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**1/2 Area News**

**Term 3 2017**

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you all back to another school term. We hope you have had time to rest, recharge and fight off any sniffles. This term is shaping up to be very exciting with some fabulous events planned!

****See below for a brief outline of the planned activities.

**Footsteps Dance Program**

The Footsteps Dance Program began in week one and the children had a great time ‘mooving and grooving’ and learning a variety of dance steps choreographed to music by our Footsteps instructor. This program takes place each Tuesday during term 3 and culminates in a disco in week 8. The children are extremely excited about this event.

**Healthy Day At School**

Our Inquiry Learning during term 2 focused on how we can stay fit and healthy. To conclude this unit of learning, the children enjoyed a ‘Healthy Day At School’. They created their own nutritious lunch, participated in some fun games and exercises, and learnt about some clubs or activities they could be involved in. It was a fabulous day for all!

**Cooper’s Settlement Excursion**

Our next Inquiry learning, will focus on understanding how the past is different from the present. We will learning about what life was like in the ‘olden days’ and finding out what things have changed and what things have stayed the same. This Inquiry will begin with an excursion to Cooper’s Settlement in Bundoora, on Tuesday 1st August. Thankyou to the parents who have agreed to join us on this day!

**Grade One Dinner and Grade Two Sleep Over**

We are all very excited to be preparing for our fantastic dinner and sleepover. The students will have an evening filled with activities, a special fun entertainer, a sit down dinner, sleepover fun and quick morning breakfast. Look out for more information about this event as the date approaches.

**3 Way Conferences**

The students are currently preparing for our ‘**3 Way Conferences**’ by reflecting on their Semester One goals and setting new goals for Semester Two. These conferences give the students the opportunity to discuss their learning with parents and their teacher and to set realistic goals for the future. 3 Way Conferences also help students to assume responsibility for their learning and build self-confidence and self-esteem. 3 Way Conferences will be held on **Thursday 3rd August**. Please make sure you book a time on Compass for your conference.

**Curriculum Day**

A curriculum day is on **Monday 7th August.** Teachers will be working with Wayne Craig on this day and learning more about the ‘Curiosity and Powerful Learning’ strategy. Students will not be required at school.

**Swimming**

Next term, the students will participating in a swimming program. We are currently looking at a variety of venues to find the most suitable place for our students. The cost of this program will be included in the Term 3 planner.

**Book Of The Year**

Another exciting event is our ‘Book Of The Year’ competition. During term 3 the students will be experiencing what it is like to be an author and an illustrator. They will learn how to plan, draft, write, edit and illustrate their own picture story book. It will conclude with a Book Of the Year celebration where the winners at each year level will be announced.

**Curriculum**

**English**

Students will continue to consolidate and broaden their reading skills through independent reading, guided reading sessions, listening and responding to texts (written and visual), discussions and presentations. We will be reading, writing and listening to a variety of narratives, developing the ability to retell events in sequence, finding the main idea, summarising stories and making inferences. This will assist children to learn about characters, settings and how narratives are structured. They will then create their own picture story book for the ‘Book Of the Year’ competition.

**Spelling**

Students will continue to work through the Magic Words program, being tested by parent helpers and teachers when possible. Practising, learning and revising these high-frequency words will assist students with their reading and writing. Each week, students will also be introduced to a spelling pattern in class and will practise associated words during literacy sessions.

**Mathematics**

In Mathematics we will continue to explore and consolidate strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. This term we will include number problems related to money. We will also be focusing on multiplication. In Measurement, we will begin to investigate length, and build the children’s concept of time. Please take any opportunity, cooking, shopping, making things etc., to reinforce mathematical concepts and ideas.

**You Can Do It Program and Values Program**

The “You Can Do It” and Values Education programs are undertaken by students at Rosanna PS and are worked on each week with reminders throughout the term. The programs are designed to positively develop all children's potential and provide them with the skills to succeed in life. During term 3 we will be focusing on the value of “**respect**” and the You Can Do It foundation of “**organisation**”.

**Music**

The music program aims to instil a love of music in all children, and encourages them to build their confidence in singing, dancing and performing. During term three students will learn how to write their musical ideas using simple musical notation, and will continue to add to their repertoire of folk songs and rhymes, with the focus of developing their ideas on form and expression. Students will listen to music and develop their ideas on what it makes them think about, and why.

 Jendi Bright

**Physical Education**

This term in Physical Education, grade 1/2 children will be involved in gymnastics and dance. The focus of this term is on movement exploration leading to the acquisition of some preliminary gymnastics and dance skills. Students will participate in a wide variety of movement experiences and challenges, developing skill, demonstrating control and exploring the ways in which the body can move. Students will also be continuing to develop their fundamental motor skills while having fun and exercising.

They will be implementing different movement skills to be successful in a game. Team games will also reinforce teamwork and sportsmanship.

All students will need appropriate footwear, hats and a water bottle.

Krystal Rosbrook

 **Visual Arts**

Welcome to 3rd term in t he Visual Arts Room!

We will be needing cleaned 300ml empty cream containers this term. So any you are able to send along to the Art room will be appreciated, (with or without lids)! All other re-cyclable materials are also very useful, including socks, buttons, braid, wood that can be easily nailed, so long as items have not contained nuts, eggs or any other allergens.

Children in Grades One and Two will be discovering threads and textiles, and learning some new skill involving the use of these materials. They will be creating their own fabric puppet. At the end of the unit, students will be putting on a puppet show for an audience using their own creation!

**Mrs Martinussen, Visual Arts Teacher**

**Italian**

Senora is on Long Service Leave at the moment and we look forward to her return next week. Therefore there is no Italian news at this time.

**Specialist Timetable**

Here is the specialist timetable for term 3, please note the changes in the timetable. Please help your children prepare for these sessions by ensuring they have the appropriate equipment.

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| **Specialist Classes** | **1/2 W** | **1/2 T** | **1/2 K** | **1/2 F** |
| **Art** | Tuesday | Thursday | Tuesday | Tuesday |
| **Music** | Wednesday | Monday | Wednesday | Monday |
| **Italian** | Tuesday | Wednesday | Tuesday | Thursday |
| **Library** | Wednesday | Tuesday | Friday | Wednesday |
| **Phys Ed** | Thursday | Thursday | Tuesday | Thursday |
| **Footsteps** | Tuesday | Tuesday | Tuesday | Tuesday |

**DATES FOR TERM 3**

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| **Friday****28thth July** | Healthy Day At School |
| **Tuesday****1st August** | Excursion: Cooper Settlement |
| **Thursday****3rd August** | Three Way Conferences |
| **Monday** **7th August** | Curriculum Day |
| **Thursday** **17th August** | Whole School Puppet Incursion-Visual Arts |
| **Thursday****31st August**  | Father’s Day Stall |
| **Friday** **8th August** | Footsteps School Disco |
| **Friday 22nd Sept** | End of Term 3, 2:30pm dismissal |
| Many thanks to all the parents who have helped us over the past two terms. We truly appreciate the many ways you help and support the learning of our students.Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou! *Lynda Whitechurch, Bron Taylor, Rebecca French, Kylie Smith & Kate Arnott**1/2 Teachers* |

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