Hi Parents,

Wowsers! Market Day tomorrow. The kids are very excited, it is the talk of the school at the moment. A very big thank you to all who have been involved in the preparations of the event. We have just about every family involved in some way, and we do appreciate the families who are away this weekend helping out with preparations at home during the week.

Helpers will be getting here from 7am as the morning will go fast and get extremely busy. We also need helpers to stick around for pack up so perhaps if you have a sleep in on Saturday, you might stick around to help pack up!

We also need a blender or two for the milkshakes. Has anyone got one we can borrow? I look forward to seeing you tomorrow and thank you again for your help. I am sure it will be a great day!

School Opinion Survey

Thank you to those families who have completed their school opinion survey. We still have a couple of spares at the office. The survey closes at 5pm today (there is still time!). We currently have 6 families who have completed this so a very big thank you to them. In order for the data to be an accurate reflection of parent perceptions, we would like a few more responses. Thank you advance for attending to this.

Age Appropriate Pedagogies

It is wonderful to see the P-2 pirate ship take shape. The kids are extremely passionate about their ship and are bringing in lots of materials to help with the creation. We even have a canon thanks to Mr Philips! This work is part of our Age Appropriate Pedagogies work. Ellen brewer (regional Age Appropriate Pedagogies coach) visited our school yesterday and worked with Miss Young in the classroom. It is great to see this come to life!

Camp Meeting

Just a reminder that we will have a brief camp meeting Thursday after school next week. Please bring any questions you have to the meeting. We will be discussing some important details in the itinerary and ensuring we are ready to board the plane. This will start at 3:30pm sharp and should take no longer than 30 mins.
P-2 have been extremely busy this week! On Monday, preps have been busy creating our pirate ship. The year 1 and 2 students joined the preps on Wednesday and helped create all kinds of piratey objects!

Reminders for next week:
- reader folders need to be at school on WEDNESDAY
- library books need to be returned on THURSDAY
- homework needs to be returned FRIDAY

It is essential students are completing homework for consolidating their own learning.

We are still collecting items for our pirate unit. Next week, I will have another list of items students still want to make. Thank you to those who have helped by bringing in items!
We have a wonderful Canberra display in the library – thanks Mrs Boyd! We are certainly on the countdown so don’t forget the meeting next Thursday.

With our persuasive speeches just around the corner, we have reviewed our OREO paragraphs. The persuasive speaking competition date will be confirmed but we are on a tight schedule. This work will kick into gear next week. Students will be required to work on this at home to get finished.

‘Effort pays off’ has been our theme of the week and we talked about library borrowing and homework as well. It is great to see students achieving their goals after putting in effort. This relates to homework as well. I had many more homework folders to mark last weekend which was fantastic. I hope to be busy marking again this weekend! A reminder that homework is about reinforcing skills independently and time management. These are very important skills as students start preparing for high school.

Swimming
Swimming is just around the corner. This year, our swimming program will take place on Monday afternoons. Before we can send home a note outlining the cost, we need to know whether families are planning on picking up their children from the pool after swimming. If we have enough parents picking their children up, we will be able to hire a smaller bus. Could you please fill in the slip attached to the permission note indicating your preference for pick up on Monday afternoon next term? This is not a swimming permission note, just an indication of your intentions to help with our planning processes. Could you please return this to school ASAP?

Also, an instructor increase is necessary with our increased numbers. We have maximised staffing by alternating the day of swimming, but will still require a couple of helpers to take a group each week. It would be appreciated if you could please indicate whether you can help out with our swimming program in any way next term.

(Thank you to those who have already returned your swimming notes to school. We are in the process of collating these and getting bus quotes. We should have a permission note with an amount payable next week.)

Positive Behaviour for Learning
We have started our work with the support of Kerri Hancock (Regional coach for PBL) and we are already noticing a difference with motivation and engagement. Students are talking about being responsible, respectful and safe and are aware that these things will help them excel. Students were given time to work through the different areas of the school and discussed with their peers what this looks like. This work has brought our expectations back to the forefront of everything that we do. Staff have spent time discussing and contextualising research, which has a positive impact on our lessons. We are extremely excited about what we are doing so watch this space!
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**Target 96%**

**School Attendance Term 3**

- **Joshua**
  Being an active participant in all areas. Well done, Josh!

- **Elsie**
  Trying very hard to form letters and numbers correctly!

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**Dates to Remember**

- Market Day Fair—**Saturday 30th July**
- School Opinion Survey Due—**Friday 29th July**
  - Soccer—**Wednesday 3rd August**
  - Soccer—**Wednesday 10th August**
  - RSL Raffles—**Friday 12th August**
  - Soccer—**Wednesday 17th August**
- Canberra Camp—**Sun 21st Aug—Fri 26th Aug**
- Red Cross Pillowcase Project—**Thursday 8th September**
- RSL raffles—**Friday 9th September**

**Birthdays**

- Aaron — 30th July
- Ryan — 3rd August

**Students of the Week**

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- Birthdays are nature’s way of telling us to eat more cake!