**Homework Expectations:**
- **Mathletics** several times a week. [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)
- **Reading** for 20-30 minutes every day. Remember to track your thinking and record your reading in your diary.

**What’s Coming Up**
- **Day One of Term Two:** Monday 13th April
- **ANZAC Day** – Saturday 25th April
- **Grade 3/4 Camp** - 22nd – Friday the 24th of July

**What we are learning about at the moment:**

**Numeracy:** Understand place value is key to all future areas of Numeracy and it is paramount that your child has a firm grounding in place value. We continue to work on this in our Numeracy sessions and it would be great for you to encourage your child to share their growing understanding with you at home. Mathletics has been set up to further embed this concept so please insist that your child attempts the Mathletics tasks set for them. Congratulations to those students who are using Mathletics on a regular basis – your teachers are noticing how much your skills are improving 😊

**Literacy:** In **Reading** we are looking at making real and deep connections when we read. Connecting with what we already know, what we have already read and what we have been thinking about enhances our understanding of the content of texts. Remember to read read read every day!

In **Writing** we are attempting to produce our own Narrative texts by incorporating our awareness of the needs of the reader. It is important to add detail to make your writing interesting and to tell your audience what they need to know.

All students are focusing on THREE spelling words at a time.
ANZAC Memorabilia:

April 25th 2015 is the 100 year commemoration of date the Anzacs landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey in 1915.

Over the first two weeks of term two, all grades throughout the school will be doing a number of activities (appropriate to their age and understanding) around the centenary and the idea of gratitude and peace. It will end with a short ceremony on Thursday 23rd April.

If you have any memorabilia (photos, medals, writing etc.) at home that you can share with the students, your child’s teacher would love to hear from you.

It would also be wonderful if you and your children stop and look at any local war memorials during the school holidays (and if you’re travelling war memorials from further afield). We’d love to see the resulting photos and see and hear what is written on the memorials.

Holidays:

This has been a busy term, full of hard work as well as major adjustments for your children. Over the Easter holidays please find time to rest and relax!

Here are some ideas for helping your child to further develop the skills we are working on at school whilst having fun with them over the holidays:

- Create a menu for a meal. Plan together, shop together and cook together. Working with money, following a recipe and measuring ingredients are priceless skills.
- Design a timetable for screen time
- Make a remote control car track in your backyard!
- Design a mini golf course
- Download some timetable flashcards (we have some on the grade 3/4 section of the school website) and make up a competition to help learn as many as you can
- Set a personal reading challenge – can you finish a chapter book?
- Check out the set Mathletics tasks and do your best to finish them all
- Write a story
- Learn to play a new game

Notices:

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the students and parents who came to help out at our Open Garden. The weekend was amazing and we really demonstrated what an amazing school we are part of.

Our Waste Management excursion was such an interesting and enlightening experience. We trust your child is encouraging your family to adopt some helpful waste reduction strategies around your home!

Boxes of tissues are always needed here at school. Please send some in with your child if you can.

Please contact us if you would like to have a chat regarding your child 😊

We are planning an interesting and challenging Term Two for you all so have a safe and wonderful Easter break and we will see you on the 13th of April.