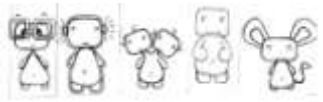
Team Two Newsletter
9 February 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Team Two.
We are delighted with the way the children are settling in and look forward to getting to know you over the year. This newsletter is to let you know how our week is organised and a few other basics that may be helpful. Swimming in Term One is a major part of our P.E. curriculum. Our swimming days are Wednesdays and Thursdays. It would be helpful to have children's clothing and gear named as they often do not recognise left over items as their own. Please write a note in your child's homework book if they have a medical reason for not swimming. On Wednesday afternoon Swimsation will instruct those children involved and teachers will be responsible for the others. On Thursday afternoons teachers will take all children.

We begin Term One with an emphasis on coming together as a class as well as finding confidence as individuals. Our topic is accordingly titled My Voice is Powerful. Children will develop the understanding that they can make a difference for themselves and others and of the benefits of working together. In Team Two we have created 'Values Critters' to go with the Steps to Success programme. They are Curiosity, Pride, Fair and Friendly, Responsibility and Respect (pictured in that order).



Library Day is Thursday. Children are encouraged to visit the library on other days as well. The library opens at 8.30 each morning and at lunchtime.

The routine before school is for children to hang up their bag and bring in their book bag. We appreciate the homework book being signed so that we know the children have shown it to you. Please remind your child to show us any messages. You may also contact us via email at

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The Glamorgan web site is another source of information.

Once reading groups are established, class readers are sent home with children most days. They need to come back the next day for follow up activities and to keep track of books. Sometimes the children will not bring a book home because they are working on part of it first. A shared reading time with a library book, favourite story or making up an oral story is a great alternative.

Parent support in class is welcome. Please see your child's teacher.

This term Graham Braddock will be giving another one of his valuable art lessons where he teaches techniques as the children draw with him. There is a small cost for this. You will hear about it in the school newsletter.

Parent information night is this Thursday, 11th February. Our team will meet in the discovery centre which is in the library and ICT block. The school newsletter has the details. For those of you who can not make it, printed notes will be available.

Sincerely,
Robyn Bennett, Jillian Shoemaker, Sue Hobin, Glenn Sheers