

Welcome to Term 3, 2017

We're Going Back To School



Monday July 24th

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school for the start of Term 3. We hope you have enjoyed restful and enjoyable holidays with your children and that all families are ready to begin another busy term. Students certainly seem happy and excited to be back, with stories to tell and holiday tales to share with the class.

This term students in the Speech and Language class will continue to participate in Cooking lessons every second even week, Swimming on Mondays, an excursion to the SAPOL Road Safety School in week 2, Street Smart incursion from the RAA, and Road Safety lessons. As we were not able to arrange for a Police Officer to visit our class last term, this incursion will now take place this term instead.

Although these reminders were sent home at the start of last term, it is evident that it would be useful to remind families again:

- **Morning Talk topics for Term 3** are stapled to the inside covers of student's diaries. Please check for weekly topics and check for your child's designated day. As part of the oral language program, all students are expected to prepare and present a Morning Talk each week. While most students are well-prepared, some continue to require frequent reminders.
- **Weekend News** – Please continue to support your child by having a brief chat about the weekend's activities followed by a few notes written in the *Weekend News* book. These notes are particularly useful in supporting students to remember and share news with the class. They are also helpful for Lorraine and I, when helping children with recount writing.

- **Library bags** for library borrowing, this term on Thursdays. Students will need a library bag if they wish to borrow books from the library.
- **Homework** – sound books, sight word books, take-home readers, speech homework. Please ensure students' Reader Folders and Diaries come to school each day and Speech books come to school each Tuesday when Cathy is in the class. Please also check for notes and/or written communications in diaries each day.
- **Swimming** – each Monday – except for Pupil-Free days or public holidays.
- **Fresh fruit** each day for Fruit Snack
- **Healthy Food Options** – as a class and as a school, we try to promote healthy food options in children's lunch boxes. Many students are now keen to show that they are eating less 'sometimes foods' – processed, snack foods – each day. We welcome and encourage the enthusiasm with which children are making these choices. We also thank families for supporting children to choose healthy food options.
- **Hats** – can be worn in term 3, but it is not essential.
- **Tissues** – thank you to those families who have donated tissues to the class (sometimes several boxes!). If your family has not yet donated a box of tissues to the class, we would appreciate any donations this term.

Cathy will continue to be in the class on Tuesdays and alternate Thursdays. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to call the school to speak with either of us – 8293 1863 – or write a note in your child's diary. Lorraine, Cathy and I look forward to working with you and your children for a busy term 3!

Kind regards,

Julia.

