Welcome back to a new school year. The children have settled back into school life very well and we have had a terrific first few weeks. As you know we have three new teachers to the Level 3 team, Mrs. Katie Hardy, Ms Natasha Larocque and Ms Helen Sterling and we would like to thank you all for the great support we have received so far. We are all excited about the year ahead and look forward to the great activities and events we have planned so stay tuned!

Our Term 1 Integrated Studies topics include:

**Grade 4** - Observing the Sun and the Moon and Journeys of Discovery, where the children will study explorers of the new world up to the late 1700s.

**Grade 3** – Changing Face on the Earth and Australian Population Over Time

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program**

All grades are involved in the Program and will be having a garden and kitchen session weekly. Volunteers are required for each of the sessions. The volunteers work with small groups of children helping with the necessary tasks. The more volunteers we have the greater the enjoyment, learning experience and smoother running of the program. It is not necessary for volunteers to commit weekly, only when your time allows. It is wonderful learning experience for all and we highly recommend you take the time to become involved.

Over the last week we have introduced **Writer's Notebook** and all children are working to complete at least one plan in their notebook. We encourage the children to continually bring in photos and/or pictures about events, experiences, hobbies etc. that are of interest to them, to assist them with developing ideas for their for writing.

**Spelling journals** have been distributed to each child and will be used throughout the year.

Each child will also be given a student diary. These diaries will be used for daily correspondence between home and school. It will also act as a record of your child’s home and school reading. The children must record daily what they have read at home and have it signed by a parent. (Your child will be given 15 minutes silent reading time per day at school).
In **Mathematics** this term, we will focusing on the four processes (+, -, X, ÷)

You will receive a comprehensive booklet outlining all relevant information including a brief outline of the curriculum areas covered, daily timetables and our expectations of the children. If you have any questions after reading the booklet, please ask your child’s classroom teacher for clarification.

This year we welcome **two new students** to our area. Aiden W and Ben Q.

Each class will have a parent **class rep**. They are:

3L: Natalie MacDonald

3D: TBA

3H: TBA

4G: TBA

4H: Sarah Wilhelm

Thank you to these parents who have willingly taken on this role. We appreciate it greatly.

Thank you again for your support and cooperation. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

The Level 3 Team:

Robyn Gilmour, John Davies, Helen Sterling, Natasha Larocque and Katie Hardy.

**REMINDERS:**

Please send a box of **tissues** and some liquid **soap** (Coles Hand wash Moisturising Aloe Vera 250 ml) to school if you haven’t already.

Each child this year requires a **library bag**.

Each child must have a **Green message folder** available at the uniform shop for $5.00.

In Term 1, children must wear a **hat** every day.
IMPORTANT DATES:

**February:**
- Tuesday 12\textsuperscript{th} Swimming Trials (Grade 4)

**March:**
- Wednesday 6\textsuperscript{th} Curriculum Day
- Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} Labour Day holiday
- Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} Movie Night
- Thurs 28\textsuperscript{th} March Last day of Term 1 (2.30 finish, free dress)