



Foundation Newsletter Term 3, 2017

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you've all had a wonderful break!

Foundation dates to remember:

24-28th July - Maths Week

Tues 1st Aug – 100 Days of Prep

Wed 16th Aug- Whole School
Concert Rehearsal; Concert Night
at the Palais

Thu 17th Aug - Curriculum Day

4-8th Sept - STEAM Week

Wed 6th Sep - Foundation
Transport Incursion

Thur 21st Sep - Footy Day

Fri 22nd Sep - Last day of term 3,
2:30pm dismissal

REMINDERS

Absences

Please ensure you send a note, email to your class teacher or log in the



Skoolbag app if your child has been away or intends to be away (e.g. an appointment)

Literacy Groups– All Foundation classes will not be running Literacy Groups the week of the Concert (14-18th Aug)

Due to Incursions and special days teachers may also cancel Literacy Groups for particular weeks.

**Our School website has copies of all important notices and dates.

**Please let your class teacher know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending the school concert at the Palais on the evening of Wednesday 16th August.

****A reminder that we have a nut free policy across the school!**

CAFE:

Our weekly class CAFÉ focuses for this term are:

*E - Tune into interesting words

*C - Find differences between imaginative (fiction) and informative (non fiction) books

*A - Cross Checking: Does it look right? Sound right? Make sense?

*A - Skip a word and then come back

*F - Voracious Reading and *Reading Behaviour* – I can choose a 'just right book'

*C - I can locate important information in the text (fiction)

*C - I can retell the story using text features (characters and events) and sequence main events

*A – I can blend two/three sounds to make a word (onset & rime)

*C - I can make connections with the text (self)

*F – I change my voice when there are talking marks

Writing:

Late last term all students were tested on the 32 most common words used in writing. We are calling them their "Wonder Words". This term students will complete activities in class to help them learn the correct spelling. This is individualised and students will work through the words that they specifically need to learn, at their own pace.

Maths:

We have just completed pre testing and started our next topic: Measurement (Length, Capacity and Mass). Please look out for our Maths Newsletter for more information about this term!

We will also have a description of what our Maths Groups are covering each week on our Foundation Noticeboard (outside the Foundation Building).

Inquiry/STEAM:

This term our topic is Transport. We will look at air, road and water transport. Students will also learn about train safety and have a visit from Metro Trains. An exciting incursion is also lined up where the children will drive around the basketball court in custom made electric cars whilst obeying road signs! We will be looking at how things move and are built. Students will put this into action designing their own cars during STEAM Week.

Social Skills:

YOU CAN DO IT - This term we will be incorporating the "You Can Do It" program into our classrooms. The program includes the five foundations:

- **Confidence** (academic, social)
- **Persistence**
- **Organisation**
- **Getting along**
- **Emotional resilience.**



Lessons and activities are designed to teach students a positive mindset for academic achievement, positive relationships and emotional well-being. Students learn to eliminate the negative mindset that leads to poor social-emotional development and school performance.

Home Reading:

It is important that the children continue to read the books in their reading bag every night and practise the words on their word lists/spelling lists. Remember to ask your child a few questions about what they have read to ensure that they understand the book. If they come to a word that they don't know, try to avoid filling the gap for them straight away. Encourage them to use their strategies; look at the picture, stretch the word out, look for small words inside big words, read past the word to see if that helps. If your child reads a word incorrectly ask them "Does that sound right?" "Does that look right?" "Does that make sense?"

Please refer to the information sheets (in purple magazine holder outside Ms Sell's room) for other helpful hints!

Please look out for the new Term 3 Reading Log format. Further information can be found in your child's reader.

Corridor Helpers:

If you find your grade has lots of helpers and finishes completing the students quickly it would be great if you could assist other classes in the corridor finish their reading. It is never fun or easy being the only parent helper for an entire class.

Library Borrowing:

Miss Smith is very happy to be back into the Library for her computer/library lessons and borrowing has now begun! Please ensure your child has a clearly named library bag to keep their book safe.

Monday: FS Tuesday: FB, FT, FD Wednesday: FM

Seesaw:

If you haven't already, please log in to Seesaw to check out your child's profile! If you are having any difficulty, please see your classroom teacher.

Collection of Foundation Students:

We have some very competent and confident students who now have a 'meeting spot' within the school, e.g. a tree, the slide etc. If you and your child are ready for this please chat to your class teacher to let them know, ensure your child knows the spot well and remind them to return to their teacher immediately if you are not there.

Lunchtime Groups:

We are very lucky to have some great Clubs on offer this term for our Foundation students.

Tuesday: Lego and Dress Up Club AND Games/Chess/Quiet reading in the Library

Friday: Gardening Club

Uniforms:

We no longer have any spare underwear and uniforms for students who have 'accidents' at school. If your child borrows some of these please ensure that they are washed and returned to school as soon as possible. It is always a great idea to keep some spare underwear, socks and pants in their bag, just in case!

Please ensure your child is wearing their full uniform to school. As the weather is a bit chilly you may also like to pack a named navy jacket and hat.

School Nurse:

Our School Nurse Dani will be visiting later this term. Look out for information and forms that went home this week. Please return by Thursday 27th July.

National Water Week Poster Competition

Please download the entrance form and read further information on our school website, under Foundation. Entries close Friday 1st September.

Thank you,

Jackie, Caz, Brianna, Ash and Lauren

