In the news…

We have had a fantastic start to the year, with all classes settled and ready to learn! Now that the students are attending school full time, we are beginning to introduce routine classroom activities such as handwriting groups and Investigations sessions.

We have been incredibly pleased with the success of both the Teddy Bears Picnic and the school Walk-a-Thon. It is fantastic to see families getting involved in the Lysterfield Primary School community!

Don’t forget...

We encourage students to go to the toilet prior to school commencing, as well as at recess and lunch. Whilst students are free to go to the toilet at any time during the day, we try to keep learning time uninterrupted. We would appreciate your help in assuring all children use the toilet before lining up each morning!

Our learning foci…

The past month:
Letters of the week – S, M, W, F
Common words – the, and, a, I
Numeracy – numbers 1-6; counting forwards, making groups, recognising and writing numerals, making and continuing patterns.

To finish up the term:
Letters of the week – D, B, revision
Common words – in, it, to, revision
Numeracy – numbers 1-6; matching numerals to picture, ordering from largest to smallest

How to help at home…

- Practise the names and sounds of the alphabet (especially the ones we have covered)
- Read interesting books to your child to expose them to new language and promote the joy of reading
- Read the take home book nightly
  - talk about what happened in the story
  - find particular letters and words
  - encourage your child to create sentences using the pictures
- Identify numbers in the environment e.g. licence plates, clocks etc.
- Identify shapes in the environment e.g. blocks, wheels etc.

Classroom helpers…

We have been overwhelmed by the amount of parents asking us when classroom helpers will start! In Term Two there will be many opportunities for you to help both inside and outside of the classroom.

Our Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) will start in week one, requiring at least four helpers for each session. Your ongoing assistance is greatly appreciated. Classroom helpers will be rostered beginning next term with opportunities to help throughout the week. Notices for expressions of interest will be distributed early in Term Two.

Foundation Transition Survey...

These surveys are a valuable way for us to reflect on our 2015 transition program. The information that we receive from these surveys helps us to structure our future transition programs. Please remember to return these by Friday 27th March.

Enjoy your holidays!

We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 13th April.
- The Foundation Team.