Welcome back

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the second term of prep. We are impressed with the way the students have settled in this term. We have been lucky to have such a great casual relief teacher in Sarah and have really enjoyed her wonderful craft and baking activities. Stacie returns on Monday 2nd of May and we are really looking forward to hearing about her adventures.

English

The children worked hard on learning their letters and sounds over the first term. This term we introduce two letters each week, in order to cover all of the letters by the middle of the year. You can help your children learn these letters and sounds at home by having conversations about things that start with the letters of the week, helping your child to find things to bring for Milo’s box, and noticing these letters in books, on signs, on your shopping lists, and in junk mail.

A learning goal for the children this term is to point to each word as they read. You can help them to develop this skill by demonstrating on pages of their readers, and by helping them to move their finger along the page as they read. Remember to praise your child for looking carefully at the words and for their efforts in pointing to each word.

Mathematics

We explore mathematics throughout the day, through counting, making crafts, measuring as we cook, and through our investigations. This term we focus on naming and using a range of shapes. You could help your child notice circles, triangles and squares in your houses and out in the community. We will also be consolidating our counting skills and adding numbers together.
### Homework

This term please continue to support your child to practise their sight words. Also please listen to your child read, and read a story to them each night.

You may like to play 'I spy' using sounds you know we have covered in class.

Also, please remember to look for items starting with the letter of the week for your child to put in Milo’s box.

### Social Skills

We are really proud of the way the students have settled into the routines of school. All students are making friends and enjoying activities in the classroom and playground. Please keep helping your child to be independent in managing their belongings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please talk to either of us if you have questions about your child’s learning.

Best regards,

Stacie and Jo