to worry about it when your child returns.

SMART SNACKS

We are still encouraging the children 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 at recess particularly as we do a lot of activity at this time of year and the children get 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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