Term One

The students in the middle school have been putting in place the processes they have created in the first two weeks of setting the climate, to ensure productive and smooth running lessons. Here is an overview of what they have been learning so far!

**Literacy** – Has begun with a focus on our inquiry unit ‘Where do I fit in?’.

We have been reading texts that focus on the human lifecycle as well as fun human body facts. The students have been using these texts to investigate how their prior knowledge assists in their comprehension of texts. Writing lessons have focused around recounts of events. Children have been encouraged to look at the purpose, structure and language in recount examples before writing their own recounts. Handwriting books have now arrived and handwriting lessons will begin shortly.

**Numeracy** — Our numeracy focus for term one has been solely on Place Value. Place value explores a variety of skills like reading and writing numbers as well as ordering and counting. When reading numbers students were instructed to group numbers in families of three, to assist in reading large numbers. Students are currently looking at the value of zero and the role it plays in large numbers. Great debate has centred around whether we should just dump zero, since it’s worth nothing! Possibly an interesting conversation you could raise at home?

**Play is the Way**—Each week a session is dedicated to building positive social behaviour through a variety of games and activities. Activities are chosen based on the following Key Concepts:

1. Treat others as you would like them to treat you
2. Be brave – participate to progress
3. Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with
4. Have reasons for the things you say and do
5. It takes great strength to be sensible

**Library**

All classes have now started library sessions and borrowing readers. Our library days are:

- 3/4A & 3/4C—Wednesday
- 3/4B—Tuesday
- 3/4D—Monday

It is extremely important that ALL students remember to bring their library and reading books, in their book bag, on these days.

Head lice are back! Please check your family regularly and use the necessary treatments and precautions. For more information please see our website [http://www.chps.vic.edu.au/](http://www.chps.vic.edu.au/) or speak to a pharmacist.