March 15th, 2016

Dear Parents

I hope that everyone enjoyed the lovely four day break that Curriculum Day and Labour Day provided for our school community! Teachers had a very interesting day on Curriculum Day, fine tuning whole school approaches to the teaching of reading and writing.

This week students in grade 2/3 are working very busily to make sure their technology game is ready for our Arcade Games afternoon on Friday 18th March. Parents and families are welcome to come down to the F/1/2/3 classrooms from 3.00pm on Friday to have a go at playing the games that the students have created.

I have already noticed an improvement in the ‘quick maths’ work of many students. I would like to encourage all students in grade 2/3 to practise their two times tables at home to improve their number skills, and some students are working on their threes!

You will have noticed that students are taking home a ‘handwriting’ page each week. This is not compulsory homework, but simply giving students an opportunity to revise their handwriting skills at home.

A kind reminder that school photos will be taken on Tuesday 22nd March.

**Reading:** students should all have their home reader and their reading diary. Please listen to your child read each night, and/or read with them, and sign their diary page. We are learning about comprehension in reading at school.

**Spelling:** Please encourage your child to practise learning their words at home. Our class focus this week is the prefix ‘dis’.

**Maths:** This week in maths we are solving division problems and expanding numbers to 5000. We will build on measurement skills by measuring capacity. Students will also be interpreting and constructing column graphs.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week! Again, please don’t hesitate to see me or ring me if you have any concerns about your child.

Yours in Learning

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