



# Foundation Newsletter Term 2, 2021

## Prep dates to remember:

- Wednesday 5th May: Breakfast at school.
- Friday 7th May: Mothers' Day Breakfast and Stall.
- Friday 21st May: Whole school curriculum day.
- Tuesday 25th May—Mini Groover's Dance incursion.
- Thursday 27th May: School photos
- Tuesday 1st June: Market Fresh incursion.
- Monday 14th June: Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.
- Wednesday 23rd June: Alphabet Day.
- Friday 25th June: end of term dismissal 2:30pm

## Birthday treats:

It is always lovely to celebrate the students birthdays at school, and they do love to get a special sticker when visiting teachers!

If your child wishes to bring along a treat to share with the class on their birthday please ensure that they are individually wrapped to ensure we can maintain 'CovidSafe' practises.

Teachers will usually hand out these treats during eating time or just before dismissal. Students are asked to keep treats in their lunch boxes until after school in order to allow parents to decide when is the most suitable time for their child to have a 'treat'.

It is always a good idea to check with your child's teacher prior, to ensure there are no issues with regards to food allergies.

**REMINDER: School hats are required until the 1st May. Please ensure your child has a named, wide brimmed hat for all outside playtimes.**

Term 2 has started very smoothly and the students enjoyed sharing their holiday adventures!

## Collection of Foundation Students:

We are very proud of our Preps and how they are calmly leaving the classroom and entering the very busy pick up area. Please ensure you keep well clear of the doors and stay off the decking area. When your child has seen you they will let us know, and then come over to you.

We have some very competent and confident students who now have a 'meeting spot' within the school, e.g. a tree, the slide etc. If you and your child are ready for this please chat to your class teacher to let them know, ensure your child knows the spot well and remind them to return to their teacher immediately if you are not there.

Also a reminder that at this stage the playground remains off limits before and after school, and students and parents are asked to promptly leave the schoolyard after collection to assist us in maintaining a Covid safe environment.

## Literacy

We have been so impressed with how quickly the children have picked up the early skills of reading and writing. This term we will continue to build on these skills and will introduce the remaining letters of the alphabet through our regular MSL phonics lessons. We are also very excited to be welcoming back Reading and Writing helpers this term! Please remember that at this stage we are only able to have 2 helpers per classroom, and you can find the timetable for helpers on the notice board in the breezeway or on the window of Foundation S' classroom (for FS parents).



## Applied Maths:

Last week the Foundation students began their new Applied Maths topic of Time by learning about the 'Days of the Week' with their classroom teachers. Once this concepts has been taught we will be moving on to learn about Length, Capacity and Mass.

## Maths Groups:

We began the Term by Revising and continuing on with our Number and Place Value topic. Number formation is very tricky for a lot of students. Encourage your child to practise at home, taking care with the correct starting position and overall formation.

Following our Place Value topic we will be moving on to cover the topics of Addition, Subitising (knowing how many objects instantly, e.g dots on a dice) and Pattern (colours, shapes and objects).

Please remember that our Maths groups are fluid and children are grouped according to their individual needs. Your child may move between groups a number of times throughout the year. If you have any questions regarding changes please contact your child's teacher.



### **Inquiry:**

Our topic this term is “Healthy Me”. We will be learning about how to keep ourselves healthy: healthy eating, sleep, exercise and how our body works. Following this students will also look at “Needs and Wants”.

On Tuesday 1st June we have Market Fresh visiting to talk to the students about where our fruits and vegetables come from and the importance of eating them. The children will get to taste lots of healthy food on this day and we would greatly appreciate it if you could please encourage your child to have a go at new items. We will require some parent helpers on this day, please keep on Compass for further updates closer to the date.

To help keep our bodies healthy and get the kids moving, the children took part in an AFL clinic on Tuesday and we will also be having a visit from Mini Groovers Dance School, on Tuesday the 25th May. During this incursion the children will be taught a choreographed dance.

### **Social:**

This term we will begin looking at recognising and expressing our emotions. To support this we will introduce the language of ‘MyTern’. A notice was sent home last week with a more detailed explanation of this program.

### **Breakfast at School:**

On Wednesday 5th May the Foundation students are invited to have a special Breakfast at school with their teachers and classmates! As we will be having breakfast we think it is only fitting that children come to school in the pyjamas as well!

We will be eating breakfast in our classrooms just after 9am, so it may be a good idea for the children to have a small breakfast to ward off the hunger pains. We will stay in our pyjamas all day so there is no need for a change of clothes. It is important, however, that the students wear sensible shoes or runners as they will be going outside at playtime and lunchtime as normal. They may also need a dressing gown or jacket if it is cold.

Breakfast will consist of toast with a variety of spreads, fresh fruit and a pancake.

These pancakes are pre-made and packaged. Please ensure your class teacher has all the up to date medical details so that students with food allergies can be catered for.

Apologies, there will be no corridor reading on this day!



***Please continue to monitor Compass posts and don't forget to read the Foundation section in the school newsletter for helpful 'at home' hints and to stay up to date with our Foundation program!***

Thank you,

Jackie, Steph, Lucy, Mel and Taylor