March 2013

**Dates to remember:**
- **Monday 11th March** – Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 12th March** – School Council AGM
- **Thursday 28th March** – Last day Term 1 – Tabloid Sports / Crazy Hair Day

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**Level Two Curriculum:**

**Literacy and Numeracy**

In level two, teachers are working with students to complete a one on one session with their students of the online numeracy interview, which gives us an indication of the number knowledge and skills of the students. The students have focused really well and teachers have received some pleasing results.

In Literacy we will be beginning ‘Reading Focus Groups’ across grades 1 and 2 rather than grouping children within their own classroom. This way we feel the needs of the children are specifically met. Students are grouped according to their reading ability, these groups are reassessed during our Professional Learning Team meetings to ensure that students continue to be challenged.

**Life Education Van**

Level two students will be attending the Life Education Van for a one hour session throughout the following week to learn about seeking help from trusted adults, the benefits of physical activity as well as body knowledge and self assertion.

The students are very excited to meet Harold the Giraffe and help him pack healthy food as he goes for a picnic in the park.

Please ensure that your child’s term one excursion levy is paid prior to their class attending. Levies are now overdue and students who have not made payment will not be able to attend this incursion.

**Tabloid Sports/Crazy Hair Day**

With the last day of term fast approaching, the whole school will be participating in a Tabloid Sports Day and Crazy Hair Day. Students will be asked to bring a gold coin donation which will go to the Leukemia Foundation. Students will be able to come dressed in their house team colours, with a crazy hair do! Parents are welcome to come along and help out on the day.

**Homework in Level 2 - Reading and Spelling**

In Level Two, students are expected to read at home every weeknight and practise their weekly spelling words. Please encourage your child to read to you each day. It is important that reading is a positive and enjoyable experience for your child at home, therefore students will be given books that aren’t too complex. There are many ways to make practising spelling words exciting! Ask your child to write them backwards, upside-down or in fancy writing. See if you can invent an interesting game to play to assist with motivation. New spelling lists are given out every Monday and spelling tests occur the following Monday, that means one whole week to learn their words!