Dear Families,

What another exciting week we've had in Foundation!

The children were introduced to a new blend – ‘ing’. We discovered that lots of action words end in ‘ing’, such as jumping, walking, and even learning! It is exciting to see the children applying their knowledge of blends in both their reading and writing practice. Talking about blends with your children at home builds on the wonderful work they are doing in class. You might even like to become a ‘Blends Detective’ with your child by identifying blends during their daily reading practise. There is a copy of the blends rhyme sheet in your child’s home learning folder.

In Numeracy, we explored the addition concept of ‘count all’. Count all involves bringing two groups of objects together and counting them all to find the total number of objects. This helps to develop an understanding that by adding two groups together, we will get more.

We also enjoyed another ThinkLinks session on Tuesday where the children continued work on their puppets and masks. They are doing an AMAZING job and they can’t wait to share their work with you soon! On Thursday, the Foundation classes made some delicious treats for our school’s Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser. Please see over for some photos of our budding chefs!

Finally, we are finding that many children are needing to go to the toilet early in the school day. Can you please ensure that your child goes to the toilet directly before school to minimise disruption to learning time. Thank you!

Kind regards,

Foundation Teachers
Bree Rowe, Kira Green, Fiona Jacobs and Tania Hente

Welcome Kylie!
There’s a new face in our Foundation team! Last week we welcomed Kylie Collier to our school. Kylie is an Education Support Officer who is working part-time in Foundation F. Kylie comes with much experience and we are very excited to have her on board. If you see Kylie around school, please be sure to say ‘hi’ and introduce yourself! 😊

Winter clothes!!!!
Please make sure you send your child in appropriate clothes and footwear for the cold, wet weather.

Welcome Kylie!

Important Dates:
Tuesday 21st June, 2:00 – 3:30pm (rescheduled from Tuesday 14th June)
Final ThinkLinks session – families are welcome to attend as the children complete work on their puppets or masks.

Thursday 23rd June, 2:00 – 3:30pm
Inquiry Learning Showcase – visit to see the wonderful toys that the children have designed and constructed. We also encourage you to visit other classrooms across the school to see what wonderful learning they have undertaken in Inquiry this term.
Reading - The Importance of Questioning

When we read, it is one thing to read (decode) the words on a page, but the reason we read is for meaning. We need to comprehend what is being communicated in a text. A highly effective way of building comprehension is through questioning. Questioning can take place before, during and after reading. Before reading you might take your child on a ‘picture walk’ of the book, asking them to predict what is happening on each page or what the story will be about. Because the answer isn’t right there on the page, they will need to draw on connections to their own life or perhaps look at the character’s facial expressions to provide an answer.

After reading, you can ask your child to retell what happened in the book, or ask specific questions about the book’s events.

Happy reading! 😊

Labelling Clothing

Just a little reminder to please label all of your child’s clothing. This helps us to quickly return any misplaced items.

We often find jumpers that aren’t labelled, or those which have been purchased second-hand but not relabelled, which has resulted in them being returned to their original owner!

Thank you for your support! 😊

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

The school hosted Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea last Thursday, to raise vital funds for the Cancer Council. Attendees made a gold coin donation to support the fantastic work the Cancer Council does to save lives through the prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer. We certainly saw some emerging chefs as each of the Foundation classes prepared a delicious plate of food for our special visitors to enjoy. Reading a recipe and measuring ingredients also highlighted the need for literacy and numeracy skills in an everyday context. It was a great day! 😊

Inquiry Update

Thank you to all the families who contributed materials for the children’s toy construction. We really appreciate it!

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