**In the news...**
What a busy few weeks we have had... We’ve packed in a fantastic Father’s Day Brunch, a brilliant Box Car Show, an exciting Extravaganza and two more incredible incursions! It’s fair to say that students and teachers are ready for a break.

We have been humbled by the turn out at each of these events and can most certainly say that the children have loved having you sharing in their school experience! We are thankful to the Foundation community for their ongoing support and look forward to an equally busy Term 4 to wrap up our year!

**Holidays...**
The holidays are quickly approaching and we have had many questions from parents on how they can best support their child’s learning throughout the break. Continued reading practise throughout the holidays is strongly encouraged. Remember that all reading activities are valuable; whether it is a well-loved book, a library book, a supermarket catalogue or simply reviewing high-frequency words. Have fun reading together!

Holidays provide time for lots of fun learning experiences. Below is a list of educational and entertaining ideas for you and your child to engage in throughout the holidays.

- Take a trip to the local library. Spend time together reading, finding books that interest your child or participating in story time activities. There are usually a variety of child-friendly events throughout the holidays.
- Write letters to family members or friends. Posting a letter can sometimes be an exciting incentive for children to write.
- Play board games and card games to further develop maths and interpersonal skills such as turn-taking and negotiation.
- Keep a family diary about the holidays. Parents and children can take turns writing about their days.
- Turn a favourite book into a play that you could perform for other members or record and watch later as a family.
- Visit the Melbourne museum. Entry for children up to 16 years of age is free. There are a variety of exhibits that are highly engaging for children (and adults!).
- Set up a treasure or scavenger hunt with simple clues that children can read themselves or with your help.

Most importantly: Rest and enjoy the sunshine!

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**Box Car homecoming...**
This Friday, our amazing Box Cars will be exhibited for one final time at the End-of-Term Assembly (1.30-2.30pm in the gym). The Foundation students who have left their cars on display in the corridors will parade through the assembly before driving their cars home for the holidays. It is important that all cars are taken home at pick up time as we have special cleaning procedures throughout the holidays. Thanks again to all families for the incredible effort that went into creating the Box Cars!

**Our learning foci**

*The past month:*
Letters of the week – Q, X, Review of all alphabet
Writing - Increasing the content of sentences, use of a variety of sentence stoppers, reflective language.
Numeracy – Teen numbers (sorting, comparing, ordering, creating) subtraction, simple division into equal groups, chance and data.
Inquiry- Reflecting on our Term 3 Inquiry

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*Play gives children the chance to practise what they are learning. ~Fred Rogers~*