

Welcome back Families of Year One students 😊

And just like that it's the beginning of term 4! We trust you all had an enjoyable holiday and now it's time to join in the excitement of swimming, Fun Day, Year 2 transition and looking back at the generations through our Inquiry program.

October news:

Swimming Program – begins this week (Tuesday and Wednesday) and continues into week 2 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). If you haven't already done so, please see your child's classroom teacher if you are available to assist on any (or all) of the swimming days.

Camping Program: this begins in Year One with a barbecue held at school for the year one students and their teachers. The date for the barbecue will be on **Thursday 29th November from 5pm until 7pm**. This is an event for the students to share with their peers and classroom teachers.

Please note: Further information regarding the barbecue will be posted shortly on Compass.

Whole School Fun Day: each year all students at Plenty Parklands Primary School celebrate the end of their school year with **Fun Day**. This year the Year One students will be spending the day at Lollipop's Playland in Bundoora. The date for Fun Day this year will be on **Monday 17th December**.

Please note: more information regarding Fun Day will be posted shortly on Compass.

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

In Writing students will be encouraged to reread their own writing to check for possible changes. During daily sharing students will be asked to discuss the changes they may have made to their individual writing pieces to improve the content, for example, adding punctuation or correcting spelling of unfamiliar words. Teachers will model the strategies they use (as writers) to support students' learning.

In Reading students will be encouraged to check for understanding when reading their *just right* book. After reading each page we check for understanding by asking

who and **what**? We might also ask: *How often do you stop and check for understanding? or What do you do if you do not understand?*

In Spelling students are learning that the diagraph 'sh' is made up of two letters that make one sound. During the recent 3 Way Conferences your child's teacher will have discussed the changes to the Spelling Program in term 4. This will support the year one students in spelling as they make the transition in to year two. Full details about spelling this term was posted on Compass at the end of term 3.

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

In **Number and Algebra** students will reinforce their ability to:

- count accurately both forwards and backwards to make a number pattern
- count groups of objects
- trust the count and count on from a given number
- accurately place numbers on a number line

In **Chance and Data** students will understand:

- the language of chance
- to use different words to describe the likelihood of something happening

Term 4 Events:

- Swimming: weeks 1 and 2
- Year One Barbeque: Thursday 29th November 5 – 7 pm
- Whole School Fun Day: Monday 17th December at Lollipop's Playland - Bundoora

We are looking forward to a sensational final term in Year One.

Kind regards,

Year One Teaching Team ☺