Welcome back to our final term of school for 2013. It is hard to believe that the students have almost completed their first year of school. What a wonderful time we have had so far with more fun and learning to come in the last couple of months.

In the Classroom

This term our topic is ‘Let’s Be Creative’ with a focus on Design and Technology. We investigate the properties of different materials, the language to describe those materials and the reasons why certain materials are chosen to make or create different things. Included in this unit is an investigation into moving images and finally the creation of our own movie. And of course, it’s coming up to that time of year. Yes, Christmas is just around the corner and in the last couple of weeks we will incorporate some Christmas activities into our program.

Hats

Don’t forget that in Term 4 it is compulsory for all students to wear their hats. Please make sure that their hats are named and come to school each day. There will be no borrowing spare hats due to health issues. If they have not brought their hat they will be asked to play under shelter near the office area.

Swimming

With summer around the corner and water safety paramount, we thought this term would be a great time for a swim! Our swimming program will run from Monday 11th November until Friday 15th November at the Croydon Leisure & Aquatic Centre from 1:30 – 2:15 pm. We will require a lot of parent assistance so please keep an eye out for our Parent Helper Swimming Roster closer to the date. More information regarding swimming will be sent home in week 3.
**PARENT HELPERS**

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered their time helping in the classroom. We are very grateful for any assistance parents are able to offer as it makes a huge difference to the classroom program. We still require parent helpers during the day so if you are able to spare an hour or so please see your classroom teacher.

**XMAS T-SHIRTS**

One of our favourite Christmas activities is making our Christmas t-shirts. Parents are asked to buy a plain white t-shirt for their child to decorate. Later on in the Term a note will come home requesting you to pick a time and a day where you can come in, sit with your child and help them decorate their t-shirt. We will supply the decorations and the fabric paint and you just need to supply the t-shirt. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to spend time one on one with your child. If you are unable to come at all, you are welcome to ask a Grandparent or special friend if they would like to come in and assist. The students will wear their t-shirts to our Christmas Carols night where they will perform a couple of Christmas songs.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

On Monday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} December, we will be having our Warranwood Christmas Celebrations where parents and friends are invited to come and get into the Christmas spirit by having a picnic and joining in with the students while they sing some Christmas carols. Each year level will also perform a couple of songs, which we practice during the term. Come along and get excited about Christmas!

**SPRING FAIR**

Not long to go!

Just a reminder that the Spring Fair is fast approaching. Make sure you keep Sunday 27th October from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm free. This year the Prep stall involves selling tickets throughout the day for the rides. There are a few booths to be manned and we are still looking for help. It would be fantastic if you would be able to donate your time to help in one of the booths. Please see Jenny Brown or Shannon Newman or complete the form that was sent home at the end of Term 3 and return to Dee, Yvonne or Jacquie as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far. Spring Fair is always a great day and a fantastic opportunity to have a day out with the family as well as raise money for the school. Don’t forget to invite friends and family. The more the merrier!!

**PREP CONCERT**

The Preps are very excited as they begin preparation for their prep concert. The concert will be held on Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} November in the Performing Arts Room. Prep RD will start at 5:30 pm and Prep DC will follow, starting at 6:30 pm. This year they are performing a re-enactment of a favourite fairytale, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. As always the talented Mrs O’Leary will alter the script to allow everyone to have an opportunity to speak. The Preps have been given a script and allocated a part and we would really appreciate it if the parents would go through the script with their child and help them with their line or lines. We are looking forward to a fantastic production.
FOOTY DAY

The traditional Warranwood Footy day was another great success. Our preps enjoyed being escorted around the variety of activities throughout the morning by their buddies. Footy day lunch orders were enjoyed with the smell of meat pies and hot dogs lingering in the classroom. If you get a chance come and have a look at the football jumpers hanging up. You might recognize some players!

PORTFOLIOS

Thank you to everyone who has returned your child’s portfolio. It was great to read all of the encouraging and heartfelt comments about your child’s progress. It makes the students feel very proud of their work and encourages them to continue to try their best.

JUNIOR GYM

We will continue our Junior Gym program this term. Each Wednesday we will complete some fun activities in the hall. We use this program to provide some additional physical activity for the students and to help develop their gross motor skills. We are lucky to have a new group of Year 6s along with Rod Neal to help us run the session.

SIGHT WORDS

We will continue testing sight words each week, however there are occasions where other tasks take priority and we will be unable to test them for that week. Please be patient and if your child has not had their words changed, continue to test them on all of the ones they have. If they know their words perfectly, give them a little spelling test or get them to put their words into a sentence.

CONNECT GROUPS

Connect groups will continue to run this term, providing the students with different activities ranging from cooperative learning and role plays to drawing and creative construction. The students have been enjoying visiting other classrooms and getting to know not only students in Year 1/2 but also different teachers.
EXCURSION TO COLLINGWOOD CHILDREN’S FARM AND HAYS PADDOCK

A wonderful excursion was had by all. We started off having morning tea and were taken for a tour around the farm by a couple of the farmers. The students were able to milk a cow, pat goats, horses, chickens and guinea pigs. After having our lunch we left for Hay’s Paddock where the children enjoy playing on the fabulous playground. Finally we returned to school with some very tired little people. Thank you to the parents who came along with us on the day.

PREP WIKI

I hope you are all enjoying viewing the Prep Wiki. We will continue to update the Wiki with information and pictures at least once a month, so keep your eye out to see what’s happening in the classroom. We will also include the occasional link to YouTube videos of various Prep performances and activities. The videos on YouTube have been protected with a non-listing selection, therefore the only people able to view the videos are those who have access to our Prep Wiki. If you are having any problems accessing the Wiki please speak to your classroom teacher. It is a learning curve for many of us!

TERM 4 Diary Dates

October
Monday 7th October – Term 4 starts
Sunday 27th October
11:00 am – 5:00 pm – Spring Fair

November
Tuesday 5th November – Cup Day
(No school)
Monday 11th November – Friday 15th
November
Prep Swimming

Monday 25th November – Prep Concert
RD: 5:30 pm and DC 6:30 pm

December
Monday, 2nd December – Whole School Christmas Celebration

Tuesday 10th December – Whole School Transition

Friday 13th December – Reports and Portfolios home to parents

End of Term 4

Friday 20th December 2:00pm - Final assembly in the court yard for a 2:30 dismissal

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. We are all looking forward to another busy and exciting term. Don’t forget to come and see us if you have any further questions.