



TERM ONE

Important Dates

25th Feb – Parent Info Night 5.30-6.30pm in the Bunjil

26th Feb J1 Excursion to Woolworths

28th Feb J3 Excursion to Woolworths

4th March Smart Start incursion

5th March J2 Excursion to Woolworths

6th March Road Safety/mini cars incursion

11th March Labour Day holiday

12th and 13th March Parent/teacher meetings

14th March Ambulance and Fire Brigade incursion (TBC)

18th March First Aid

21st March Harmony Day

Welcome to 2019 in the Bunjil

We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing break with your families!

A lot of our learning so far has focussed on establishing a safe and positive learning environment and making new friends. Every class has discussed rules and routines and we have written class agreements and a Bunjil agreement to ensure we can all learn. We have had such a positive start to the year and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

Staff

J1 - Mrs Kathy Braysmith

J2 - Mr Matthew Pepi

J3 - Ms Wendy Stansfield

Integration Aides - Tanya Todd, Sue Bray and Nick

Communication

Class Dojo is one of our main forms of communication between home and school. Dojo allows us to share what's happening in the classroom through messages and photos. Notices and the school newsletter will be uploaded to Dojo so you don't miss any important dates. If you are not signed up to Dojo, please see your child's teacher for the login details. If at any time you would like to discuss a concern or to find out how your child is doing at school, please make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Literacy

Our reading and spelling programs are implemented through an explicit phonics program and the CAFÉ reading strategies. Take Home Reading has started. Please ensure your child has their book bags to keep their books and reading diary in. This year we will be using NESSY - Reading and Spelling to support our learning. Logins will be sent home soon.

Speaking and listening will be a focus this term. Thank you to the families who have returned their ME BAG this week. We will use the ME BAGS to develop good speaking and listening skills. This year we are starting a Writer's Notebook to inspire our writing. Soon you will be asked to collect pictures and photos to put in their notebooks. You will hear more about this at the information session.

In **Numeracy** we will focus on Place Value, Addition, Time and Location. Each week we will also explore problem solving strategies.

Our **Inquiry** unit this term is *Growing Older and Wiser*. In this topic we explore how we change as we grow. We will explore how we can keep ourselves safe and healthy as we grow. All of our incursions and excursions this term will support this unit.

Homework

Our priority in the Bunjil is daily reading. Please support your child to read for 10-15 minutes each day at home. This may include reading with you, listening to you read, audio books, or reading independently. Take home books were sent home last week. Your child will be given new books every Friday. They should be books they can read independently or with only a little support. The focus for you is to encourage reading with fluency and expression so please read the same book twice. Talking about the book with your child will help develop their comprehension.

Occasionally we will send other tasks home to support what's happening in class.

Other information

The Bunjil Parent Information Night will be the 25th February 5.30-6.30pm in the Bunjil. At this session we will elaborate on the curriculum content, daily organisation and answer your questions.

You will be able to book an interview time with your teacher soon. This interview will allow you to share important information about your child with their teacher.

We appreciate your ongoing support with the following:

- Please ensure all school uniforms, drink bottles and lunch boxes are **clearly labelled**. Lost property is situated in sick bay.
- **Attendance** - It is important that all children be at school regularly and on time for the start of the school day. This avoids interruption to the class and your child missing out on important learning time.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to an exciting year of learning!

The Bunjil Team

Kathy Braysmith, Wendy Stansfield and Matthew Pepi