**Prep/1 S Newsletter – May 2nd**

Notices and Readers

There have been lots of notices and student work going home lately so please check your child’s reader every day.

Mother’s Day Stall and Afternoon Tea

Hopefully all Dad’s read the Mother’s Day stall notice that went last week explaining about Wednesday afternoon’s stall. Children can bring up to $5 to spend on little gifts for Mum.

All Mums, Grandmas, Nans, Aunties etc are invited to our whole school Mother’s Day afternoon tea on Friday afternoon from 3:30pm in the multi-purpose room. I look forward to seeing you there.

Photo Trail/Tabloid Sports Day at Maroondah Dam

A notice went out last week for the Foundation-Grade 2 Photo Trail/Tabloid Sports Day that we will be attending on May 20. Grade 1 children are really looking forward to going after attending last year which has also got Foundation children eager to go as well. We do need plenty of parent assistance on the day to help lead groups so if you you’re free on May 20 we would love to see you there.

Yarra Valley Water Incursion

Yarra Valley Water are coming for an incursion of Wednesday as we continue to learn more about our inquiry topic of water.

Reading

Our weekly reading focuses this week are *using illustrations, diagrams and graphs to deepen understanding in non-fiction texts (grade 1)*. Foundation students will continue to develop their skills in *using beginning and ending sounds*.

During nightly reading at home with your child it would be beneficial to also have a focus on these strategies.

Mathematics

This week in maths the foundation students will be equal and unequal groups. This will also include counting the total equal groups. Eg. 3 equal groups of $2 = 6$.

Grade 1 students are exploring the concept of division (sharing).

Foundation- This week’s letters

This week Foundation children move onto learning about the 5 vowels after learning all the consonants. They will meet and learn about Annie Apple (A) and Eddie Elephant (E). We will be continuing to focus on learning the sounds of letters, the correct upper and lowercase letter formations and words that begin with the letter.

Last week our letters were X and Z. It would be very beneficial to revise these and other letters at home.

Library

Please encourage your child to bring in a Library bag for our Library session on Friday mornings. Allowing children to borrow a book of their choice and then listening to them read it or read it to them is important in having children develop a love of reading. Children love being read to and it also helps extend their vocabulary, develop fluency and focus on comprehending texts to name just a few of the benefits.