Level Two Curriculum:

**Literacy and Numeracy**

In level two, all children have continued to take part in lots of number, money and time activities so that they continue working toward having a sound mathematical knowledge that will ensure they are well equipped for learning in grade two and three next year. Our small group guided reading sessions across grades 1 and 2 have been a great success. The children have been working along side children of the same ability which has ensured that ALL children are working toward their specific needs. This will continue to take place for half an hour each day except Wednesdays when children are at specialist classes. In recent reading assessment it was fantastic to see that 59% of grade one and two students were reading above the expected reading level for this time of year. It was also discovered that 86% of the students had progressed by two or more reading levels this year. Well done and keep up the effort grade ones and twos!!

**Melbourne Museum**

This term’s inquiry focus is “Changes over Time” whereby students have been exploring the past and present changes. The students are very excited to finally be attending the Melbourne Museum to explore the various things from the past that children used and played with. Students will have the opportunity to play with toys that will introduce them to the concept of change and continuity, how life was in the past and how it is different today. The program focuses on families in different periods of Melbourne’s past and involves a hands on interactive session that culminates with a scavenger hunt trail of the Melbourne Story exhibition. The cost of $18 which was included in the term 2 levy, includes the cost of the educational program and the bus trip to and from the Melbourne Museum.

Students will be required to wear school uniform and pack their snack and lunch in two separate and named bags. It is imperative that students arrive at school at 8.45am on this morning to ensure that students depart school and arrive at the Museum on time.

**Dates to remember:**

* Teacher’s Union Class Action Strike – Thursday 7th June
* Melbourne Museum Incursion – Friday 8th June
* Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday – Monday 11th June
* Grandparent Week - week 10 – 18th of June to the 22nd of June
* Term Two Completion – Friday 29th June at 2:30

**Grandparents Week**

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