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Our Unit of Inquiry - On the Farm

Our Unit of Inquiry for this term is all about the farm. Students will explore the animals that live on a farm and their lifecycles, the products that are produced on a farm, the different types of farms as well as many other areas. To give the students a hands on experience we will be attending an excursion to Raine, Hayne and Shine children’s farm where they will be able to see first hand how a farm is run. Excursion forms will be given out shortly with details and pricing.

Correct school uniform

Just a reminder that students are to attend school in correct school uniform. Students must not wear any excessive jewellery or nail polish and they must wear appropriate shoes. If your child is wearing incorrect uniform they will be sent home with a note informing you of the incorrect item of clothing.

Labelling clothes

It has come to our attention that many students are losing items of clothing. Please ensure all items of clothing and any possessions they bring to school are clearly labelled with their name.

Old clean sock wanted

If you have any old clean socks at home that you would like to donate to the school for a craft activity, please bring them to school. Any size and any colour is acceptable. Your donations would be greatly appreciated by the junior staff and students.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday 30th July
- Responsible pet ownership
- incursion
- 13th-17th August
- Life Ed Van
- incursion
- 31st August
- Farm excursion
- 18th September
- Footy day

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Take Home Book Reading Program

Our home reading program has changed slightly. Your child will only receive a new take home book every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. As a result of this we would like you to focus on a few areas when reading with your child.

The first night is all about comprehension and accuracy. Make sure your child points to each word as they read. Once the child has read the book, ask them a few questions that will assist with their understanding of the book. For example, what colour was the girl’s jumper? Why is the boy frowning?

The second night with the same book is focusing on their fluency and expanding their vocabulary. Give your child a chance to read the book independently. Ensure they take their time and read at a steady reading pace. When the child has finished discuss any words they found tricky and the meaning of those words.

Library Borrowing

Borrowing library books is now in full swing. Students can only borrow a book if they have a library bag. If your child does not have one, any type of bag from home is acceptable as long as it has their name on it. Students have the opportunity to borrow library book every Monday during lunch time and every Thursday during our scheduled class time. They are able to keep the book at home for a week. However students are not able to borrow a new book until the other book is returned.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Rewards Program

Woolworths is running their Earn and Learn Rewards program from Wednesday 15th July 2015 until Tuesday 8th September. We encourage everyone to collect the stickers from the local Woolworths and bring them into school. For every $10 a customer spends at Woolworths, they will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker. These stickers can be redeemed for educational resources for our school.

Mathletics

Next week we will be sending home usernames and passwords for Mathletics. Mathletics is an online program the students can use to practise areas we have learnt in maths through various games. These passwords will be stuck in the front cover of their diaries so they can access the program at home to their leisure. www.mathletics.com.au

Jolly Phonics

Jolly Phonics is a YouTube clip that we have been using in our learning space. This clip has a variety of songs that help the students understand the sounds of each letter and their blends. If you ever have a spare moment at home, put the clip on so your child can practise the songs. www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCjjYB07aSU