Week 7 Room 15 Newsletter

Parent Information Session on Reading:
Friday 21st March - 8.45am in the Staff Room

I intend holding a parent information session this Friday and apologise for the short notice. I will postpone it if parents indicate they prefer a later date. The goal of the session is to provide parents with strategies to support their child’s reading development. I will also demonstrate a useful website that I use on the Smartboard during our literacy block. It can be accessed by anybody at no cost. Please put a tick (or cross) against your child’s name on the checklist outside the classroom so I can determine the level of interest.

Pets and Senses
This term we are doing a science unit on Life and Living which involves exploring what pets and humans need to survive. It also includes the 5 senses and how humans and animals use their senses to survive. Last week Mrs Engstrom sent home a ‘Science Journal’ for your child to observe a pet and to record their understandings. When the journals are returned we will use them to support your child’s learning. One parent has offered to bring in a pony for the children to have a ride. I just need to check with Mr Green first. If you have any interesting pets, or work with animals, and are interested in sharing your knowledge with the class, please see me.

Incursion Money and Permission Slip
Thank you to the parents who have already paid for the History Incursion and returned their child’s permission slip. Admin has asked that parents hand in money ONLY in the envelope provided and place it in the relevant box at the front office. Please do not put the permission slip in the envelope. The permission slip needs to be handed to the class teacher (or assistant).

5 – Drive Fundraiser
There is a glass jar placed just inside the classroom (near the drink bottles) which is to collect 5 cent coins. It is a fundraiser for the Bullsbrook Fire Station and there will be a prize for the classroom that raises the most money. If you have any loose 5 cent coins please bring them in to support a worthy cause.

Cooking Money
Thank you to the parents who have already paid $7.50 for cooking. We will be doing some fun and interesting cooking activities very soon.

Parent Roster:
If you have already been on parent roster I have sent home a belated thank you certificate. If you have been on roster and did not receive one please let me know. If you have not yet been on parent roster I encourage you to put your name on the roster soon. The roster is on the inside of the classroom door (the one which remains shut). We also welcome parental support in the afternoons when we do art based activities and literacy and numeracy games. If you are interested please let me know.

Staff Changes
Week 7: Mrs Spencer on one week’s long service leave – relief teacher assistant to be advised
Thursdays: Mrs Hampshire will be replacing Mrs Harkins for the remainder of term one.
Fridays: Mrs Power has replaced Mrs Harkins on the Fridays for the remainder of term one.

Reading Homework and Library Books
Some children are not regularly bringing in their readers. It is important that they do home reading each night and return it for exchange for each day. Likewise with sight words. Regular practise supports your child’s learning. Please help support your child’s reading development if you are not already doing so. Thank you.

Handwriting and letter formation:
When children are practicing writing their name first thing in the morning it is important that they have correct pencil grip and form the letters correctly. Some children are starting from the bottom of the page which is not how we form any letters. Each day I will explain how to form the letter sound and/or sight word for the day on the Smartboard. Please refer to this information with your child to guide their letter formations. Thank you.

Noelene & Room 15 Teachers