Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our information evening. If you were unable to attend your child will bring home a copy of their Investigation Roster and an overview of the work we will be covering this term as well as a few helpful reminders.

Tomorrow the Foundation children and Level 2 students will be watching a performance, *Amy’s Amazing Adventures*. The show will run for 45 minutes and explores topics such as the importance of telling the truth, helping people and developing acceptable manners. The show also includes several songs and demonstrates how acceptable behaviour can enhance relationships with others. On Monday we will be watching the show, *Lazy Town*, designed to inspire children to be healthy and active. Both performances will provide many opportunities for discussions in and out of class.

**Excursion/Levy Forms:** Please return these forms tomorrow as, without consent, your child will not be able to attend the performances.

**Reading:** We have been looking carefully at people’s names and titles of books. We are learning to distinguish between words and letters and have used our names and book titles to develop these understandings. If you read a story at home you might like to look at the title, identify the number of words and discuss some of the letters e.g. ‘the letter A is in your name’.

Please continue to read bedtime stories to your children. One of the most important aspects of our literacy programme is to develop a love of literature. There’s nothing better than having a story read to you by Mum, Dad, Grandma, Grandad or someone special in your life!

We are discussing classroom expectations, such as, “we will listen’, “we will be safe” and “we will show respect”. As part of being respectful we instil the virtue of respecting one another, whether they are a teacher or student. Saying “please” and “thankyou” are all parts of demonstrating respect to each other.

School is a busy, exciting, but understandably, a very tiring environment. Please try to keep after school activities to a minimum to allow your child time to rest and recharge, ready for the next busy school day. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has some informative articles called *Prep for Parents* that provides hints, tips and advice about your child’s first year at school, such as emotions your child might be experiencing as they settle into their new learning environment. For more information please visit [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/p4pprevious.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/p4pprevious.aspx)

**Lost Property:** is located in the Multipurpose Centre. We have a small tub of unclaimed items in the Infant Hall next to the Communication Board. If these items are not claimed after one week they will be taken to Lost Property.
Morning Drop off: Now that the Foundation children are familiar with lining up on their classroom dots when the bell rings we would appreciate if your child came into the Infant Hall by him/herself. Please say your goodbyes in the yard. This makes the separation process much easier for all children. It also develops independence so that your child can put their bag in their locker independently and come into class confidently.

Help Required: Would any parents be able to help us with some admin tasks that could be worked on at home? The tasks include, covering books, sticking names onto folders etc? Please see us if you have some spare time next week.

Donations/Materials needed

Washed plastic lids or containers

Small items for our making table e.g. little boxes, paper plates, straws

Small scraps of material

Kind regards

Jen, Connie, Pippa and Pauline

The Foundation Teachers