Notices
As children are now settled into school we will start a new morning routine. From now on the children will not play in the mornings when they first come in. We will give them some jobs to do before settling to the floor to start work by 9am (ish).

When the children come in they will need to:
- bring in their lunch box, lunch orders and drink bottle
- Bring in folder, take any notes out and give to the teacher.
- Put folder in folder tub as usual.
- They will then need to sign in. We have special folders that have the children’s names printed inside they will trace and eventually write their own names every day. This helps with letter formation and size. (plus the kids think it very grown up!).
- They will then need to get a picture story book and their free drawing book and sit at their table to look at the book and draw a picture related to it. If they just want to look at the book and not draw that it fine
- Once everyone has arrived we will then begin our day!

Helping with Reading. As we are now settled into our school routine we would love some parents to help listen to reading. We will not ask you to commit to any particular times or days but rather let you know what time are suitable and then if you can come, you can come, it not, no problems!

The listen to reading times are as follows.

Tuesday 2.40 -3.10pm
Wednesday 2.40- 3.10pm
Thursday 2.40- 3.10pm

Children can reader either the reader they read the night before or the new reader they have just changed.

Banking
Please make sure all banking is handed to Lesley on Wednesday morning. We don’t always get time to check folders before the banking leaves for the day.

What’s coming Up-
- Stomp The Beat DISCO- Thursday May 14th (Get your disco gear ready!)
- Book Fair Thurs May 14th-21st Books being sold before and after school in the library. Parents to take children if they wish.
- Working Bee Sunday 31st May 10-1pm All help welcome!
- Queens Birthday June 8th Public Holiday
- Last Day of School – Friday 26th Pick Up 2.30pm
Notices Continued…..

Birthdays – If your child is having a birthday please hand named invitations to your child’s teacher and they will put them in their blue folders during the day. As mentioned in past newsletters, there is no expectation for treats to be brought to school on a child’s birthday. However if you do, please ensure there is enough for everyone (38 kids) and it is something that is small, quick and easy to hand out. Unfortunately, we don’t have time to cut things up and sort out what to do when there is not enough. All treats will be sent home in children’s lunch boxes for parents to control.

Step Up Prizes- Any donations to our prize box are gratefully received.

Shoes/coats/ spare clothes- Please make sure your child has a set of spare clothes, a rain coat and sensible shoes for school. On wet muddy days feel free to send them in gum boots! If it is only spitting, children will still go outside so having a rain coat is a must! Pleeeaaaaassssssssse name your clothes and belongings. We try really hard to get your jumpers etc... back to you, but without a name it’s really hard!

What we are learning:

Writing: We are practicing incorporating our golden words into our writing. Writing sounds we can hear in words. Looking for clues around our room. Letter formation, spacing and adding a full stop!

Reading: We are continuing our reading strategies such as Stretchy – Snake and Eagle Eye. We have also met Questioning Owl that asks questions about what we are reading. We are learning to retell stories in sequential order looking for the main ideas in the story.

Maths – We are continuing to focus on number, pattern and shapes. We are writing and recognising numbers to 20 and beyond. Numbers before and after and skip counting.

Social – Class discussions and workshops on what makes a good friend? How can we be a good friend. What to do if we don’t have someone to play with. What to do if we want to play with new friends.

Investigations- Next week we will begin to introduce Investigations. This is a time where children choose one of the activities teachers have selected for that round. More details will be available. In the next newsletter.

Student Wellbeing Officer

We are thrilled to announce that Jody from our office has been appointed as our Student Wellbeing Officer on a Friday. Jody has much experience in this area (please see school newsletter for more information) and all students, parents and staff will benefit from her help. If you would like to book a confidential meeting with Jody please contact her on yandle.jody.m@edumail.vic.gov.au She is located in the library office on a Friday.

Behaviour Management-

Our Step Up board is working brilliantly for rewarding good behaviour and positive reinforcement of behaviours we encourage. We also have kindness awards, table awards and assembly awards to celebrate all the achievements the children are making. We would like to also have an avenue to let you know if there has been some unacceptable or continued disruptive behaviour. If your child has been asked on numerous occasions to stop a certain behaviour that is disrupting learning or unacceptable we will send a little ‘sad face’ note home to let you know. The note needs to be signed and returned. It just let kids know that we are working as a team – please don’t see it as the end of the world, they are just kids and are still learning the ropes. We know as parents you will want to be made aware of not only the great things but the things that need working on.