The Drama Toolbox: The Grade 2’s participated in their first drama workshop of their 5 week ‘Social Emotional Active Learning’ program. The Grade 1’s sessions commence tomorrow.

Throughout the workshops the children will be using puppets, dramatic skills and visualisation techniques to develop their social awareness and learn about ways to manage their feelings.

Information Evening: Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our Information Evening last night. If you were unable to attend your child will bring home their Timetable, Student Learner Profile and an Article on Homework. We would appreciate it if you would return your child’s Student Learner profile to your child’s teacher tomorrow.

Below you will find some of the pertinent information from the slide show presentation which will greatly assist us.

**What you can do to help**

- Encourage your children to:
  - Bring their take home books back to school every day in their blue bag
  - Pack and unpack their own school bag
  - Look after their own belongings
  - Check their specialist timetable
  - Return notices
- Ensure your child is at school on time - if your child arrives after 9am please sign in your child at the office and then accompany your child to their classroom

**Timetable**:

- 9am - 11am:
- 11.00 - 11.30: Recess
- 11.30 - 1.30pm
- 1.30pm - 2.30pm: Lunch Play
- 2.30pm - 3.30:

**Brain Food** – a small container of vegetables or fruit is normally eaten at 10am

- Keep your child at home if they are unwell
- Absences should be entered on the school’s website or by informing the office
- Be vigilant and check for head lice on a regular basis, and notify your classroom teacher if your child has a case of head lice
- Avoid packing nuts or sesame seeds in lunches
- Involve your child in everyday reading, writing, and mathematical opportunities
Communication

- Weekly Grade 1 and 2 bulletins – via the website or the link in the school's newsletter
- Weekly school newsletter
- Tiqibi – download the app
- Classroom Reps – please contact Janine Sheean if you are willing to be the main contact for your class
- If you have an urgent message please contact the office
- Our email addresses are located on the website
- Absences should be entered on the school's website or by informing the office

Reading at Home

Please attend our Reading Information Afternoon:
When: Monday 29 February
4.00 – 4.45pm
Where: Grade 2J
(Children will be supervised in 2S)

We will discuss:
- Reading at home (to, by and with)
- Provide strategies to help you read with your child
- Blue bags/satchels are for books that can be swapped daily to read, share and enjoy at home
- Red bags/satchels are for weekly library borrowing (refer to specialist timetable)

Parent Helpers

- Parent helpers must have a WWCC

  Parent Helpers Information session: last week of Term 1
  Tuesday 22 March, 2.45 – 3.20, Venue TBC

- We are always grateful if you are able to assist with the preparation of classroom tasks and materials at home – check the bulletin!

- Library – Please see Jennie if you are able to assist

- Banking – Please contact Alison in the office if you can assist her on a Tuesday
Two great resources we referred to last night were:

- ‘What’s maths got to do with it’, a book by Jo Boaler
- 201 Literacy and Math Tips to Help Your Child, a Department of Education booklet which can be accessed via the link: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/involve/Pages/literacynum.aspx

Parent Help!

We would love some parents to make play dough if they have time over the weekend! Please see your child’s teacher if you can assist.

Donations:

Please start collecting old forks, spoons saucepan lids etc for our wonderful wind chime plans!!

Thank you

The Grade 1 & 2 Teachers

2J: Miss Johnson, 2S: Mat, 1K: Jenny and Mrs Pearse, 1P: Pippa and Mrs Pearse, 1E: Pauline