In the News...

Here we are in the third week of school! We are so very impressed with the way our students have transitioned into the regular timetable; lining up before school and at the end of recess and lunch, and playing in the yard with the rest of the students.

We had a successful start to the school year, implementing the school-wide Quality Beginnings program and getting to know each other. We now move towards a more academic program in the classroom. The children are excited to be learning and ‘doing work’ like the big kids.

We couldn’t ask for a happier bunch!

Speaking and Listening...

We recognise that speaking and listening precede reading and writing, and that a good foundation of speech helps to create fantastic literacy learners. Parents often ask how they can help to develop their child’s speaking and listening abilities. Here are some simple suggestions:

- Model fantastic speech and place an importance on speaking properly.
- Model standard speech by repeating a phrase using the acceptable form in a positive tone.
  eg: ‘I did went there.’
  ‘Yes, you went there.’
- Involve your child in making plans, for example preparing for a shopping trip or holiday.
- Establish a story-time routine and read a wide range of books. Surrounding children with good language helps immensely with speech production and development.

Missing Items...

A reminder to please send the following items to school:

- Any books or stationary remaining at home
- Art smock
- Library bag

These items are all being utilised and are essential for our programs. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Parent Helpers...

We have had many inquiries from parents who are looking forward to helping in the classrooms. Please be assured that there will be many opportunities to help in a variety of ways! We wish to allow students to settle into a solid routine before inviting helpers to our classroom. Notices will be issued in the coming weeks.

Teacher Profile...

Name: Michelle Sayers
Things I like: Travelling, walking, animals of all kinds.
In my spare time, I: teach drama, perform in plays and musicals, catch up with friends and read.
Favourite Colour: Yellow
Pets: One dog, named Bronson

Birthdays...

Happy Birthday to:
JANUARY
3rd - Kiera (FG)
5th - Alexandra (FB)
13th - Evie (FH)
20th - Todd (FH)
26th - Xavier (FH)
Olivia J (FH)
27th - Olivia (FB)
Ellie (FG)

FEBRUARY
7th - Lachlan (FH)
Miss Uebergang
9th - Blake (FB)
13th - Lainey (FS)
14th - Josh (FS)
Jet (FB)
15th - Kaiden (FH)
16th - Harley (FH)
25th - Mitchell (FB)

Important Dates...

Mon, 14th March:
- Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed, 16th March:
- Foundation students come to school for the first time
- Teddy Bears Picnic after school

House Assemblies...

House assemblies will be held in lieu of whole-school assemblies every three weeks. Foundation children will attend house assemblies with a Foundation teacher. You are welcome to attend these assemblies as normal. Please read the school newsletter for further information.