Dear Parents,

What an exciting week it has been. It is so exciting to work with your children and I am sure that we will have a busy and fun-filled year together. I look forward to meeting with as many of you as possible at our Parent Information Evening next Tuesday night. Unfortunately a crèche will not be available, so alternative arrangements will need to be made for your children. This is a great opportunity to have questions answered so come along to hear more about the year ahead and to meet other parents too.

Weekly Timetable:

Last week I incorrectly communicated that our weekly German lesson is on a Tuesday afternoon. This is, in fact, on Wednesdays before lunch, and our Creative Arts lesson is on Tuesday afternoons instead, (apart from Term 1, Weeks 2-6 due to Rest Days).

Celebrating Cultures Day - Friday, Week 3:

This day is certainly going to be an exciting one for our students. They will be able to watch and experience many dances, stories and traditions. They are invited to dress in traditional clothing, e.g. sarongs, kimonos, etc. from any culture. Remember that appropriate clothing and footwear is essential. The canteen is supporting this day by offering meals from different cultures too. These will need to be pre-ordered, so please keep an eye out for the menu. (There will not be Chapel on this day.)

Homework:

With so many different items now coming home in your child’s bag, (the traditional blue carry home bags are still on their way), I thought that it might be helpful to clarify a couple of things. Therefore, each school night:

1. Check your child’s communication book, for newsletters or teacher notes. Pop this back into the blue bag to be returned to school in the labeled box each day.
2. Help your child to read at least 1 page of their word book, (i.e. a page in their A4 folder with simple sentences on one side and a nursery rhyme with activity suggestions on the other). This book needs to be at school every Monday only and can be placed in your child’s chair bag.
3. Support your child in learning to recognize their sight words, (i.e. the words coming home in the little box), by holding them up for them, playing a game with them, typing them on the computer, etc. Cut a corner from the word every time your child instantly recognizes and speaks it independently. Pictures will soon be added so that you can have fun with sentence making and use the words in context. The box needs to come to school each day, and can be placed in your child’s chair bag, as we will be using the words in our writing.
4. Help your child to flick through their Sound Book. Help them to practice the sound each letter makes. We have now introduced 3 sounds, (s,a,t) and are already using these to make and read words. Alternatively, buy some magnetic letters for your fridge door and ask your child to make some sensible or nonsense words with them while you prepare dinner, e.g. sat, etc. This book comes to school each day so that any new sounds can be added.

What a lot to remember! Please chat to me about any concerns.

Have a lovely weekend and God bless, Jenny.

Monday 4th Feb.
Canteen

Tuesday 5th Feb.
Library and I.T.
Creative Arts
Parent Information Evening
7:00 p.m. in the classroom

Wednesday 6th Feb.
Rest Day and Home Visits

Thursday 7th Feb.
German

Friday 8th Feb.
Chapel 9:00 a.m.
Sport – sports uniform to be worn.
Library Borrowing – your child will need a library bag.
(Their kindy one is fine.)

Text for the Week:

“God is love.”
1 John 4:16