Parent Information for Rooms 22, 23, 24
11 February 2010

We would like to thank all parents for buying their child's stationery so promptly. Items such as pencils and glue sticks are given out as replacements are required.

Parent help is most welcome within the classroom. We have "Reading Mileage" groups where children read from books they are familiar with. All we require of you is to listen and give them positive feed back. We are grateful for assistance with library, swimming groups, sport, ICT, group work during Mathematics, and class administration tasks.

Topics for Term One
Health/Social Studies – I am unique and what I think is important.
We will identify what makes us different from each other, our rights and how to respect others so we have a happy school environment. This is all part of the school's Steps to Success. The children will decide on a **Code of Conduct** and refer to it at the start of each day.
A class **Star Student** is announced each week and they are given special tasks. This includes the morning's welcome, reading out the timetable for the day and delivering notices.

The Life Education caravan is to visit us this Term for two weeks, arriving on February 23rd. Our Topic theme will be part of their programme.

During week 7 the school plans to hold a Big Day In. This will involve us taking part in a range of child created games and to put into practise consideration of others along with acknowledging each other's successes.

Team three are scheduled to lead the school assembly on March 5th. You are all most welcome to attend.

Maths
In the next few weeks all children will be assessed to determine their number knowledge and strategies used to solve problems. Instant recall of knowledge is important and needs regular revision. Ideas for this will be supplied. We will be cross-grouping for the part of the week where we take Number. Geometry, Statistics and Measurement will be covered in your child's home class.

Swimming
Swimming will continue as long as the weather permits.
Our classes will be swimming on **Mondays and Fridays.**

Library Across the school, a certificate is awarded at assembly, when a class has returned all issued books.
Library days – **Monday – Rooms 22, 24** **Tuesday- Room 23**

Art – Sketching and Painting
The artist Graham Braddock will take a sketching session with our children, during week 9. He will have the children sketching themselves. In class we will continue to develop the skills he introduces.

Cross Grouping
This term we will be cross grouping for Reading and Numeracy so your child may be with one of the other Team Three teachers for these subjects.

If at any time you have a concern regarding your child, please don't hesitate to make an appointment with the classroom teacher.

Thank you for your support.

Christine Baker (Team Leader)
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Homework for Rooms 22, 23, 24

Homework is a valuable independent learning opportunity for your child. The aim is for children to consolidate and revise work learnt at school. We believe that homework is beneficial to your child's learning and progress overall. Your child should be spending a maximum of 30 minutes each day completing homework tasks (Monday-Thursday). We appreciate that there will be times when your child will be unable to complete the homework due to other family commitments. Please use the homework book as a form of communication, therefore note when unable to complete any work. The book needs to "live" in your child's book bag along with their library and any reading books. It needs to be at school each day.

Homework activities to be completed each week:-

Reading 15-20 minutes daily
The teacher or child will select books at an appropriate independent level. After reading, fill in the Reading Log, recording the title of the book and pages if a complete book has not been finished. Please initial the Log at the end of each week.
Reading to your child is an invaluable way for developing a love of books and deeper understanding of literature.
Early in the week a poem with supporting activities will be sent home as a reading resource. The activities will be part of our classroom programme. If work arrives home that is not completed, please encourage your child to finished it at home.

Spelling
Between five and ten words will be listed for learning and testing. Please record your child's learning on the sheet provided. Levels are determined through regular assessment.

Mathematics
Numeracy skills will continue to be a focus throughout the year. The support of your child in the learning of basic facts for quick recall is particularly beneficial. We also encourage parents to play recall games using a pack of cards. Often a weekly problem will be included. We encourage you to listen to your child as they talk about how they have solved it.

Topic
We encourage you to help your child find resources on our current topic so they can share information and the resource, back in the classroom.

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