It’s Footy season again which brings footy cards. We would love your help at home to have the children understand that swapping cards means that it is a two way deal. If someone takes a card from you, they give you an agreed one in return. There have been quite a few misunderstandings.

We also need everyone to have their headphones at school to use with the computers.

**Reading:** There have been a few missing Blue Book Bags. We are encouraging the children to be responsible for looking after them. Premiers’ Reading Challenge codes have been sent home so encourage your child to get reading, great motivation.

**Mathematics:** Grade 1 are skip counting by 10’s and continuing with telling the time. Grade 2 are investigating whether a tall person can jump further than a short person.

**Term 2 levy:** There are still some forms that need to be returned please, Tri-Skills starts this Friday.

**Junior Choir:** Junior Choir has begun on Friday mornings at 8.15 in the Italian Room. This Friday is the last trial day. The first actual session is 20th May.

**Tri-Skills:** Tri-Skills starts on Friday. The children need to wear uniform that is easy to move in and girls need bike shorts under dresses. The children take their shoes and socks off.

**Request:** Grade 2 teachers would appreciate donations of 2 litre clear drink containers.

**Please find attached a home planting activity.**

Enjoy your week, from the Grade 1 and 2 Teachers.
Eggshell Planters

Eggshells are a really useful resource in the garden and can be used in a lot of beneficial ways. Ask your Kitchen Teacher to keep the larger pieces of eggshells aside during kitchen classes so you have a stock to use in the garden.

Lots of plants grow well if you plant the seeds in seedling trays or pots and then transplant them into the ground where they continue growing. However, when the part of the plant that we eat grows under the ground, like parsnip, carrot or daikon, transplanting can be challenging for the plant. One way to get around this is to plant the seed in an eggshell, then plant the whole shell into the ground.

The other types of plant that particularly benefit from being planted in eggshells are those from the Solanaceae family, because they have a high need for calcium. This family includes capsicums, chillies, eggplants and tomatoes.

Equipment:
- Rinse eggshell halves
- Metal skewers
- Spoons (that you use in the garden, not kitchen)
- Seed-raising mix
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Appropriate seeds – root vegetables or members of the Solanaceae family
- Misting/spray bottle filled with water

What to do:
1. Carefully make a good-sized hole in the bottom of each eggshell with the skewer.
2. Use spoons to fill the eggshells with seed-raising mix.
3. Place each filled eggshell back into the egg carton.
4. Place about two seeds in each eggshell – as a general rule, work out the dimensions of the seed and plant it at three times that depth.
5. Use the sprayer to moisten the soil with mist.
6. Continue to care for the growing seeds as usual. When the first true leaves appear, thin them out to leave only the strongest seedling in each eggshell.
7. When it’s time to plant them in the garden, tap the eggshell gently on a hard surface to crack it (not too much), then plant the whole eggshell seedling in the garden.