Important Dates

Foundation Camp-
26th August

Say G’Day Trail walk-
1st September

Special Friend’s Day-
15th September

Please always refer to the school newsletter for whole school dates to remember.

Reminders:

We are now half way through term 3! Well done, we’ve made it this far! The Foundation students (and parents) have been doing an excellent job this term. The children have been working really hard to fill their brains with information and strategies to solve any problem that comes their way.

We are beginning to see hints of tiredness in some students. It is important to remember to continue with a consistent bed time routine to ensure that our little learners are ready to learn to their full potential each day.

As they grow older, we are also reminding them to become ever more independent! Please ensure that you are allowing your child to complete their own jobs of a morning, they can do it! It is their responsibility to keep themselves organised.

Thank you again for your continued support,

The Foundation Team. 😊

We are Mathematicians!

Our Numeracy program focuses on learning about number skills and other mathematical concepts using hands on materials, pictures and mathematical language. Students work in a range of groupings to practise new skills in the context of real life problems, and are encouraged to discuss their mathematical thinking when solving various problems.

From the beginning of Foundation our focus is on thinking like a mathematician; finding maths in the world around us, thinking, talking and reflecting on our understandings.
**Buddies**

**We love our buddies!**

Last Tuesday we met with our buddies to give thanks and show our appreciation to our fantastic principal and assistant principal, Mrs Cole and Mr Potesta.

Our buddies helped us to hear the sounds in words and record messages to our principals.

All of the teachers absolutely love seeing the relationships that have blossomed between our buddies. It is so wonderful to see them working together and teaching one another.

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**My child said...**

"I know a synonym for that word!"

But what does it mean?

A synonym is a word or phrase that means exactly or nearly the same as another word or phrase in the same language, for example _shut_ is a synonym of _close_.

**Synonyms are not necessarily the same!**

You see, they can be very similar, but they do not necessarily mean the same.

Here is a common example; the following words are all synonyms. Their *general meaning* is "pleasant to look at."

- **Cute** = (of someone young or something small) charming and pleasant to look at.
- **Adorable** = very pleasant to look at and very easy to love.

Knowing synonyms for unfamiliar words that we encounter in texts, helps us to understand what we read better. Comprehension is important! Ask your child to come up with synonyms for tricky words that they read!😊

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**YouTube Links of the week:**

Finger Fitness 1: Be a Genius!-
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sB4lXUhRfMU

The Counting By Twos Song 🎶🎵🎵 | Scratch Garden-
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvTcpfSnOMQ

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