Wow! It's hard to believe we have reached term 4 already! The year seems to have simply passed by.

Term 3 ended on a high note with our spectacular concert production in our MPC. A big thank you to all the parents who supported us by helping to prepare costumes and attending the concert – it certainly meant a lot to the students and staff. It is a wonderful opportunity for the students to be able to perform in front of such a large audience and we're sure you'll all agree the 1/2 performers were AMAZING!!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4:
- P-2 Swimming program – Friday 11th Oct – 29th Nov
- Curriculum day – Monday 4th November
- Annual House Sports – Thursday 3rd November
- Edendale Farm Excursion – Tuesday 12th November
- Reports go home – Friday 13th December
- Last day of the school year – Friday 20th December

Further information about these events will be sent home closer to the date.

IT’S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY and IT’S NOT GREAT TO BE LATE
Well done to those students who have tried very hard to achieve an attendance rate of 95% or higher. It was a tough term with some very nasty illnesses but overall most students are making steady progress in trying to achieve the attendance rate. We ask for your continued co-operation in term 4 and ensure all grade 1/2 students attend school every day unless they are really sick. Also, we remind everyone that it is very important to be at school before 9 o’clock.

NO HAT, NO PLAY
Our school has a Sun Smart Policy and in term 4, students will need to wear a green broad brimmed hat when playing outside during morning and lunch recesses. Students without hats will have to sit in a covered area.

HELPING AT HOME
We have been very pleased with the progress most students have made with their reading this year. It is very important for parents to continue to support the reading program by setting aside 15-20 minutes each night for home reading. It is only a small amount of time but it can make a HUGE difference to a child’s ability to read fluently and confidently. Encourage them to discuss the book they have read and retell the story in their own words.
Remember home reading can include newspapers, magazines, comics, chapter books, non-fiction books and computer tasks. Also, please continue to allow your child some time on the Mathletics computer program to consolidate mathematical skills and to further develop their word problem solving skills.

Please assist your child to complete any Homework tasks such as Maths, learning their weekly spelling words and other set tasks. Ensure tasks are completed by the due date.

**UNNAMED CLOTHING**

It is no surprise with the warmer weather students often take their jumpers/jackets off when playing outside or when they are at their specialist class. Most students do the right thing and tie their jumper around their waist until they can put it in their school bag. Sadly, some students leave their top behind and completely forget about it.

Please assist us to reduce the amount of unnamed clothing left at school. To save you money and assist us to return your child’s clothing to them, please write your child’s name clearly on the label of all clothing that comes to school with a permanent marker.

**LITERACY**

Our focus for the beginning of the term is on ‘Fairy Tales’. We will be sharing many popular classics with the students including:

- The Gingerbread Man
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- The Three Billy Goats Gruff
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- Little Red Riding Hood.

Students will complete a range of reading and writing activities related to these books including creating Wanted Posters for the Troll and an apology letter from Goldilocks to the Three Bears. They will compare different versions of the same story and write some alternative endings of their own.

Students are continuing to make pleasing progress with handwriting and are showing greater awareness of the correct placement of letters on the lines. This term we will revise the accurate letter formation for some of the trickier letters: G, Q, F, P, R, K, T, Y and Z and the numerals 0 – 20.

**NUMERACY**

Our focus for this term will be:

- **pattern and order** e.g. 2, 4, 6, 8 or A, 1, B, 2, C, 3 or ○, ⋆, □, ○, ⋆, □
- **fractions** - recognising and representing common fractions including ½, ¼ & 1/3
- **revising the 4 processes** - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- **counting** - beyond 110 by 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s from different starting points
- **calculators** - reviewing the functions of the various keys.
Measurement, space, chance and data lessons will cover:

- **shapes** – flipping, sliding and turning 2D shapes to create patterns
- **chance and probability** – the chance of something happening e.g. the chance of getting a head when tossing a coin
- **time** – reviewing o’clock, ½ past and ¼ past
- **volume and capacity** – estimating and measuring the capacity of a container.

**INTEGRATED STUDIES**

During the second half of the term we will focus on ‘Caring for the Environment’. Students will discuss the simple things they can do at home (REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE) to help minimise our impact on the environment. An excursion has been planned to Edendale Farm in Eltham on **Tuesday 12th November** to extend the students’ knowledge of recycling concepts. We encourage all students to attend and **prompt payment** would be most appreciated as excursions require a lot of forward planning to ensure they run smoothly.

**COMPUTERS**

Sessions in the computer room will focus on developing students’ skills using:

- **Microsoft Publisher** – to create missing people or wanted posters for fairy tale characters and environment posters
- **Microsoft Visio** – to produce a mind map about caring for the environment
- **KidPix** – to create gingerbread people and to compare man-made and natural items.

Term 4 promises to be a fun term full of lots of exciting events. Remember to see your child’s teacher if you have any concerns about their progress.

The 1/2 Team  
Mrs Deacon, Mrs Kassos, Stephanie Chan, Kristian Carrocci,  
Mrs Silluzio and Ms Gambaro
### SPECIALISTS

**ART – Karren Moncur**  
The children will revisit various mediums already covered this year including paint, textas, pencils and crayons. The focus will be on line, shape and colour. Students will look at how these aspects of art are used to create better images. Finally the children will be involved in celebration activities to finish the year.

**MUSIC – Brad Jones**  
In term 4 the grade 1/2 students will continue learning about different music styles and will also extend their knowledge of music notation. Students will play a variety of songs from many different styles of music and will use a range of instruments including guitar, xylophone, keyboard and drums. Students will have the opportunity to listen to a wide range of songs encompassing the different styles covered.

**PHYS. ED – Lara Arsana**  
In term 4, the Grade 1/2 children will be assessed on the different skills they have learnt this semester. They will also continue to develop their Fundamental Motor Skills by practising the forehand strike through games such as Tee Ball and Bat Tennis. To finish the term, the children will participate in a Minor Games unit where they will play games such as Kickball and Rapid Fire.

Prep-2 Swimming will run from Friday 11th October- Friday 29th November at Thomastown Recreation & Aquatic Centre (TRAC). The 1/2 children will also participate in the Annual House Sports day on Thursday 7th November.

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