Yesterday the students participated in a fantastic Harmony Day. They performed the Pinocchio song beautifully and had the opportunity to perform some traditional Chinese dancing, which included some martial arts movements. Thank you to all the parents for the wonderful variety of food that you provided for the children to taste. There were lots of discussions about the origins of food and the cultural significance attached to them.

**Reading**

We have had some parents ask about when the children will be starting ‘readers’. We have not given children ‘readers’ as yet for very specific reasons. We are committed to educating children and the decisions we make are not based on opinion but on grounded research. Therefore, in preparation of introducing the little books your child will bring home next term, we strongly recommend that you read the following article (right click on the link below) and begin to rethink the purpose of these little books. We would also like you to consider the language you use when referring to books – as teachers, we refer to the child as the reader and what is read as books.

http://splash.abc.net.au/newsandarticles/blog/-/b/1757379/ditch-the-home-readers-real-books-are-better-for-your-child

**Reading Information Evening – Tuesday 19th April**

7:00pm-7:45pm

As indicated at the Prep Information Evening in February, there will be an information session on **Tuesday 19 April** from 7:00pm-7:45pm, where we will discuss our reading program. We strongly recommend that you attend this session.

The holidays are a wonderful opportunity to visit your local Library. We encourage you to continue sharing books with your child to promote an appreciation and love of literature.

**End of Term Whole School Dismissal – 2:30pm**

Today there is a whole school assembly at 1:45pm in the MPC. Following this, the students will be dismissed from the Infant Hall at 2:30pm. Any child who is not picked up at this time will go to After School Care.

*Have a safe, fun and enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to seeing you back in Term 2.*

Prep Team
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