Year Two
Newsletter
Week 3 - Monday 28th July, 2014

What’s Coming Up

- Wednesday 30th July Prep 2015 Open Morning
- Wednesday 30th July Murrindindi visiting
- Thursday 18th September The Patch Showcase
- Friday 19th September End of Term 3
- Thursday 16th October Grade 2 Sleepover

Grade 2 Sleepover

Due to the overwhelming response, Grade 2 will be having a sleepover at school on Thursday October 16th. We are all very excited. The cost will be $20. A note with further details regarding this camp will come home later in the term.

What we are learning in Literacy and Numeracy

In Literacy we are working on:

- Reading and writing procedures.
- Verbs.
- Punctuation.
- Looking at ‘Toys’ and their progression over time.

In Numeracy we are working on:

- Fractions
- Multiplication
- Number Patterns
- Missing number sentences e.g. 17+___=25
Spelling

HELP NEEDED

Thank you to those Mums who have been kindly giving up their Friday mornings to help us with spelling. We desperately need extra help in both grades. If you are free on Friday morning for an hour we would love you to come and test the children on their spelling words and help create new lists for the following week. It would be a huge help to us. Thank you 😊

Dogs and Safety at School

You may be aware of a recent dog attack on the grounds of a neighbouring school. With this in mind, it is imperative that if you choose to bring your dog to school, they remain on their lead at all times and are handled by an adult. At no time are children to be responsible for a dog on a lead within school grounds. At The Patch, we are a dog friendly school and we provide education around responsible pet ownership. Dogs are an important part of many families in our school community and, as such, we hope we can all work towards continuing to welcome your dogs at school.

The Patch Primary School Drop Off and Pick-Up Procedure

Safety is of the utmost importance at The Patch PS and our system for dropping off and picking up students has been developed and fine-tuned over many years to enable the most effective and protective method of moving children on and off the site.

Students are dismissed from class at 3.25 and those going home by car will walk straight to the drop-off area and stand with siblings if they have them, to await their parents/carers. The years 5/6 should be standing at the higher end of the concrete path unless they are with siblings and the junior grades at the lower end of the path; all students should be well clear of the painted yellow line that denotes the walking path to cars.

To ensure parents/carers do not need to do unnecessary "laps" of the school driveway, we aim to have all students at the drop-off by the 3.30 bell. Students need to be constantly watching out for their car and to move quickly and carefully to enable a steady flow of traffic into and out of the grounds.

All paths to and from the drop-off need to be clear for easy access and visibility. Our parent community is a very cohesive and friendly one and we value any opportunity that enables families to socialize and relax. Please continue to use this time to catch up with friends and arrange "plays" for your children but be aware that we need to maintain our access on paths and visibility to arriving cars. Dogs must be kept on leads held by an adult and only students whose parents are collecting them from the shelter shed are allowed to be in there (unless it is raining).

To encourage safe behaviour at drop-off, we shall be awarding certificates at assembly to students who are consistently responsible and punctual. Poor behaviour will result in students receiving a Red Card which informs their parent/carer of their behaviour and requires them to collect them from the office area instead.

As the winter months continue and the weather is unstable and often cold and wet, we need to ensure our pick-up system works effectively and that parents/carers are not having to drive around the loop multiple times. We shall be reminding students of our expectations at drop-off; please talk to your child about how best they can help you and stay safe.

Thank you for your co-operation