Level Two Curriculum:

Literacy and Numeracy
In level two, all students have completed a one on one session with their teacher to complete the online numeracy interview, which gives us an indication of the progress your child has made in number knowledge and skills throughout the year. It is pleasing to note that all grade one and two students have progressed across all areas of mathematics. See our ‘Level Two Data’ display in the main corridor for more details.

In Literacy all the students have been assessed on their spelling abilities and reading levels. Students are grouped according to their reading ability, these groups are reassessed during our Professional Learning meeting to ensure that students continue to be challenged.

Inquiry Topic
This term’s inquiry focus is “How Things Move” whereby students have been exploring the essential questions: ‘How do we make things move?’ and ‘What do we push and pull?’ The students have enjoyed the first three weeks of exploring these concepts through the implementation of Toy Story based activities.

Grade Two Breakfast
The grade two students are invited to come and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast at school on Thursday December 6th. The students will be required to arrive at school at about 8.15 am with a bowl, cup and spoon. There will be toast and an assortment of cereals and toast toppings provided by Safeway.

Swimming
The level two students that have attended swimming this term have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It is pleasing to see the improvement in swimming and water safety skills, and the organisation skills they have displayed when getting ready for each lesson. Thank you to all the parents who have help out down at the pool, it is greatly appreciated. We are sure the students will be very excited when they receive their swimming certificates in the last week of swimming.

End of Year Reports
We are writing to explain why the report you will receive for your child will be less detailed than you would normally expect. On behalf of teachers, principals and support staff, the Australian Education Union has been negotiating with the Baillieu Government for a new enterprise agreement for over a year. Still we have no agreement.

Part of Ted Baillieu’s education plan is to sack 5% of our teachers — a move that would lead to higher class sizes and less individual attention for our students. This term, AEU members have begun a ban on providing written comments in student reports. Parents and guardians will receive a written assessment and numerical assessments of their child’s achievement against the Victorian Essential Learning Standards and a record of attendance from semester two. AEU members will not provide any other written comments.

Teachers will of course be available to meet should you wish to discuss your child’s progress. AEU members do not take such action lightly, but we have been left no alternative. We thank you for your support and appreciate you taking the time to learn why we are taking action. Our teachers, principals and education support staff are committed to providing the best education for your children. Our goal is to improve conditions across the government system so that we not only maintain but improve the quality of education we provide your children.

Dates to remember:
• Grade two breakfast – Thursday 6th December
• Last day of term – Friday 21st December

Erik Taylor’s nude food lunch!! Well done! Erik!