Dear Parents,

This Term is flying past and with it lots of amazing work being done by your children!!

REMINDERS

- Reading homework and records to be done nightly and returned to school every day. Children also have a Mathletics passwords in their diary, so can work through that at their leisure.
- Still many students who need to bring a library bag/art smock
- Return all outstanding absent notes ASAP (you will find a quick note in your child’s diary)
- Return current email address form.
- Tues 19th March - Close the Gap day (Details below)
- Sushi now available every Thursday.
- Stomp the Beat money to be returned by MONDAY 18th MARCH
- Thursday 28th March - Last day of school - dismissal 2.20pm

There have been a few slight changes to our specialist times, please find the updated timetable below. We have been fortunate to have Nicole singing with our students on a Friday afternoon, you may have been hearing Puff the Magic Dragon hummed around the house! It’s a lovely relaxed way to end the week and the kids just love it! Please feel free to pop in and join us on a Friday afternoon.

Our Specialist Timetable Term 1

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Thank you to those of you that have contributed to our TREASURE BOX we very much appreciate your generosity!
In our room we have been busy; here is a snap shot of the past two weeks!

**Literacy**
- Testing finished.
- Spelling 100 Most used words and beyond - testing.
- Writing recounts
- Reading - making connections, sequencing, punctuation
- Handwriting - focusing on shape of letters and neat work.

**Numeracy**
- Counting, reading and recognising numbers/problem solving.
- Number patterns
- Space - 2D and 3D shapes
- Garden-based maths - children taking weekly topics and exploring maths outdoors.

**PE**
- Skills involved in jumping and leaping and high jump
- Relays

**Speaking and Listening/social skills** - We have been enjoying Spill the Beans with the children. During these sessions the audience is asked to think about questions and provide compliments to the speaker. The speaker is encouraged to speak clearly and provide the grade with an informative talk about what they have brought.

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CLOSE THE GAP DAY on Tuesday March 19th The Patch Primary School, will celebrate Close The Gap day. Students will work with Wurundjeri elder, Murrindindi, in our school Wetlands completing follow up activities of Math and Literacy in their classroom. The day always is a wonderful way to acknowledge awareness of the ‘health inequality’ of Indigenous people. We are asking for a **gold coin donation** on the day, to enable us to purchase timber for the signage we need in our Wetlands and our school buildings. All children are able to wear free dress on the day, incorporating a colour of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags – red, yellow, black, white or green. We all look forward to a great day.

Last Thursday we had a whole school fire drill, the Grade Two children did a **FANTASTIC** job. They lined up quickly shut appropriate doors, listened to instruction and were quiet and orderly in the hall. Next drill will be without warning!!