Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for Term 2! We hope you and your children have had a relaxing break. We are looking forward to another productive term of schoolwork and our performing arts night!

We thought we would use this newsletter to include some information for you about this term.

*****************

School Hours

Just a reminder that supervision for your child is provided from 8.25am each morning (either in the playground or the classroom).

*****************

Reading

We will continue to have reading before school in the morning from 8.25am. If you are available to help listen to the children read any of these mornings, we would greatly appreciate your help. The children love to show you their improving reading skills.

We ask that you continue to encourage reading each night with your child as part of their daily homework.

The children will continue to use Reading Eggs in the classroom this term – they can also do this at home if you have a computer with an internet connection they are able to use.

*****************

Maths

We will continue with the Targeting Maths programme in class this term, and Mentals Maths will continue to be sent home as part of their weekly homework activities. The units in the Mentals book match to the class activities we are completing during the week, so please resist the temptation to complete more than one unit per week.

If your child is looking for extra mathematics stimulation at home, they can log onto Mathletics and practise their skills. It is based on the NSW Board of Studies Curriculum.

Mathletics passwords were sent home last term but please let us know if you would like them sent home again.

*****************

Spelling

We will be continuing with our spelling programme this term, which includes both daily THRASS activities and also using the Soundwaves program. We will focus our classroom activities on a weekly phoneme (or sound) and the weekly spelling lists will correspond with that phoneme and the spelling choices available.

Where students are showing consistent success with their weekly spelling lists, we will be able to increase the difficulty of their weekly word lists.

*****************

Handwriting, Writing & Grammar

We are going to focus strongly on the presentation of the children’s written work this term. In addition to the Targeting Handwriting text books we use, we will also be asking children to improve their handwriting in an exercise book with lines. Our key areas for handwriting skills are:

1. Correct letter formation (consistent and correct use of capitals and lower case letters in NSW Foundation Style).
2. Starting sentences with a capital letter and ending a sentence with a full stop.
3. Correct use of writing lines.

*****************

Human Society & Its Environment

This term our topics are the celebrations of ANZAC Day and Mother’s Day and a unit on Families: Past & Present.

*****************

Science & Technology

This term our topics are:

• Autumn Pets

Pet Week, is planned for Week 8 (week starting 17th June). If you would like to, you can bring in one of your children’s pets for news on their News Day. We will send out a note to advise you of the details closer to Week 8, and you can nominate a time that would best suit you.

*****************

Homework

We are starting written homework in Week 1.