

Good afternoon Families of Year One students ☺

With swimming done and dusted, the Plenty Parklands Has Talent auditions in full swing and the long weekend ahead, we are already half way through Term 4!

November News:

Curriculum Day – Friday 2nd November. Please note: students will not be required to attend school on this day.

Report Writing Day: Monday 5th November. Please note: students will not be required to attend school on this day.

Melbourne Cup: Tuesday 6th November. Public holiday – school closed.

Year One Barbecue: **Thursday 29th November from 5pm until 7pm**. Information regarding the barbecue has been posted on Compass. This will be held at school for the year one students and their teachers.

Note: please see your child's classroom teacher if your child has specific food requirements/allergies.

Year One Fun Day - Lollypop's Playland Centre: information regarding Fun Day has been posted on Compass.

This year the Year One students will be spending the day at Lollypop's Playland in Bundoora. The date for Fun Day this year will be on **Monday 17th December**.

The cost of \$30 includes: bus hire, entry, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Payment for Fun Day is due no later than **Friday 7th December**.

It is important that all students return their lunch order form for Fun Day to their classroom teacher by **Monday 19th November**.

Volunteers for the Year One Barbecue and Fun Day: the teachers and students greatly appreciate your support in and out of the classroom. If you are available to help with the **Year One BBQ** please contact your child's classroom teacher....the more the merrier ☺

With regards to **Fun Day**, one parent helper per class will be required.

Our learning focus in English (over the next 2 weeks):

In Writing students will be encouraged to reread their own writing to check for correct use of punctuation. The correct use of full stops and capital letters in writing will be modelled during the whole class focus. During daily sharing students will discuss the strategies they may have used to decide when and where to use capital letters and full stops.

In Writing students will continue to *unpack writing seeds* with their classroom teacher using the Deb Sukarna model of the Writer's Notebook. Teachers will also demonstrate how to use teaching tools such as the **P** (plus), **M** (minus) and **I** (interesting) to explain our thinking during the writing process.

In Reading teachers will model and explain explicitly to students what fluency is, how it sounds, and why it is important. Using punctuation such as full stops, commas, exclamation marks and question marks, enhances our understanding of what we read.

In Spelling students are learning that the diagraph **th** is made up of two letters that make one sound. Refer to Compass post at the end of term 3 for full details about spelling this term.

Our learning focus in Mathematics over the next two weeks will be:

In **Number and Algebra** students will:

- learn about making a group to show equal halves using pictures and materials
- create fact families that show addition and subtraction for a single number

In **Measurement and Geometry** students will understand:

- about shapes within 3D objects
- vocabulary used and needed to describe shapes.
- about the faces of 3D shapes

Term 4 Events:

- Curriculum Day: Friday 2nd November
- Report Writing Day: Monday 5th November
- JSC Fundraiser Day: Wednesday 28th November
- Year One Barbeque: Thursday 29th November 5pm – 7 pm
- Whole School Fun Day: Monday 17th December at Lollipop's Playland - Bundoora

Kind regards,

Year One Teaching Team 😊