Dear Parents,

We’ve had an exciting last few weeks at school. We have met our buddies and have spent some time together. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time for help with PMP and Maths sessions. We had our first Maths sessions last week and with the assistance of all the wonderful parents our sessions ran smoothly.

PMP
We had our first PMP session this week and the children really enjoyed the activities in the stadium.

PMP will not be running next week as it is planning week.
It would be helpful if your child could wear their runners to school on Wednesdays (PMP) and Thursdays (Phys Ed).

LITERACY HELPERS
If you would like to help in your child’s classroom with Literacy (9.00 – 11.00) please put your name on the classroom roster located near the door of your child’s classroom.
NB All helpers must obtain a Working with Children check. These must be taken to the school office.
Forms can be obtained from the Post Office.

SHOW AND TELL
Show and Tell will be commencing next term. Your child will be allocated a day to bring something to present to the class. Please encourage your child to place his/her show and tell item in the marked box. These show and tell items will not be taken outside during playing times.

CURRICULUM
In the classroom we have been talking about getting along, waiting for your turn, sharing, putting up your hand and remembering to say please and thank you. We have met Gabby Get Along from our ‘You Can Do It’ values program. Next week we will be meeting another character called Oscar Organization. We have been looking at the school Code of Conduct and have been talking about the rules at school. Each child has received a copy of the School Code of Conduct. Please read this with your child and discuss it with them. We have enclosed a copy of the Prep Code of Conduct.

The children have enjoyed reading their home books and have all been reading most nights. It’s pleasing to see that they are remembering to change their home readers every morning.

This term we have met many Letterland characters. We are learning to write the letters s, m, f, a, p, t and c. Soon we will be meeting the Letterland characters i, b and h. We are learning the names and sounds of these letters.

In Maths we have been learning to write all the numbers up to 10. We will now look at number concepts such as same, more and less, number before, number after and using the numbers one to ten. We will also be doing some work with shapes and we have been making lots of class graphs related to our ‘Me’ theme. During Term 1 we have explored measurement and time concepts and some simple problem solving activities.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
We are aiming to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge at school as a year level. Please return a permission form, so your child’s results can be published and he/she will receive a certificate. All data will be entered at school. However, if you would like more information please visit the website www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/

LUNCH ORDERS
If your child has a lunch order, please make sure you send a snack for recess. Lunch orders are not delivered to the room until 1.15 p.m.

Hair: Please make sure that your child’s hair is tied back if it is long. This assists with your child’s hygiene and learning.

SCIENCE DAY
Science morning will be a feature in all classrooms next week. The theme will be Our Five Senses. We will need parents to help in the classroom to make this a success. Science mornings will be held on:

Prep R: Tuesday 20th March
Prep B: Thursday 22nd March
Prep P: Friday 23rd March

If you are able to help please put your name down on the list on the class noticeboard.

Your Prep Team
Pam Rowler (Prep Co-Ordinator), Lauren Braithwaite and Lena Papadatos.