Promoting Independence:
At school we endeavour to promote independence in all areas of learning, including personal learning. It is extremely important that we give all children the opportunity to do things for themselves in a supported manner. Of course there are many aspects of your child’s life that they are not yet able to tackle on their own, but there are also many things they can begin to make decisions about or help with, particularly in daily routines. Supporting children to make decisions and mistakes are an important step towards independence. We understand that time is a factor in everyone’s day, but initially spending the time to encourage independence will ultimately lead to a more organised and calm household and routine. Some small, easy changes can have a huge impact on your child’s independence at home which will assist their independence and ability to take risks in their learning environment. Independence allows authentic learning experiences for children in both literacy and numeracy.

- Packing, unpacking and carrying own school bag
- Packing and unpacking own lunch
- Setting out own clothes for the following day
- Getting their red Library bag ready for library on a Sunday night
- Checking their timetables so they know if they are the focus child or if they have specialists the following day

You may be interested in reading about how you can support your child to become more independent:


Disappointment:
If your child is unwell and has to miss out on their day as the focus child or if he/she has forgotten, it may be disappointing for them but they will not be rescheduled to another day. There will be many other opportunities for all children to share their pieces. It would be beneficial to use these instances to further explore the feeling of disappointment with your child and what they can do to deal with these feelings. It is not recommended to send your child to school if they are unwell on the day that they are the focus child to avoid the disappointment.

Sustainability:
We have noticed a reduction in rubbish and some new lunch containers making an appearance this week. Thank you for your co-operation and please continue to have discussions with your child about the importance of nude food and remember to include them when making and packing their lunches.

Outside play:
Please ensure that your child is not running on the grassed area around the playground before and after school. It is important that you ask your child to only walk in this area particularly if they are playing before or after a staff member is on yard duty. Not running in this area is a playground expectation and has been put in place to ensure all children are safe at school.
Reading:
Book Week is fast approaching (week 7). We will be exploring some of the CBCA 2016 Book of the Year Awards Short List books. Continue to share picture story books with your child as part of his/her home reading to further enrich his/her understandings and experiences. Start thinking about a costume for your child to wear in the book parade!

We need your help!
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:
On Tuesday the 9th of August the children will be participating in a special whole school event. The Mini-Olympics will begin with a special opening ceremony assembly on the stage, weather permitting. All children are encouraged to wear an outfit of their favourite Olympic sport and they may wish to also wear the colours of a country that participates in this event. The children will also be participating in a special event at the end of the day with other activities happening in their classrooms throughout the day.

Excursion levies:
If you have not yet returned the Term 3 Levy, please ensure this is done as soon as possible. The children are beginning to engage in the incursions and workshops that are listed on the levies and it is extremely important that we have their permission slips returned in order for them to be able to participate.

Health notices:
Please return your completed health notices in the provided envelope to school with your child as soon as possible. If you do not wish to participate, please return the envelope as is.

Head lice:
A note to all parents to please check your child’s hair very carefully as we have had some reports of head lice in some classes in the past week.

Stay warm and have a fantastic weekend!

Angela, Connie, Nikita, Steph and Amanda