

YEAR 1 BULLETIN

Dates to Remember

- Friday 1st December - Swimming commences
- Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th December- Swimming
- Friday 8th December - Beebots Incursion (please pay via Compass)
- Monday 11th - 15th December - Swimming continues
- Monday 18th December - Curriculum Day
- Friday 22nd December - Term 4 ends

Library Bags

We are still experiencing a high number of students not bringing their library bags, therefore not returning books. Please remind the students to bring their library bags on Friday's. The other downside to not bringing library bags is the children's take home books do not get changed. As mentioned in this bulletin, reading with your child at home is vital. To ensure that this is continued, students do need to change their take home books to experience a range of different texts and help develop them as readers.

This week we have been learning about...

Writing

This week we are starting to focus on completing a whole piece of writing, and turning it into a picture book. This involves students to write a story, edit their work, illustrate their book and type it up on the computer. This will then be bound into a book for them to keep as their own to share with others. We will be continuing this over the coming weeks.

Maths

This week we are continuing to go back and think about ways of ordering numbers and measurement by asking the question "what is a number line?" The students thought about different number lines they see in our classroom and in the community which may not have necessarily been thought about previously. Students created their own number line to help assist them with simple addition and subtraction problems by counting on from different numbers. We have now extended this and began to use our number line for different strategies in counting including "if I have 68, how many to 100". Students are then asked to show their answer and provide reasoning on why they chose that answer.

Investigations

With only a few more sessions of investigations left, we would like to thank all of the parents who have come in (some more than once) to assist in enriching the program for our students and aiding with the smooth running of new areas. This has been very valuable to us and we really appreciate it. Furthermore, thank you to those parents who have completed the WOW outside of Pauline's class. This has provided us with some very valuable insights into the program and ways in which we can look to improve for 2018.

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What you can do at home....

On Monday, Larissa (our learning specialist) came into 1C to help create a tool for students to use in the classroom to assist with counting and solving simple addition and subtraction problems. The students were to create their own number line using pony beads and a shoe lace. The beads would then provide them with a concrete material to manipulate and move beads in order to form numbers. The line of beads was formed using 120 beads (60 one colour, 60 another) and placed on the lace 10 at a time alternating in colour. This would then represent units of 10.

As these are now classroom resources, the students have voiced their interest in making these at home. If you wish to do so, here are some tips:

- Purchase a 1.5m shoe lace (Rebel sport have some great ones)
- 120 Pony beads (Spotlight)

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to talk to Jade and see some examples

Interesting reads....

Parent Engagement in Children's Learning

Parents, families, and carers are a child's first and most important teachers. The Australian Government has many initiatives and resources to help parents, schools, and communities work together to improve their child's learning. The following article summarizes parent engagement and what the Government is doing to support this.

<https://www.education.gov.au/parent-engagement-children-s-learning>

Some Housekeeping....

Parent WOW

In a hope to find out more and reflect upon our learning during investigations, we ask that parents complete the WOW located outside Pauline's room. If you have assisted in the classrooms during investigations, this would be more than helpful as an insight to our program.

Wins—any positives you have observed

Obstacles—that you may have encountered

Wonderings—that you may have about the program going forward

Swimming Reminder - Begins Friday 1st December

1K-1Z (9.30-10.10) 9 am departure

1P-1C (10.10-10.50) 9.40 departure

Please ensure that all children arrive to school **on time**, and with their bathers on ready to go.