Wow! Is it really the end of Term 1 already? What a whirlwind it has been. The first few weeks were spent reinforcing our school values of Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance, Honesty and Cooperation. All students enjoyed contributing their thoughts and ideas and have a good understanding of each of the values. Please ask them about the values to see what they are able to tell you.

Drama Toolbox

The Drama Toolbox Incursion has been a fabulous success. The children eagerly participated in all of the puppet shows. It has been very interactive with each student able to use a number of puppets to participate in performing in the storytelling. The stories have focussed on a number of social situations including: how to care for other people and ensuring everybody feels included, how to overcome difficult situations through teamwork, persevering to achieve set goals and demonstrating forgiveness and understanding of others.

Important Dates

Wednesday 23rd March
- Easter Parade from 9am
- Harmony Day
- Assembly - 1:30pm
- Easter Raffle Drawn at assembly
- Last Day of Term (for students) - finish at 2:30pm

Thursday 24th March
- Pupil Free Day

Monday 11th April
- 1st day of Term 2
Hermit Crab
The students have all fallen in love with our Hermit Crab which was introduced by Jaki Phillips. The class made suggestions for a name and then voted on their favourite. The name that we all decided on was Snowflake. The students have demonstrated a great understanding of the needs of our class pet, the respect we need to give to pets and the responsibility in looking after a pet.

Student Management Policy
There are still quite a number of Student Management Policy notices that have not been returned. If you could please read them, sign them and return them to myself or the office that would be greatly appreciated.

Mathletics
We have commenced using Mathletics at school. This is a mathematics program which assists the students ability in all areas of maths through the use of interactive activities at their own pace. Each student has their own Username and Password. They were given a copy of this to bring home last week so they can log on to the program at home. It can be accessed on computers and iPads. If you have not received your child's username and password please see me and I will give you another copy.

Healthy Habits
Please ensure that your child has at least one piece of healthy food each day to eat during Brain Food time. This could be a piece of fruit, veggie sticks, cheese or yoghurt. We are very fortunate to have a water purifier in our classroom which students are welcome to help themselves to at any time during the day. They are encouraged to drink this rather than juice or cordial as water is absorbed by the brain much faster.

Readers
Please try to continue to listen to your children read over the holidays. Quite often students can regress if they don’t continue to practise the skills they have recently learnt. If they could also practise the M100W words which are in their Reader Log Books it would be very beneficial for them.

We wish all of you and your families a wonderful Easter. Please stay safe and enjoy the break. We look forward to seeing all of your children’s beautiful little faces when we return on Monday 11th April.

Regards,
Deanne Thompson
1/2 Classroom Teacher