

Grade 1 Bulletin

Term 1 – Week 5

It was wonderful to meet with so many parents last week and learn more about the children's family life. It was interesting to discover our families are either using or exposed to so many languages and the composition of families is so varied.

A comment repeated by many parents was that their child was not particularly keen to take risks. This is a trait we have noticed in the past few years, hence our concentration on teaching the children skills to encourage their independence and confidence to be risk takers.

Children need to be thinking in the here and now, not hesitating until someone thinks for them. During Investigations each of them is able to use the opportunity to plan, gather what they need and work with what is available to further their interest. Any opportunities to do this in all areas of their lives strengthens their capabilities.

Our Enduring Understanding

'Understanding ourselves and others helps us to become better learners.'

Meeting with you all certainly helped us understand the children better as learners.

We are continuing to use texts that demonstrate how we recognise learning opportunities. The children are also being encouraged to understand which behaviours best support their learning.

Some of the things we have been learning about

Things that help us to learn.

Hard and soft 'th' sound.

Recognising complete sentences.

Alternatives for sorting objects.

Sharing objects.

What you could do at home to support this learning

Have your child help work out shared portions for dinner, set the table and work out how many of each implement are needed.

They can help plan and pack their lunchbox.

Take Home Reading Books

Your child will have brought home a selection of books in their red bags on Friday. This week a folder with some 'Reading' information for parents and a reading log for the child's books will be included. Can you please complete the log as your child uses each book.

From time to time there will be other articles included for parents to refer to.

Focus Children

We will begin our Focus Children presentations from next Monday during Investigations. Children who are the Focus Child are encouraged to bring an item of interest to share with the class. There will be a roster for the children's Focus day in the RED book bag on Friday.

Junior Choir

Junior Choir for grades 1 and 2 begins

Tuesday March 7th

8.15 in 2J classroom

Parent help

The Design Studio needs an adult to be with the children during Investigations while the teachers are working with the Focus children.

Investigations times: Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30 - 10-30.

If you are able to help, could you let your child's teacher know so we can put together a timetable.

Reminder

Can you please send a full drink bottle to school for your child, especially in the hot weather. There are taps available to refill.

Thanks,
Connie, Jenny, Allira and Pauline

