Dear Parents,

I can’t believe that eight weeks of school has already gone by. The next four weeks will fly by as well.

Sports day
We are still in need of one group helper to help on sports day. Phil Fotineas has volunteered and we need one more parent to help with another group. If you are interested and have younger children maybe see if you could pair up with someone else to make it easier for you. The groups have gone home today attached to this newsletter. Our class is group E and F. Both of these groups will be meeting in our classroom at 12.45 – 1pm on Friday. Remember to bring hats and have your sun screen on already. Bring along a disposable drink bottle and afternoon tea.

Library this week
This week our library borrowing day is on Tuesday day so all books need to be back by this day. This is due to sports day on Friday.

Literacy groups
Our literacy groups started last week. Thanks to those parents who stayed and helped out. I am looking forward to the sessions this Tuesday and Wednesday.

Unit of Inquiry
Our unit of inquiry ‘cycles of change’ has started well. Our excursion was a great success and has prompted many discussions amongst the children already. Our unit is about cycles of change so we will be investigating many different changes, for example; water, seasons, plants, animals and people. We have been looking at the concept of change that drives this unit. Last week we had a prior knowledge task about things that change and our discussions went in many directions. The class have suggested we find out about the change in milk. The children brainstormed many things about how milk might change. They thought it would:

* Turn green
* Turn creamy
* Go hard
* Taste like salt (who is going to be testing that one?)

So I asked ‘how are we going to find out?’ Google it, was their response. So rather than ‘Googling it’, this week we will be conducting a class experiment to observe and compare the changes that will happen. We will keep a class journal over the next few days to see the changes that will occur. I wonder if it really will turn green? This week the children will be drawing their own ‘cycles of change’. Please remember to bring in the photographs before Friday and the development check list. We will need them for our inquiry lessons on Thursday.

Numeracy lessons
The unit of patterning is finishing this week. The children will be completing their summative assessment tasks this week. We have looked at numerous things in our unit. The children have been introduced to different vocabulary related to patterns. Have a look at our mathematics vocabulary chart in the classroom. Our number unit will be starting soon. We will be learning how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Maybe you can assist your child by helping them count while you are out and about, or when they are picking up their toys they could count in 2s. Counting money is a great way to learn how to count in 2s and 5s.

Sharing
Some children are regularly forgetting their sharing each week. Please see me if you are unaware of your child’s sharing day. An information sheet was given out early in the year. If you have misplaced it please let me know. It is important that all children participate in sharing.

Christian Studies workshop
This coming Thursday I will be out of school all day in North Adelaide for a Christian studies workshop.

Have a great week.

God bless,

Jayne 😊

Bible Verse for week 7:
‘Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God’
Job Chapter 37: verse 14

Sharing for week 7:
Bring in something that is red and talk about it.