Welcome back
Welcome back after what we hope was a restful and relaxing break with your families. Congratulations on making it to the final term of the year. Term 4 will be jammed pack full of learning and fun.

Hats
Finally the sun is starting to shine so don’t forget that in Term 4 it is compulsory for all students to wear their school hats. Please ensure that students’ hats are named and that they accompany your child to school each day. There will be no loaning out of spare hats due to health issues. If students have not brought their hat they will be asked to play under shelter near the office area - which is still a fun place to be but not ideal!

Swimming
With warmer weather and summer holidays around the corner water safety is paramount. Therefore this term is a great time for swimming lessons! Our swimming program will run from Monday 17th October until Friday 21th October at Aquanation in Ringwood from 1:30 – 2:15pm. As a new recommendation in our Child Wise procedure, all parent helpers will require a volunteer’s Working With Children Check in order to assist us in the change rooms at the swimming pools and all official parent helpers have been notified of this. All other family and friends are very welcome to come along and watch the fantastic swimming that will be on show by the Prep students and perhaps see a new Olympic star in the making.
Term 3 Highlights

Science Day!

Footy Day!

100 Day Party!

Wacky Wednesday!
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. Connect groups activities provide hands on learning which incorporate our whole school wellbeing focus and school values of RUIn (Respect, Understanding and Integrity). The students have been enjoying visiting other classrooms and getting to know not only students in Year 1/2 but also different teachers. We will be having a special Connect Group Maths Day this term which will be lots of fun and will allow students to experience working as a team to collect clues and solve problems.

Christmas Celebrations

On Monday 5th December we will be having our annual Warranwood Christmas Celebration night 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 all sing some Christmas songs and be merry! Each year level will perform a couple of songs, which we will practise during the term. We are looking forward to seeing you all there and there may be a surprise guest coming along to join us also!

Christmas T-shirts

One of our absolute favourite Christmas activities is making our Christmas t-shirts. 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 to assist. The students get to wear their fabulous t-shirts to our Christmas Celebration night.
Parent Helpers

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered their time helping in the classroom. You are all fabulous and we really appreciate any assistance parents are able to offer as it makes a huge difference to the classroom program. **We still require parent helpers during Term 4** so if you are able to spare an hour or so please see your classroom teacher.

Junior Gym

The Preps have been thoroughly enjoying their Junior Gym sessions this year with the help of our amazing Senior School students. In Term 4 we will be joined by the year 1 students and teachers and this will form a part of our transition program. We will all come together to participate in weekly Junior Gym sessions on a Friday afternoon. This will be a time where students from both year levels can become familiar with each other to help with a smooth transition for the following year and of course enjoy the fun and games of the Junior Gym activities together.

Prep Production

The students are very excited as they begin preparation for their very own Production!! The performances will be held on Wednesday 16th November, with more details to come out closer to the date. This year’s production is based on three well-known Pamela Allen stories. Students have already been given a script and allocated a part so please go through their lines with them and share in the exciting lead up to this magnificent event.
Think and Wonder, Wonder and Think!

Our Term 4 focus on Think and Wonder, Wonder and Think is encourage students to explore how they impact the environment and what they can do to sustain it for every living thing. There will be a strong literacy focus using the exciting stories and ideas from the Dr Seuss books. Students will also participate in real-life maths and science investigations. Throughout the term all of our thinking and wondering will link back to the environment and the world around us.

Take Home Words and Readers

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 or type them using a computer.

Just a reminder to also continue reading with your child every day. Please record the book they read in their yellow diaries. If you find the book your child has chosen is too hard, read it to them first and then see if they can recognize some sight words. Remember to make it an enjoyable experience.
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