Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting term! As it is Term 4, we now require students to be wearing hats when playing outside.

What we are learning in Literacy

Our focus for literacy this term is: poetry! We have began by discussing what poetry is, and what it isn’t. Our first lesson saw children enjoying visualising and writing a piece about a colour: ‘Yellow is a funky banana.’ ‘Yellow is a noisy star.’ Over the next few weeks, we encourage students to (and parents!) to bring in their favourite poem to share with the grade. We are also in the publishing phase of our non-fiction text maps/projects which are close to completion!

What we are learning in Numeracy

Students have been alternating fortnightly between Art and extended Maths on Mondays. We have kicked off maths with money. We are creating our own shop and cafe which the children are loving! Students have been working with Jess Holden in Monday maths, investigating fractions.
Spelling

We are back into our spelling this week! We have been a bit short on spelling helpers the last couple of sessions. In order to for us to provide students with individual/tailored spelling lists, we do require parental assistance to help make this happen.

Just a reminder that we conduct our weekly spelling tests every Wednesday afternoon (after lunch play) from 2.35pm - 3.00pm. We value any time you are willing to give us. Thank you!

Prize box

We have had terrific success using the prize box as our reward system for the children. However, we are in desperate need of prizes! Currently we have put on hold giving out prizes due to low levels of supplies. We would greatly appreciate any donations ($2 shop is great!). We have implemented other incentives for students, however they love the prize box and it would be fantastic to have it up and running once more!

Swimming

A friendly reminder that payments for the swimming program close Wednesday 22nd of October.

Classroom Pets

A big thank you to our Grade 1 community for all your ‘pet sitting’ over the course of the year. If you are able to come up to the school on the weekend to feed Cocoa, Charlie and Brian OR take them home for a little holiday on the weekends, please see Pauleen.

Celebration

Congratulations to Raven Hepburn and Daniel Warren in 1B for entering the NATA Young Scientist of the Year Competition as part of our science extension program last term. Submissions have been posted and we are hoping to hear the results later this Term. Well done boys for all your hard work with your projects on this year’s subject: ‘Energy in our lives.’