Welcome back to term 1! It is great to see the kids back at school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. Our excursion to the Enchanted Maze was incredible. It was amazing to see children embrace the challenge and push themselves outside their comfort zone. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop friendships and strengthen team building skills.

We are looking forward to our other excursions to the beach and Sovereign Hill later on this term. Please return permission slips as soon as you can to ensure that your child can attend. We have recently sent home a walking permission slip. It is vital that these are returned so that we can use the local community in our studies.

Please remember term 1 is a hat wearing term. If children forget their hats they must spend playtimes under our shaded areas.

This term we will be having our specialist subjects on the following days.

P.E – Monday
Woodwork – Monday
Music – Tuesday
Art – Wednesday
Sport – Thursday

Please make sure that your child is wearing suitable shoes on days that they are doing P. E or sports. A drink bottle is also recommended.

This term our focus is looking at Australian history. The 3/4’s will be learning about the first fleet and early settlement and the 5/6’s will be immersing themselves in the gold rush. If you have any resources at home that would help us with these topics we would love to have them in class. It would be wonderful if you shared any knowledge you have on these subjects with your children. On Mondays we will be doing woodwork with Kay and will be creating things that compliment our units of inquiry.

In literacy this term we will be focussing on recounts, descriptive and narrative writing. We will continue to use the spelling mastery program and will be running this on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 until 9.30. It is really important that your children are on time so that they do not miss out on this vital part of their education.
In maths this term we are starting off learning about place value and reading whole numbers. It would be valuable for the children if they could practise this at home. E.g. counting on from any number by 10’s or 100’s, recognising and adding up number plate numbers and identifying the place value of each digit, rounding up money amounts to the nearest 10 or 100.

Homework will be sent home on Fridays, starting in week 4. It is due back the following Friday. Part of their homework is also daily reading. They can do this on their own or out loud to another person. The reading material can be the sport pages of the newspaper, a magazine or a book.

During week 1 and week 2 of the term we have been focusing on creating a positive classroom culture and looking in depth at our school values and behaviour management systems. We look forward to working together to continue to support our children to be the best that they can be. If at any stage you would like to speak to us regarding this please don’t hesitate to call and make an appointment.

If your child is absent from school for any reason please ring either prior to or on the first day of absence. We have been noticing that some of the parent records in the office are not up to date. Please check in the office to make sure that we have an up to date phone number for you and any other emergency contacts.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the parent teacher interviews as this is an important meeting that enables us to get to know your child. Below are a few pictures of some of the work that we have been doing in the last couple of weeks.

Kind regards

Anna, Jodie, Jaki and Tim