**GRADE 2 NEWS...**

**WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3!**

We are all looking forward to a busy Term 3 with lots of fun and interesting activities planned!

Dates for the calendar:
- Thursday 28th July: Japan Day
- Friday 5th August: Olympics Opening Ceremony
- Thursday 18th August: Junior Athletics Day

**CAFE READING...**

Students are in a great routine with their Daily 3 reading in the mornings. They demonstrate independence, an increasing ability to read for a sustained period of time, and gain a lot of enjoyment from both partner reading and Sunshine Online.

Every student in Grade 2 should still be reading aloud to an adult as part of their home reading routine. This is still so important, regardless of reading level, in order to develop decoding and comprehension skills, and expand vocabulary.

Remember to discuss your child’s CAFE Focus card with them before reading and to support them with recording daily reading in folder (even if it’s a book chosen from home or the library). Thanks

**COSTUME for Japanese Day...**

We are looking forward to participating in a range of activities next week to enhance students’ learning about Japan and its culture. As mentioned in ‘What’s Happening’ this week, students can come dressed in something that relates to Japan. Their costume can be as simple as wearing red and white for the colours of the national flag.

**INQUIRY THEMES...**

Our themes for this term are, ‘The Olympics’ and ‘WaterWorks’. Both units will provide fantastic opportunities to integrate a broad range of curriculum areas while investigating some interesting and important key concepts.

**ROTATIONS...**

The Grade 2s continue to show lots of enthusiasm when participating in rotation activities every Friday. This is a fabulous opportunity for the children to work with each other in different groups, with different teachers, and learn a variety of skills. Our current rotations include Book Creator (iPad app) with Shape, Location (using grid references), Student Wellbeing, Resilience and Social Skills (MYTERN), and STEM-focused activities.

**MATHS...**

Our Maths topics this term include:
- Money, Data and Graphs,
- Opportunities to explore measurement, count money, and calculate change at home and when shopping, would be a terrific way to consolidate learning, along with Mathletics and relevant apps.

Thank you for your support!

The Grade 2 Team:
Sally, Michelle, Ryan, Emma and Taylor.

**WRITING...**

We are continuing to learn about and implement a new approach to writing called ‘VOICES’. This Term, students will be learning to write information reports and poetry.

A range of spelling activities will be provided to build knowledge of spelling patterns and common words.