

What's happening in Levels 1 and 2?

Term 4 already! How quickly the year has gone! The children are settling into familiar routines and are enjoying playing with their classmates and friends.

This promises to be a very busy term. As well as our classroom activities, we have a wonderful excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium and whole-school events such as the School Fete and Carols Night. There are so many things to look forward to!

Our topic this term is Water Works.



Level 1 and 2 classes will be finding out all about water. One of the highlights will be an excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium. There will also be an incursion "Hands on Science" Water as a Resource. Further details to follow.

October and November is a very busy time in the classrooms with assessment being carried out throughout these months, often individually. Please keep this in mind when planning holidays or family outings and let your child's teacher know when they will be absent.

Reading for meaning

The children are being encouraged at school to re-read to improve their reading fluency and to discuss what they've read to check comprehension. This needs to be continued when they are reading at home in order to maintain the improvement they're all showing.

Tips to encourage independence in children.

**** Encourage resilience by remaining positive when discussing school issues. Suggest strategies that will help your child approach difficult social issues with confidence.**



REMINDERS:

Could you please send a box of tissues to school this term?

Thank you.

Take-home books

Some of the children are forgetting to bring their take-home books to school every day. Please sign the Reading Record book when your child has read to you and remind your child to put them back in their schoolbags when they have read them. Although children can read independently and confidently, it is essential to continue to listen to reading for correct pronunciation and fluency.

It's very important that these routines are kept up during this final term in order to consolidate this year's learning.

iPads

Please make sure that you regularly check your child's iPad. Some iPads are very full and no more photos can be taken. Please delete old photos etc. as they do take up space.

No Hats No Play!

Remember that our Sun Smart policy was re-activated on the first day of Spring. It is compulsory for all of the children to wear hats in the playground. Please check that all hats are clearly labelled.

You may choose to send sunscreen to school with your child. If so, they must be able to apply it by themselves. Applying a strong sunscreen before leaving home is a good idea when we have very sunny days.

We encourage the children to drink lots of water in the hot weather. For this reason, they need to have a labelled drink bottle to bring into the classroom for easy access.

This is probably a good time to check labels on windcheaters and bomber jackets too. As the weather warms up, these are more likely to be left somewhere and they can quickly be returned to the owner if they are labelled clearly.

THANK YOU

Again, a big thank you to those who assist us with Literacy and in particular to our Class Ambassador. We really appreciate your help.

We're looking forward to a productive and very busy Term 4.

Dates to Remember!!

Hands On Science Incursion
**Tues, Wed, Thurs, October 30th,
31st and November 1st**

Melbourne Aquarium
Monday November 26th

Carols Night
Wednesday December 5th



Enjoy Term 4 from the Level 1 / 2 Team.

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