



It is hard to believe that we have been back at school for 4 weeks already. The children delighted in going to the Mother's Day Stall and buying a special treat to give to their special lady. They are all very settled and enjoying all aspects of school life, as new friendships are formed and new understandings are celebrated. There are lots of exciting things happening at school over the next month and we hope you and your child enjoy participating in them. The following are a few reminders about these events:

- ☺ **IN THE CLASSROOM:** Over the next couple of weeks the classroom teacher will be completing a variety of academic testing with your child to assist with our reporting. Your child may come home from school more tired than usual. If this happens please ensure that he/she gets any extra rest required so that they can come to school with renewed energy each day. Thank you for your support.
- ☺ **MT ELIZA WALKING EXCURSION:** A big thank you to those families who have returned their Walking Excursion forms. We thank the parents who have offered to assist with our excursion and your classroom teacher will be in touch!
- ☺ **HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY:** On Monday, 15th May, students will be participating in our House Cross Country. Prep students will be running at 9.30am. Students are asked to wear their House colours for the event and remember to bring a named water bottle. Parents and family members are invited to help cheer our Prep's along!!
- ☺ **UPCOMING EXCURSION TO SCIENCEWORKS:** Our excursion to Scienceworks will be on Friday, 2nd June. We will be leaving school at 8.30am so please ensure that your child is in their classroom by 8.15am in order for the classroom teacher to get play lunch, lunch and the children ready for their big day. Thank you to ALL the parents who have offered their assistance on the day! We have been inundated with offers of help. Please be aware that we can only take 3 parents from each grade (no toddlers due to bus regulations). You will be notified if you are one of the parents joining us. If you do not get to come to this excursion please be aware that there will be other opportunities as the year progresses for your valued involvement. It is also very important that the permission form and any money are returned by the due date, **Friday, 26th May** as NO late payments will be accepted. We do not want anyone to miss out. Thank you for your support and if you require another permission note please see the classroom teacher or you can access the notice on our school website.
- ☺ **IPADS:** The children are using iPads during our learning rotations and the children are enjoying "playing" the educational games. If you would like to reinforce some of these activities at home we recommend the following apps that can be downloaded onto your mobile devices: Friends of Ten, Eggy Alphabet and Eggy sight words.
- ☺ **READING EGGS AND MATHLETICS:** A reminder that students Reading Eggs and Mathletics codes are in their Green Homework Book. It is great to see so many students exploring these programs at home!
- ☺ **"T.E.D":** The Prep T.E.D's will go home with 4 special students next week! T.E.D stands for "Treat Everyone Decently" and he symbolises care and kindness towards others. T.E.D chooses a special person on Fridays (who has shown kindness, help, care and respect towards his or her peers) to go home with on the weekend. He has a special diary, which is then shared every Monday to the rest of the class. We hope T.E.D is a special celebration in your family!
- ☺ **ABSENCE NOTES REMINDER AND LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY DEPARTURE NOTES:** With the colder weather coming along so does illness unfortunately. If your child is absent from school please ensure that you send a note to explain your child's absence when they return to school. This is a legal requirement of the Education Department and we have to file them for the year. If your child is late to school or needs to leave school earlier than 3.15 pm you are required to fill in a slip at the office that is passed onto the classroom teacher. Classroom teachers are legally required to complete our school attendance roll on the Department website and this information is required. Thank you for your diligence in this matter.

Finally, we wish all the Mums and Grandmas a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. We hope you all get spoilt, enjoy the lovely gift from the Mother's Day Stall and the present your children made at school. Thanks again for your support and please see your teacher if you have any concerns or queries.

