Dear Parents,

Rest days are now over for 2013 however next week the children will still have a shorter week due to the public holiday Monday. I thank you all for opening your homes and allowing me to visit. I learn so much about each child that allows us to help build strong relationships. I was impressed by the focus of all the children and their ability to try their best.

**Sports Day**

Sports day is this Friday. The children will arrive at school from 12 and come to our classroom at 12:45. They will then be given name tags and meet with their group leaders. Please make sure your child has a water bottle and afternoon tea. This needs to be labeled with your child’s name. Please note that there will be no school or supervision before 12:45 p.m. I hope you enjoy the opportunity to sleep in and rest in the morning.

**Useful website**

We have begun to use the Starfall website (www.starfall.com). This is an interactive website that is fun and at the same time encourages literacy. The children loved exploring an activity called ‘All about me!’. This is located under the section ‘It’s fun to read’. This is a great activity to encourage mouse control and begin to identify sight words. You may wish to use this website at home.

**Sharing**

There have been many children asking about sharing. Jenny and I have decided that we will start formal sharing/show and tell in Term 2. I will be providing a roster for this before the end of the term. Due to week 1 being a short week we will start in week 2 with the topic being ‘What I did during the holidays.’ After the holidays I will provide the topic for the coming weeks in my newsletter. We will be doing a modified sharing programme at school for the rest of this term that doesn’t require objects from home or assistance from parents.

**Last newsletter**

This will be our last paper newsletter that is glued into the communication book. I will be sending details of my class blog home next week and communication about our class will be found there. You will be able to subscribe to the blog and receive updates when blog posts are posted.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Megan Norman