Week 4 - TERM 1

We are pleased with the way in which the children are adjusting to school routines. We appreciate your cooperation and support in the processes we have put in place. Safety is a key concern and we feel that the following will eliminate anxiety in some children as they enter the building in the morning and leave in the afternoon.

1. There appears to be a large number of parents standing behind the teachers and this can cause some children to become anxious. Overcrowding and noise can cause confusion. In order to increase a smooth transition from the dots to the classroom, we would like to suggest that parents stand at the back of the lines OR on the ‘green’.
2. We would like to remind you to not follow your child’s line up to the building’s entrance. The path becomes obstructed and children do find it difficult to enter the building safely.
3. If you choose to collect your child at 1:00pm, then you must come to the classroom. We need to cite the parent/carer before your child can leave.
4. If you leave your child at school until 2:00pm then we would like to remind you to wait outside. Your child will come to you.
5. Children cannot be collected anytime between 1:00pm and 2:00pm unless you sign your child out at the office. It is imperative that you follow this procedure for the safety of your child.

REMINDE RS – HELP NEEDED
Your help is vital link in the smooth running of our programs. There is an abundance of research emphasising the importance in promoting children to explore the outside environment. Our garden beds are essential in promoting children’s connectedness to their environment.
PLEASE HELP to get our garden beds to a state where children can plant and help nurture the plants to fruition.

Our fish are popular amongst the children. We do anticipate that new animal visitors will be introduced to our Investigations space.
PLEASE HELP clean our fish tank! We do want our fish to continue to swim in their tank but they do need our help to improve their ‘home’.

Expectations – The Schoolbag
As discussed in our Information Session we feel that encouraging your child to be independent will lead to the development of many other skills and behaviours necessary to succeed at school. Allowing your child to pack his/her own bag promotes organisation, responsibility and an ‘I can do it’ attitude. This will enable your child to learn to:

- Fit items into the bag and to know what is in his/her bag
- Hand important things to the teacher, such as notes and the bankbook
- (Banking is on Tuesday)
- Give you important things such as an invitation to the ‘Prep Cocktail Party’
Central Idea: I Belong
In order for children to grasp the idea of ‘I belong’ we have been focussing our learning on exploring ‘Who am I?’ and ‘How do we get along?’. Many real life situations have enabled us to have discussions about expressing feelings, making friends and resolving conflict. These discussions are essential to promoting positive wellbeing.
Our Investigation sessions are integral to learning about ‘me’ and ‘belonging’. Children will be encouraged to talk about or bring something of interest in to share with the class. This will begin in March and a roster will be sent home shortly indicating the days your child will be the ‘focus’ child.

Enjoy your week!

The Prep Team
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