Year One
Newsletter
Term 4: Week 2 - Wednesday 12th
November 2014

What’s Coming Up
Swimming program – Wednesday 5th - Thursday 13th
November
Megan’s Wedding day! – Friday 21st November

What we are learning in Literacy

The children are relishing our poetry unit this term! Children have been
composing acrostic and sensory poems and will soon select their favourite to
publish. Sharing poetry with your child can be a wonderful experience.
Reading it to them can help develop their imagination and visualisation
skills (creating mental images). Poetry can also offer opportunities to help
your child to develop their rhyming ability!

We still encourage students and parents to bring in their favourite poem to
share with their class. Thank you to those who have brought a selection in for
us to enjoy!

What we are learning in Numeracy

In maths we are currently undertaking revision in number. We have
been busy reviewing addition, subtraction, place value, skip counting
and mental strategies. We have also been investigating chance and
probability, discussing the likelihood of various events. Splash ABC
have some great videos on chance and probability, such as ‘Will it rain
today?’ and ‘The giraffe ate it.’ Check them out at
http://splash.abc.net.au/topic/-/t/494566/chance-and-probability
Swimming
So far we have been having an absolute ball at swimming! The children have been sensational! Congratulations to all grade 1’s for being extremely well behaved, organised and responsible for their belongings!

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.

Science
This term we are excited to be exploring an Earth and Space Science unit called: ‘Up, down and all around.’ Students will be exploring natural, made and managed features that undergo change. Over the course of the term and through outdoor observations, we will be observing and investigating daily, weekly and seasonal changes in our local environment.

On Monday, your child brought home the ‘What changed at night’ record sheet. They have been asked to observe what they can see near their houses during the day and then at night. You may like to assist them with this activity. Students are required to complete these this week and return them next Monday the 17th of November for their next science lesson.

Megan’s absence
Just a note to inform you that from Monday the 17th – Wednesday the 26th of November, Megan will be taking leave for her upcoming wedding. The big day is Friday the 21st of November and for anyone who may be interested in visiting the ceremony, it will be held at Zonzo (Train Trek Winery) in Yarra Glen at 5.30pm (ish!). Thank you for your well wishes at this exciting time!