In the news...
As our Inquiry, 'How are zoo animals different?' draws to a close; we reflect on what we believe has been a very successful term. Students have been highly engaged in learning about animals and are very proud of their learning. We congratulate each and every student on their successes this term!

Looking ahead, we now prepare for our next Inquiry; "How can we get from here to there?". On Planning Day, the Foundation team worked closely with Randall Vague and Tracy Wright to plan an outline of our Inquiry into transport. We look forward to what we are certain will be another engaging Inquiry!

Healthy lunches...
Following up from our wonderful visit with the Life Ed Ambassador, Harold the Giraffe, we have had many discussions about what healthy food is. For parents, it can sometimes be tricky and time consuming to design a healthy lunchbox!

Nutrition Australia states some fantastic benefits to a healthy lunch:

"When children eat well they behave better, are able to listen well and concentrate for longer. Packing a healthy school lunchbox will help children to learn and play well and be happy at school.” – Nutrition Australia

Nutrition Australia provides an excellent resource to help us meet the nutritional requirements of children at Primary School Age. You can access this resource at:
http://www.nutritionaustralia.org/national/resource/packing-school-lunchbox

Calling out to the community...
In preparation for our next Inquiry, we are thinking of ways to bring learning to life. We would love to find people in our community who might own or drive an interesting vehicle (eg/ Tractor, police car, bulldozer) and would be happy to show and share their vehicle with our students.

For many students, seeing a vehicle rather than simply reading or watching a video about one helps to bring the Inquiry alive.

If you, or someone you know could help us out with this endeavour, please speak with your classroom teacher.

Thanks to all the people who have helped in classrooms, PMP and on excursions this term! We appreciate your ongoing support within the school. Many of the programs we offer could not run without you.

Art smocks...
Your child will bring their art smock home over the holidays. We ask that art smocks are washed, ready for another busy semester of learning and creating. It is also a great time to check that your child’s smock is in good condition and that it fits them adequately!

Indonesian...
In semester two, students will begin formal Indonesian lessons with teacher Peek Ling. In these lessons, they will build upon their prior knowledge of Indonesian greetings and simple words and sentences.

Our learning foci
The past month:
Letters of the week – C, P, Z, H
Common words - Individual home reading words and class focus.
Writing - Including more sounds in unknown words, using a capital letter at the start of a sentence and a sentence stopper at the end.
Numeracy - Numbers 1-10; patterns, simple addition with concrete materials.
Inquiry - Reflecting on what we have learnt throughout the term.

Children must be taught how to think, not what to think.
~ Margaret Mead ~