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Term 2, Week 6

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Dear Parents and Community Members

What a great first week we had returning to fulltime face-to-face teaching. There was a little bit of adjusting having to attend and stay on task at school all day and there were lots of very tired students and teachers at the end of the week. However, I think everyone enjoyed being back together and being able to work in the classrooms. The teachers enjoyed being able to explain lessons and ideas to students and help them when they needed it.

We hope that there were many excited stories to be told last week around the dinner table about the first week back.

Thank you to our families who are dropping off and picking up their child/ren for staying in your cars and maintaining social distancing.

Please Stay Home if you are Feeling Unwell
Gone are the days where we came to school or work with a snuffle, sore throat or cough. Please remember if your child is showing any signs of illness, even very mild cold or flu like symptoms, please keep them at home. The recommendation is they seek medical advice and one of the easiest ways to do this is to phone the Coronavirus Helpline 1800 020 080. It is recommended that everyone, even with very mild symptoms, be checked out and possibly tested. The recommendation is to return to school or work after you are symptom free for 24 hours. I understand that this is difficult going into winter and cold season, but we want to make sure that everyone (students, staff and families), stay safe.

Reconciliation Week and

National Sorry Day

National Sorry Day was on the 26th May and Reconciliation Week runs from May 27th to June 3rd. The students in the 3-6 classroom discussed and completed an activity around Sorry Day. Both classes also completed activities on Friday in recognition of Reconciliation week, to further develop students' awareness of this important issue.

Jumpers and Warmer Clothing

Last week a number of families purchased new winter clothing from school. It is great to see all of our students in their uniform each day. There are still a few students coming to school without a jumper. It is quite cool in the morning and we often get a cold breeze/wind that picks up during the day here at school. It would be great to see students wearing a jumper each day or at the very least packing one in their bag for when it cools off.

School Chooks

We would like to thank Renae and Lincoln for taking over looking after the school chickens, since the beginning of the school holidays. They have been doing an amazing job and we really appreciate this. It is one less job for us to have to worry about at the moment and the chickens are loving being spoilt.

Last Friday, the Corcoran family donated 3 new young chickens to the Raleigh flock. They have begun to settle in to their new home and we are enjoying seeing a few new chicken faces around the school. Thank you for this kind donation.



"Personal qualities are just as important as qualifications."

P.K. SHAW

STEM Activities

Each Friday, the students will be completing a STEM (Science, Technology, Education and Maths) activity. These involve students being given a challenge, planning how they could complete the challenge and then attempting to follow their plan and build or create their solution. We then test or measure their attempt and they reflect on what they did and how they could have done it differently, for next time. Each week, we will be asking students to collect some items at home that they can use in their challenge.

Last week we completed a simple task of trying to create the longest paper chain out of one piece of A4 paper. It was interesting to see the very different results that were created.

This Friday, the students will need to **bring in some items from home that could be used to protect or cushion something fragile**. We only want a small amount of the item, big enough to fit inside two paper cups. They could bring a variety of items they could choose from, once they are given the details of the challenge on Friday. This could be something like...cotton wool, sponge, bubble wrap etc



Daily Exercise

When the weather permits, we will be participating in daily physical activity to increase fitness. This will involve jogging around the playground. So please make sure your child has comfortable shoes on that they can run in. Students will be encouraged to try to increase the distance they run each day in a set time. The aim is to build fitness and physical activity, which helps with overall health and wellbeing, but also concentration in the classroom.

I hope you have an amazing week!

Kind Regards
Katrina

Art Fun

Look how creative you can get with plasticine. Fantastic looking bees!



"Whatever the job you are asked to do at whatever level, do a good job because your reputation is your resume."
MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

Scholastic Book Club

Catalogues were handed out last week. Orders may be placed via LOOP (please send in your order form so that I can process it this end). Alternatively you may like to pay via the school website and send in the order form to be processed. Orders are due by Wednesday 10 June.

Return and Earn

Thank you to families who have been supporting the 'Return and Earn' program. By collecting and sending in your cans and bottles with the '10c' symbol near the recycling symbol, we have been able to cash them in for \$100.20. Last year this money was put towards subsidising the cost of the End of Year Rewards Day.