Level 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to Term 2!

Literacy
This term the Preps have been busy investigating a wide range of aspects of Literacy.

We have continued to recognise and learn our Magic Word lists (MIDOW) and will soon be able to proudly display all the Gold words that we know, on the Level 1 Data Wall (in the Prep Reading Pit).

We have been seriously getting to grips with THRASS – the whole school phonics programme – by singing along to the identifying initial sounds, segmenting simple CVC (consonant – vowel – consonant) words and singing along to the THRASS Rap.

Every week we have been investigating a Big Book, looking at story structure, ordering events and creating our own versions of the narratives.

We have continued to produce our independent weekly News Writing, where our students have been able to show off their developing writing skills and demonstrate how many letter sounds they can represent.

Numeracy
So far this term we have been focusing on ‘number’ and ‘measurement’. The students have been involved in activities involving ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.), making and writing numbers to 20 and measuring and comparing weights of objects.

In the next couple of weeks we will be focusing on ‘location’. The students will be making maps, mazes and becoming familiar with the terms ‘in-front, behind, beside, between, under etc. You may

Dates to remember:

- Education Week - 21st to 25th May
- Mothers Day stall Wednesday 9th May
- Grandparent Morning Tea TBA

Reminders:

- Please bring your family photos to school

Inquiry
This term our Inquiry topic is ‘Families’. Our students are bringing in photographs of their family that they can share, display and talk about. We have collected and displayed data on how many siblings, pets, cars, i-pads and so on, we have. There may have been the odd exaggeration from some!

We have celebrated the many diverse roles and responsibilities that exist within every family and praised our busy and hard-working parents, carers and siblings.

We hope to go on to writing questionnaires, producing and filming role-plays, making family trees and creating family crests amongst other things.

Parent Helpers in the Classroom
This term Level 1 have started using parent helpers within the classroom for various activities. If you too, wish to participate, please speak to your child’s classroom teacher and they will give you a ‘working with children (WWC)’ form. To work in the classroom you need this clearance. We will be accepting a WWC receipt from the post office as the clearance check does take up to 6 weeks.

Reading Eggs
Level 1 has begun a 4 week trial with an internet based program– Reading Eggs. This site can be accessed at both home and school and supports our students’ literacy skills. The site provides games, songs and plenty of rewards and incentives that are tailored for each individual child’s needs. Your child will be primarily using this program at school, however, if you do have internet access at home, we strongly encourage using this program at home too.