Dear Parents

Hello and welcome to Term 2 in Mackillop. We hope everyone had a happy Easter and restful holiday.

Thank you for a lovely first term. The children have all settled beautifully and are making significant gains academically and socially.

CURRICULUM

Religious Education: The children are learning about Creation this term and how to care for God’s world. The children are all very keen to take an active role in Mass and will have opportunities each term. Please come and support them.

Literacy: Reading, writing and oral language continue each morning. The Speech-Sound Program we are using is supporting the children in reading, spelling and their writing. This term we will also focus on writing recounts and story retells.

Maths: This term we will continue to develop the children’s understanding of number and place value. Each week the children will continue to have a measurement activity so you can support this at home with concepts of time, money, length, mass and capacity.

Physical Education: Miss Pearson will continue to take the class for regular Phys-Ed and games sessions on Mondays. Please return the Sports Training Excursion Form to ensure your child is able to participate in all Phys-Ed sessions.

Music: music will continue to include a range of rhythm activities, singing, instrumental performance and movement.

LOTE: The children show great interest and enjoyment in learning a second language. This term will see some Chinese conversation, counting and instructions.
OTHER ITEMS

Uniform: Please ensure your child's name is labelled on their uniforms. This includes shoes, hats and jumpers.

Parent Helpers: We continue to invite parents to help within our classroom and school. If you wish to be involved, please make a time with the teacher or through the office to discuss.

Show & Tell: Next week we will begin Show & Tell. It is a great opportunity for children to practice their oral presentation skills. Below you will find our Show & Tell roster for the term.

Mondays: Josh, Tiannah, Angus
Tuesdays: Chase, Lachlan, Ava, Mia
Wednesdays: Jas W, Jas E, Lucas, Allaura
Thursdays: Jorja, Lani, Doug, Alfred
Fridays: Seb, Dom, Asha, Kahlee

Homework: We will begin our home reading program this term. Three home reading books will go home every Monday afternoon and returned every Monday morning. Inside the front cover of your child's home reading folder, you will find 'home reading tips' and on the back cover will be a record sheet with space for parent comments and signature. If your child's reading folder is currently at home, please bring it into school as soon as possible.

This Term, we will also be sending home a Take Home Goal Book. Inside will be a list of words your child is working on in class. Any help at home will aide them in achieving their goal of learning all 77 Duck Level words. Inside the front cover you will find instructions and tips. This book will be sent home/returned with your child’s home reading folder.

Maths homework is optional, with new work being set when each page is completed. Many children are motivated and enjoy these activities.

Library: We will continue to visit the Library on Wednesdays. Children are able to borrow two books each week so long as they return their books from the previous week.

Here’s to another fantastic term!

Regards, Peter May & Jamee Royce