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**INQUIRY...**

We are very excited to be introducing our Inquiry topic next week, ‘Our Community in the Good Old Days’. Students will be taken back in time as they explore how life has changed between ‘then’ and ‘now’. If you have any resources (old household items, knick-knacks, school books, photos, etc.) that might complement our theme, please send them in!

**SPECIALIST NEWS...**

- A copy of your child's specialist timetable was sent out last week. Our timetable is flexible to accommodate a variety of learning experiences and special events like assemblies, guest speakers, incursions/excursions etc.
- Children will need to have library bags at school on Library days.
- Runners (no black soles please) must be worn on P.E and Grade 2 Sport days.
- Specialists contact emails are below:
  - ICT: wilkins.denise.g@edumail.vic.gov.au
  - P.E: anderson.clifton.f@edumail.vic.gov.au
  - ART: clough.sharon.e@edumail.vic.gov.au
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**PICTURES...**

**DISMISSAL...**

All grade 2 children will be walked out of their classrooms every day at 3:30pm. Please remind your child of a pick-up location.

**REMMINDERS...**

- School hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. Please make sure they are clearly named. Hats can be purchased at the office. Children can leave their hat at school unless it is needed at home.
- Please encourage your child to ‘unpack’ their blue ‘reader bag’ daily. Notices/notes and weekly spelling words are sent to and from school via this bag. Readers will also go home in the blue bags so they must be brought to school every day.
- Fruit break takes place every day so please make sure your child has a small fruit or vegetable snack to get them through to recess (fresh not pre-packed in juice please as sometimes they eat while working).
- Maths groups started this week. Has your child told you their Math’s teacher’s name?

**ALLERGIES...**

Due to some severe allergies in the Grade 2 cohort, we ask all children not to bring hard-boiled eggs or egg sandwiches to school.

Please let your child's teacher know if your child has any allergies.

**SOME TIPS FOR GRADE 2...**

* Shoelaces – Practise & Persistence! Please support your child with learning this important skill.
* Toilet – In order for your child to maximise their learning time (and not distract other children from theirs), please encourage them to go to the toilet before school and “Every play, every day!”
* Pencil cases – An A4-sized pencil case is required so that students can fit all of their stationary inside (including ruler, glue stick, etc.). Important when changing classroom for Maths, Rotations, etc. We ask that children keep their ‘special’ stationary (e.g. novelty erasers, pencil boxes, Smiggle, etc.) for home and use the stationary supplied in their school pack.