Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is wonderful to be back at school, ready for learning in Term 3! We have an exciting time ahead of us, culminating in the School Concert at the end of the term. Prepare for singing practise, dance moves and costume creations! Here is a look at the term ahead...

**LITERACY**

During reading, teachers will continue working with students during individual conferences to develop learning goals and discuss effective reading strategies. Students will continue to develop their comprehension skills with a focus on clarifying, making inferences and summarising.

Our writing focus will be on weekend recounts, persuasive texts and explanation texts. We will continue to practise our editing skills, focusing on spelling and correct use of punctuation. Students will engage in weekly handwriting lessons to ensure correct letter formation and sizing.

**NUMERACY**

During Term 3, Grade 2 students will be developing their knowledge of multiplication and division and applying these skills to problem solving activities. Grade 1 students will be learning about repeated addition and consolidating their skip counting skills to help identify number patterns. We will also be learning about measurement - time, temperature and capacity. Grade 2's will widen this focus to also include volume and mass. Please continue to encourage your child to practise counting forwards and backwards to 100 (and beyond) and skip counting (by 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s) out loud on a regular basis. Also, please take the opportunity to ask your child to practise telling the time using analogue and digital clocks.

**DEEP LEARNING**

Our deep learning topic is ‘Weather: How Does It Impact Our Daily Lives?’. Students will study how the weather changes across the seasons and will investigate changes in the sky and landscape. Students will learn about the water cycle and the importance of this precious resource. As part of this unit, we will be having an incursion from ‘Hands-On Science’. Our school concert performance will be based on our weather unit.

**ICT**

Students will continue to use desk top computers, iPads, a range of programs and apps to enhance their learning across all areas of the curriculum. During our hourly ICT lessons we will have a focus on cybersafety throughout the term.

**HOMEWORK**

We have been very pleased that the majority of students have established a set routine for completing their homework. A maximum of **30 minutes** a day is a sufficient amount of time allocated to homework.

**Reading**: Please remember to complete the yellow reading journal each night. The journal helps us to ensure that students are practising their reading strategies, especially reading with fluency and expression.

**Spelling**: Students will continue to receive weekly spelling words. Due to swimming this term, it may be necessary for your class to change its day for testing words. You will be advised by your classroom teacher of any changes.

**Mathletics**: Students will continue to complete tasks set by the teacher. These tasks should be completed by each Friday. If your child is unable to do Mathletics tasks at home, there is time available each Tuesday at lunchtime in the computer lab.
Reminder: Homework books go home each Monday and need to be returned to school every Friday. Knowledge books go home every Friday with a sample piece of work. This is to be returned to school every Monday.

Sample Homework Plan

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<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Reading (10-15 minutes)</th>
<th>Spelling (5-10 minutes)</th>
<th>Mathletics (minimum 10 minutes)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Home reading to an adult</td>
<td>Complete spelling activities LSCWC*</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Home reading to an adult</td>
<td>Complete second attempt of LSCWC</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Home reading to an adult</td>
<td>Work on set maths task</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Home reading to an adult</td>
<td>Complete final attempt of LSCWC</td>
<td>Work on set maths task</td>
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<td>Home reading to an adult</td>
<td>Spelling test at school</td>
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INDIVIDUAL LEARNING GOALS

Students will continue to develop their own personal Numeracy, Writing and Reading learning goals. This term the student’s Individual Learning Goal will come from their Term 2 report. Learning goals are recorded in each student’s Learning Goal book and reviewed throughout the term.

SWIMMING

Swimming commences in the first week of the term, starting Friday 17th July. The timetable for each class is:
- 9:20am - 1M
- 10:00am - 1R
- 10:40am - 2T
- 11:20am - 2I
- 12 noon - 2N
- 12:40pm - 1G

As there is only enough space for six classes, Grade 1Y will be attending swimming in Term 4 (with the Prep grades). Each Grade will leave school 20 minutes before their swimming time to change.

Please email/contact your child’s teacher if you are able to assist (you must have a ‘Working With Children Check’ to assist at swimming).

IMPORTANT: Please make sure that final payment is made by Friday 24th July.

REMINDERS

- **Fruit break**: Please provide your child with a piece of fresh fruit or sliced vegetables in a small container to eat during the day.
- As we have children in our school with life threatening allergies to nuts, please ensure your child does not bring any nuts or nut products (Such as Peanut Butter or Nutella) in their daily lunch.
- Children are not permitted inside the school building before school to hang up their bags.
- School begins at 8:45am each day. Please make sure that your child is at school on time.
- Appropriate school uniform and shoes to be worn at all times.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Swimming commences Friday, 17th July for all classes, except Grade 1Y.
- **Parent Teacher Interviews** Tuesday 28th July (2.30pm-6.50pm) and Thursday 30th July (3.40pm-6.50pm).
- **School Photos** Tuesday 11th August (Week 5).
- **Incursion** ‘Hands On Science! Weather and Water Cycle’, Wednesday, 12th August and Thursday, 13th August (Week 5).
- **School Concert** Wednesday, 16th September and Thursday 17th September (Week 10).
- **End Term 3** Friday, 18th September (Early dismissal).
- **Term 4 commences** Monday, 5th October for teachers (NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL). Tuesday, 6th October (STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL).

Please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher if you have any queries throughout the term.

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