**Foundation Newsletter**

**August 2014**

**Dates to remember:**
- Fri 8th Aug—Freddie Frog payments due
- Fri 8th Aug—Book Club orders due
- Sat 16th to Fri 22nd Aug—International Book Week
- Fri 22nd Aug—2015 Foundation Transition Session 1
- Sun 24th Aug—Term 3 Working Bee
- Mon 25th to Sun 31st Aug—Literacy and Numeracy Week
- Fri 29th Aug—CHPS Art Show
- Wed 3rd Sep—Foundation Edithvale Wetlands Excursion
- Thu 4th Sep—Book Week Incursion: Perform Musicals ‘Worlds Apart’
- Fri 5th Sep—Father’s Day Stall
- Fri 19th Sep—Fun Food Day
- Fri 19th Sep—Tabloid sports
- Fri 19th Sep—Last day of Term 3, 2:30pm finish
- Mon 6th Oct—Term 4 starts

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**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to parents for meeting with us and discussing your child’s progress and wellbeing at school. It was nice to have a chat and a laugh and also very pleasant to receive such positive feedback and be complimented on our teaching methods and programs.

**Wilson McCaskill**

We are continuing to implement ‘Play is the Way’ games into our learning program. Over the next few weeks our focus is on building resilience and emotional strength when things go wrong. Through games we are able to work through small issues as they arise. It is rewarding to see how ‘being brave’ and ‘bouncing back’ from situations can instil confidence and independence.

**Morning Routine**

Thank you to all the parents who have supported us with promoting self-reliance. By allowing your child to follow our morning processes independently with little or no guidance gives them the tools to transition smoothly to Level 1 and the opportunity to take responsibility for their belongings. **Well done everyone!**

**Foundation Fruit Bowl**

Thank you to all parents who have and continue to donate fruit, it is very much appreciated!

**Foundation Planting**

During Term 2, Foundation students had the opportunity to plant a succulent in our garden bed near the ‘outdoor eating’ area. All students did a fantastic job! Ask your child to show you.

**Literacy**

Last week the Foundation students completed their first **Big Write**! This was a dedicated, 25 minute, silent (nearly!) story writing session and was the culmination of several weeks spent investigating traditional stories in our Literacy lessons. The students read a variety of well-known stories, such as The Three Little Pigs and Red Riding Hood, discussed characters and settings, made their own character puppets, acted out new stories and planned out their story in words and pictures. We hope to complete another **Big Write** next week...

**Yarn Art Project**

Chelsea Heights Primary School is contributing to a community event being co-ordinated by Longbeach House and involving several local schools. Each school will be producing textile creations based on well-known stories (ours is The Rainbow Fish) and decorating the school and the local environment with our work. We desperately need any old patterned fabric, balls of acrylic wool, wire coat hangers to make fish out of and old vacuum cleaner tubes to make octopus legs! If you have any that you don’t need any more and would like to donate, please see Mr Aldred. Any offers of help to support our Monday lunchtime Yarn Club for the older students would also be greatly appreciated.

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