



Foundation Newsletter Term 3, 2018

- Our science and technology focus this term is "What is it made of?" we are exploring different types of materials and what they are used for. During the second part of the term students will be using their knowledge to design and create a bridge that meets certain agreed design criteria. We look forward to sharing these with you towards the end of term!

Show and Share will link to our inquiry unit this term. Information regarding topics and dates will be sent home.

Other learning areas and school events:

- Student 3 way conferences will take place in week 3 of this term (Tuesday July 31st and Wednesday 1st August). **Please note that your child will be required to attend, as they will be actively involved in sharing their work with you.** Please log on to Compass to book an available time.
- This term we will be continuing with **parent helper** sessions in the classroom. A big thank you to all the parents/carers who came in last term, students absolutely loved having you in the class. Expression of interest forms will be going home and a roster will be created. Parent helper sessions and dates will differ between classes due to timetables and the needs within the classroom. Keep an eye out for information in your child's satchel.
- We are excited to announce that we have organised a **butterfly incursion for Wednesday 8th August**. This year in science, our prep students have been investigating the question "What do living things need to survive?". To expand our program we have invited "Butterfly Adventures" visit Greythorn primary school. Butterfly Adventures will bring live butterflies into our classrooms and explain their complicated lives. Students will have a chance to touch butterflies and watch them eating. Please keep a look out for this incursion on compass to give permission and make payment.
- **Adventure Excursion on Wednesday 29th August**. We are still finalising the details of this excursion however we feel the cohort its ready to fly the coupe and spend a day together outside of Greythorn Primary. In line with the Personal and Social capabilities area of the Victorian curriculum we aim to give students an experience that enable them to grow in confidence, reliance and develop language for expressing themselves both personally and socially. Please keep a look out for this excursion on compass to give permission and make payment.

If you would like to assist on this excursion please email marino.jane.e@edumail.vic.gov.au.

- In week 3 we will be celebrating our 100th day at school. **We ask that your child prepares a collection of 100 non-food small items (such as beads, coins, feathers, Lego bricks, stamps, straws, hair clips, pom-poms, paperclips, footy cards etc) in a labelled plastic zip lock bag to bring in on Thursday 2nd August**. It will be a day full of fun activities.
- Information for the **prep swimming program** will be sent home in a few weeks in the meantime please put these dates in your diary, 3rd-6th September and 10th-13th September.

If you are able to assist with this program please email marino.jane.e@edumail.vic.gov.au.

- Congratulations to those students who have received their 75 -100 nights of reading sticker in their reading journals. Daily reading with your child as well as working with them to practise the sounds and Magic 100 words is essential in order to reinforce all the learning that is happening in the classroom and maximise their progression with reading.

Other Useful Information:

- All Prep library sessions this term are on **Thursdays**.
- All Preps have weekly Phys. Ed. please ensure your child is wearing shorts and runners or comfortable shoes on these days. If there has been a change in the timetable then your child's teacher will let you know.
- To ensure a smooth start to the day it is important for your child to be entering the classroom at the 8:50am music for a 9:00am start. To lessen the congestion in the corridors before school **you are kindly reminded to say goodbye at the bottom of the ramp or outside the middle school doors and let your child walk in by themselves.** If you are late to school (after 9am) or need to collect your child early during the day, please visit the office first to fill in a sign in/sign out form and to bring the pass with you to the classroom teacher.
- Lost something? The Lost property cupboard is located just inside class F25 (Mrs Browne's room) at the top of the ramp.

Garden Update:

Thanks to the families that have donated supplies for our Prep Garden. The children have planted seeds for tomatoes, zucchini, snow peas, strawberries and onions and they are currently in the small greenhouse in the garden cooking away nicely.

We would still love more donations of seeds, plants, gardening equipment or anything that might be useful for the children's learning about how things grow and what they need to survive on Earth. We are confident that by the end of the term we can show you the results of the children's hard work and all of their learning around gardens and sustainability.

Thanks : Juliette, Terry, Andrea and Jane