Year 1 Newsletter TERM 3 2014

**Dates for your Diary**

14th July Term Three Begins
31st July Oz Opera.
6th August Year 1 incursion- ‘Wild Action’.
11th- 13th August Book Fair -library.
14th August Tony Bones Incursion.
23rd August Gala Night celebrating 100 years.
19th September End of Term Three 2.30pm free dress day.

Tuesday 22nd July 2014.

Dear Families,
We hope you all enjoyed your Term Two holiday and you’re ready for another busy and fun filled Term Three. The children have settled into the term extremely well and with a lot of enthusiasm for our integrated topic “Mini Beasts”. The children will be researching mini beasts to answer overarching questions including “What is a mini beast?”, “What is a mini beast’s environment?”, “How do they use their senses for survival?”. We will enjoy insect safari’s in the garden and fact finding expeditions!

**MORNING ROUTINE**
A reminder to all families that children should be at school at 8:50am. When the music at 8:50am is played, this is the time for students to put down chairs, hang up their bags, change their take home books and be prepared for the day. Parents may also wish to take the opportunity to briefly pass on information to their child’s teacher during this time.

**TAKE HOME BOOKS**
Your child’s take home book is aimed at being easy to read.
This promotes confidence; the ability to make predictions; fluent orchestration of reading behaviours; expressive oral reading; awareness of text structure; independent problem solving and further enjoyment of reading.

**HATS**
As part of our Sunsmart Policy, children will be required to wear their school hats beginning the month of September. “Remember in September; Put it away in May”

**PARENT HELPERS**
Parent helpers will commence in Week Three. Please remember that if you are helping in the classroom that you bring your Working with Children Check and leave a copy at the office. Your child’s teacher will hand out a copy of the date and time you are helping.
MINIBEAST SAFARI
Could all students please bring a shoebox to school which children will use to make a minibeast diorama showcasing students’ knowledge including types of insects and habitats. Each class has one bug catcher which students will use to investigate minibeasts in our school yard. If your child has one at home please bring it to school for continual observing of minibeasts and this activity. Many children are already showing a great interest in finding minibeasts alive and their remains (shells etc). If your child would like to bring these in to share with the class that is fine, however we ask that they be contained humanely within the catch and release guidelines. This means children will carefully catch, care for and then release the animal with the same day. Thankyou for your assistance.

DONATIONS
We are in need of tissues and Coles brand pump liquid soap. Thankyou to parents who have made donations to the classrooms of items such as boxes, magazines and greeting cards. When donating magazines please ensure they are appropriate for children.

CAMERON CLOSE
Children will continue to visit the residents of Cameron Close on a rotating basis from 11.30-12.30 on a Wednesday. Children have enjoyed the experience of showcasing their reading skills and interacting with the residents.

HOMEWORK
As you know this year at Wattle Park the students have been receiving weekly homework tasks. These tasks are sent home on a Monday and due the following Monday. Please sign the homework sheet.

SPECIALIST PROGRAM AND SPECIAL FEATURES OF YEAR 1 PROGRAM IN TERM 3
Year One students will participate in a variety of specialist programs in 2013.

The following timetable indicates the specialist timetable for Year One in Term 3.

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*It is important that children bring their library bag to school each Thursday.
*Appropriate footwear to be worn during PE sessions.

Kind Regards,

Amanda Chetcuti, Julie Gledhill, Emma Goldsworthy and Gayle Cope