

Room 1 Newsletter

Term 2 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you all enjoyed the holiday break. We have had a busy and enjoyable start to the new term. This past week has been all about celebrating mums! We hope all the mums like their card and gift made at school. Lots of thought and love certainly went into making them!

We have had a smooth start to the term and the class are working and getting along well together. We have welcomed a new Reception student into our class. His name is Matthew and everyone has been doing a great job helping him settle in.

Our class have cooked in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and worked out in the garden this week and will do so again in Week 7. This has been a wonderful opportunity to learn some new skills in the kitchen and out in the garden and to taste test their efforts. We are putting together recipes books with the recipes made in the kitchen, which the students will get to take home and share with you.

There is a **term overview** containing detailed information about what will be covered this term attached.

We are encouraging growing independence in all students. This means learning to organise and care for their belongings. You can help your child develop these skills by allowing them to carry their own bags to and from school, unpack and pack their bags at home and at



Room 1 learning about 2D and 3D shapes in Maths

school and bring in the things they need for the day by themselves.

Students from Pod 2a (Year 5/6's), also known as our **Big Buddies** join us every morning to listen to reading. We also meet with our Big Buddies every Wednesday afternoon in the library to borrow interest books for our morning reading sessions and to work on special activities. Our students really enjoy the time they spend with their Big Buddies and some great friendships are starting to form!

We spoke about the benefits of joining **Class Dojo** during interviews with many of you and if you haven't already joined we strongly encourage you to do so. We try to post photos most weeks and it is a easy way for you to keep in touch.

Just a reminder that students are expected to wear **hats** for all outside activities and we would really appreciate your support in ensuring your child has a hat and it is clearly named.

Head lice, unfortunately, go hand in hand with children-or more accurately head to head! Please

be vigilant about checking your child's hair regularly and treating where necessary. Do also let one of us know so a note can be sent home to other parents. Confidentiality is assured.

With the colder weather approaching and the inevitable coughs and colds we tend to go through a lot of tissues. The donation of a box of tissues to our class from each family is much appreciated.

If your child is away from school for any reason, please remember to write a note in their Boomerang Book when they return, let us know via Class Dojo or give the school a call.

Premier's Reading Challenge continues this term. Please take the time to read the library books your child borrows to them and record the details on the form. It is a truly worthwhile experience and we strongly encourage you to participate in this with your child. If you have misplaced your form let us know via the boomerang book and we can send a new one home.

Fridays are our **library borrowing** day. Please remind

your child to bring their book bag and to return the book from the previous week.

Student **topic talks** have started with hearing all about school holidays. A note with this terms topics was sent home in Week 1. As well as having a topic each week we also focus on asking questions during this time to practice drawing out more detail from the speaker. Thank you to everyone for your input and support in helping your child to plan and prepare for their news day. It makes a big difference when children have given some thought to what they want to say.

Please remember if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to speak to one of us. We will be more than happy to help.

Kind regards,

Lily and Donna.

*Room 1
Assembly*

Week 9 is when our class take their turn leading assembly