Dear Parents,
Welcome back to a fast pace and busy term. I hope you were able to relax and enjoy the past two weeks. We have a lot happening this term, both inside and outside of the classroom.

What’s happening inside the classroom…

Writing… We will be learning about the different features of a small range of poems and innovating and composing our own poems. We will write personal responses to some of the texts we read and compose simple creative narratives.

Reading… We will be focussing on the Self-Monitoring strategy to help us read and monitor our understanding. The strategy teaches the reader to identify when they’ve lost meaning and gives the reader strategies to draw upon to help them maintain meaning. We will also be comparing similar texts and discussing how authors create characters using language and images. We will also express our personal responses and listen to the responses of others.

Spelling… To start the term we will revise the sounds we have learned and learn about syllables and how breaking words into syllables can help us spell larger words. We will also be exploring rhyme to support our poetry writing.

Handwriting… Continue to build on our understanding of correct letter formation and letter sizing.

Maths… As a part of our morning routine we will read a calendar each day, plot important dates and count down days to significant events. We will also continue to read the time each day and use our language of chance to describe everyday events. Our major topics for the term are: money, fractions and shape.

Science… We will explore how materials change. We will identify properties of materials, conduct simple experiments and observe and describe changes.

Geography… Using data we collected last term from our sharing topics (Family History: where our parents and grandparents were born), we will identify on a map the places in the world we are connected to.

Health… We will continue learning about keeping ourselves safe through the Child Protection Curriculum. We will be focussing on safe and unsafe touching and safe and unsafe secrets to keep. We will also examine some health messages. We started last term by viewing a performance about keeping our bones healthy by eating food high in vitamin C, exercising and getting vitamin D through the sunlight.

Homework… Spelling homework will continue to be sent home each week and reading at least 4 times a week. Don’t forget kids can complete maths online activities with the login they have glued in their communication books. Sharing will not be happening this term. The students will be required to make two oral presentations to the class this term. However, in the coming weeks, as a part of our health topic, the students will be asked to keep a diary and complete it
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each night. They will be analysing their diary and deciding whether they are eating enough fruit and vegetables.

PE… The students will continue their lessons with Mr Nyugen. The will practise their skipping skills ready for Jump Rope for Heart in week 5 and participate in lessons to build their sports skills and understandings.

Art … Ms Glasper will teach the students some simple printing techniques and the students will participate in small craft activities.

Dance and Drama… The students will be rehearsing and polishing their dance for the end of year school concert with Ms Poppy.

What’s happening outside the classroom…

Sports Day on Friday, October 16th … Don’t forget sunscreen, a hat, a t-shirt in house colours and a named water bottle a loud voice for cheering!

Swimming… On Monday, October 19th, the students will participate in swimming lessons. Thank you to all parents who have offered to support with supervision and travel on the bus with us. The bus leaves school at 1:15pm and we won’t return until 3pm. We have been instructed to be ready to leave the school by 1:10pm.

For any parents wishing to come along and observe their child swim I want to advise you that for the protection of the children you must not take photos using your own camera. Teachers are permitted to take photos using a school device.

The girls have been asked to wear one piece bathers and not bikinis. Sometimes the bikini tops rise up when jumping into the pool.

Hats… Don’t forget to pack a hat. Students need a hat for playtimes or they are required to sit in the shade. It’s a hot term!

I wish to thank you for your ongoing support with the children’s learning and I encourage you to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,
Emma Voigt

Problem Solving: Building the Tallest Pasta Tower