Dear Families,

What another exciting week we’ve had in Foundation!

In Phonics, the children were introduced to synonyms. They learnt that synonyms were words that had the same (or very similar) meaning to another word. For example, synonyms we brainstormed for ‘large’ were gigantic, huge, enormous and ginormous. So clever!

In Writing, the children learnt the purpose and structure for writing a list. If you write lists at home, it would be great if you could please involve your child in the process. This highlights the purpose for their learning beyond the classroom walls.

In Numeracy, we revisited the addition concept of ‘count on’. We ‘count on’ when adding numbers together, rather than counting from 1 because it is much more efficient, eg. if we wish to add 6 and 5, we count on from 6. We know 6 is 6, so we count on by saying 6 plus 5 more - 6…7, 8, 9, 10, 11…so I have 11 altogether! We have also been learning about measurement; specifically, how to describe and order a range of familiar time sequences of events and telling the time on an analogue clock on the hour (o’clock). The children even made their own clocks to practise telling the time! If you’re lucky, they might even help you tell the time at home! ☺

Our second round of ThinkLinks began on Tuesday. The children were excited to commence work on their puppets and masks. We look forward to seeing what they can produce because they blew us away with their creativity in term two! Our week concluded with our Integrated Studies walk to the CFA (please see over).

Have a great week and kind regards,

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

Important Dates:

Monday 8th August
Forms and payments due for WPS Mini-Olympics. Please see your child’s classroom teacher if you have misplaced your original form.

Wednesday 10th August, 9:45 – 10:45am
Foundation 2017 Story Time in the library.

Friday 12th August
WPS Mini-Olympics at LB Davern Reserve (children encouraged to dress in house colours).
**CFA Walk**

On Thursday we enjoyed a walk in glorious sunshine to the Wandong CFA. This was part of our Integrated Studies unit ‘Our Community’, where the children are learning about various helpers and services within our community. We talked about how members of the CFA volunteer their time to keep us safe. We are so proud of the children’s road safety awareness on our walk. Thank you to the parents who joined us on the day; this wouldn't have been possible without you! 😊

**WPS Mini-Olympics – Friday 12th August**

With the Rio Olympic Games now in full swing, we are looking forward with anticipation to our very own WPS Mini-Olympics being held on Friday at the LB Davern Reserve.

**Forms and payments are now due, so please return these asap so that your child can participate on the day.** Your child’s $4 payment covers facility hire plus external facilitators who will be running the day for us.

Children are encouraged to dress in their house colours on the day; otherwise they should please come in full school uniform. Keep an eye out for a note from school which will confirm your child’s house.

Please see your child’s classroom teacher asap if you have misplaced your form or have any queries.

**Labelling**

Just a little reminder to please label all items that your child brings to school – lunchboxes and other food containers, drink bottles, clothing, etc.

Items do not always remain in your child’s classroom throughout the day. They often take them to specialist classes, PMP and unit assembly. Labelling helps us to quickly and easily return misplaced items.

Thank you for your support! 😊

**Life Education Books – ‘Clued Up’**

Following our fantastic session in the Life Education van, the children have been working through the activities in their ‘Clued Up’ books. They have reflected on their learning and have begun to identify a range of unsafe scenarios across various scenes. We have talked about identifying and talking about our emotions, making note of who the children might ask for help when they need it. We also discussed what keeps us healthy and happy. It would be great if you could please allow your child to show you their book when they bring it home, so that the key messages they have learnt are also being reinforced on the home front. Thank you! 😊