Dear Parents,

What a wonderful term the Foundation Learning Community has had! All the students have settled into the classroom well, they have been motivated and engaged to learn and have made great friendships.

Throughout this term students have had opportunities to get involved in many activities outside the classroom as well. Students were invited to see the Jollybops science incursion where we learnt all about chemical science. The students watched many experiments where chemical reactions occurred. Fog, bubbles, explosions, you name it, we saw it.

More recently the students participated in our Multicultural & Harmony Day. This was a great success as everyone dressed in their traditional clothing and showed their support for harmony day.

It is important that students arrive on time for school. The Learning Community doors open at 8:50am and learning begins at 9:00am sharp. When students are late they miss valuable instruction time. If your child is absent from school we ask that you inform the office, or write a note to be handed in on their first day back at school.

Upcoming Events:

- Every Friday (term 2) - Footsteps dance program
- Friday 24th April - School Photos
- 25th - 29th May - Education Week
- Monday 8th June - Queen’s birthday public holiday
In the Classroom

In Literacy sessions, the Foundation students have learnt every letter of the alphabet and the sounds they make. In reading we have been investigating the components of the front cover of a book, making predictions about what might occur in the story and how a book is structured with a beginning, middle and end. The Foundation students have been practising sustained reading. Our goal was to reach 15 minutes of uninterrupted reading which was successfully achieved. We have also explored different ways of reading whether it be independent or with a partner sitting elbow to elbow, knee to knee.

During Mathematics sessions, we have been learning about the numbers one to ten and practising the correct formation of these numbers. We have also recently touched on the subject of 2D shapes.

We have been investigating our families and what countries we originate from. We have come to understand that every family is different and we must show kindness and respect to everyone no matter which cultural background they are from.

Hats

A reminder that school hats must be worn outside during recess and lunchtime until the 1st of May. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure they pack their hat everyday and place it in their school bags after every recess and lunch break. Several hats have been misplaced and lost during the term and many searches have been undertaken to try and find them. Please make sure hats are clearly labelled so student’s hats are easy to identify. If students do not have a school hat they will be required to stay in the undercover area. If hats are lost, new hats need to be purchased through Beleza.

Diaries & Take Home Books

Student diaries are required to be brought to school each day. It is important to check your child’s diary on a regular basis as important reminders, homework and updates will be sent home in them. It is an expectation that every child has a school diary. If students have lost theirs, it is expected that a new diary be purchased.

Take home books have been set in motion and students are expected to be reading their books every night. Please ensure the navy bags with books inside are taken to school everyday so the students can swap their books daily. Students will not receive a new book until the other one is returned. Just a friendly reminder that the title of the take home books should be recorded in the space provided in the student diaries daily. Students will not be given books on the holidays however we still encourage them to read as much as possible.