Next week we will begin to explore our new unit of inquiry – *The seasons affect how our world works*. Students will discuss what the seasons are, why we have seasons and what the seasons affect. There will be lots of interesting discussions and experiences for the children to participate in over the next few weeks, including science incursions and a possible excursion. There will be more information to follow regarding the incursions and any excursions in upcoming bulletins.

**Sustainability**
In light of the new unit of inquiry that we will be investigating in the coming weeks, sustainability and our impacts on the world will be discussed. We recommend you have discussions with your children about what small difference you can at home or at school in different seasons to reduce your impact on the environment. We will be asking the children to share their ideas so we can work together to make some changes at school.

**Food for thought:**
A small change that could have a big impact on the amount of waste and rubbish at school is lunch orders. We know that ordering, receiving and enjoying a lunch order is a highlight for many students but when ordering your child’s food please be mindful of how many items and what items you are ordering. For example: recycling the paper bags used in the lunch orders is more effective than plastic containers as there are more rubbish elements in these items. An alternative to lunch orders so your children don’t miss out on the excitement of having a lunch order could be to spend one weekend every couple of months cooking some ‘treat’ foods with your children and freezing them. Then one day per week they will get to take these homemade special foods to school with them using their own nude food containers. This would also lead to balanced and healthy lunch options. Including your child in the food making and lunch packing process will result in your child being just as excited about their food from home as a lunch order. Making and packing their own lunches also leads to independence and responsibility, not to mention all the amazing authentic learning experiences that come with buying and cooking foods.

**New Families:**
We would like to welcome Amar (PC), Saskia (PS) and Gayatri (PS) and their families to the APS community. We look forward to learning all about you, your families and your recent adventures.

**Welcome:**
Welcome Jacqueline. Jacqueline is a 1st Year preservice teacher from the University of Melbourne currently completing a Masters of Teaching (Primary). She will be working with Angela and the children of Prep S as well as with the whole Prep cohort on many occasions. Please introduce yourself to Jacqueline.

**Can you help us?**
For our construction site, we require some assistance with sourcing all the necessary materials. If you have any of the following items at home or know of somewhere appropriate we can source them please speak with your classroom teacher.

- Pipes
- Stiff pieces of cardboard (long)
- Pieces of rope
- Paper/plastic tubes
- Tip trucks
- High viz vest/jumpers
- Mini wheelbarrows
Upcoming dates:
Prep C enjoyed their writing workshop with Beth Cregan today and we look forward to hearing all about it. Prep E, N and S will be work with Beth tomorrow (Friday 29th July). All Prep children will be participating in a Music Incursion on Tuesday 2nd August organised by Laura Welch. We are all excited to see what this has in store for us and we will share our experiences in coming bulletins.

Saying goodbye at the dots:
A reminder to all parents to please say goodbye to your child on the dots, allowing them to wait for their teachers on their own and with their bags. Once you have said goodbye, please stand well back so your child is able to confidently begin their day.

Angela, Connie, Steph, Nikita and Amanda