**Foundation Sub School Newsletter**

**December 2015**

**Dates to remember:**
- **Thursday 3rd December**—Cross School Transition Session 3
- **Tuesday 8th December**—Statewide Transition Session
- **Friday 11th December**—Christmas Carols & BBQ 5:30—7:30pm
- **Wednesday 16th December**—Picnic in the park for End of Year Celebration
- **Thursday 17th December**—Reports go home
- **Friday 18th December**—Last day of Term 4—1.30pm dismissal

**Reading Strategy—Cross Checking**

- **Does it look right?**
- **Does it sound right?**
- **Does it make sense?**

**Thank You!**
The 2015 Foundation team, wish to express a very huge thank you to all of our wonderful parent/carer or grandparent helpers who have assisted us throughout the year. Whether you have worked with individuals in the classroom, helped out with library borrowing or contributed in any way at all, your commitment and hard work, is very much appreciated!

**Literacy—Daily 5**
We are all very proud of our students’ progress within reading throughout the year. The implementation of the ‘Daily 5’ has assisted with personal growth, supporting working independently in all five areas (Word Work, Work on Writing, Read to Self, Read to Someone and Listening to Reading). Students are incorporating many of the reading strategies to help with decoding, fluency, accuracy and comprehension. Look out for a **Daily 5 Parent Survey**—coming soon!

Below are some activities your child could do over the holidays:

- **Read to Self**
  - Continue reading ‘good fit’ books, keeping in mind 3 ways to read a book.
  - Visit your local library!

- **Read to Someone**
  - Read to a family member or a friend.

- **Listen to Reading**
  - Perfect for bedtime stories.

- **Word Work**
  - Search for MI00W words in books, magazines and newspapers.
  - Tune into interesting or new words and explore the meaning.
  - Rainbow writing—identify phonemes (graphs, digraphs and trigraphs) in words and use a different colour for each phoneme. E.G.

  - **chair**
  - **letter**
  - **cat**
  - **dolphin**

**Numeracy**
This term we have been exploring addition, subtraction, sharing and consolidating knowledge of place value. Over the last few weeks of term four, we will be celebrating with various math games. This is not only extremely enjoyable, math games promote mental computation skills, motivate and engage children and also assists with working cooperatively with peers.

**Numeracy Games!**

- **Farewell and Congratulations to the lovely Miss Cake!**
  Thank you Miss Cake for being a wonderful team member this year!
  We will miss you, colleagues, students and parents alike. We wish you all the very best of luck at your new school!

  Thank you once again to students and parents, we have had a fantastic year in Foundation!

  **Mr Aldred, Ms Schmidt and Miss Cake**