Dear Parents,

The term seems to be flying by as it always does after the half way point has passed. It is great to see Bryce and Michael making such head way on bringing the buildings up to Interim Occupancy stage, which should be completed this week. Many thanks, to those who were able to make it to the working bee. It will not be possible to move the K-1 into the new building over the holidays as we had originally hoped. There will still be a lot of work needed to fit the buildings out for use and before we go ahead with this we need to firstly explore more grant options and also to gauge the level of parent community support and commitment to this project. But first things first:

**P/T MEETING FRIDAY 18th March at 3.30PM.**

It will really facilitate the flow and efficiency of the meeting time if everyone has thoroughly read through the parent letter I sent home in preparation for our meeting. The reason I sent out the letter is so that the meeting can proceed with everyone already being informed about the information which is necessary to progress our discussions and so that everyone can understand the necessary decisions which will have to be made to ensure our school’s viability. **It would be great if everyone could re-read the letter and the fees comparison chart I sent out, just prior to the meeting. Many thanks, for you attention to this.**

**CHILDCARE:**

So far I have had responses from 2 people regarding childcare so I am working on the assumption that everyone else has child care arranged. If this is not so please send me an email asap if you require childcare.
AUTUMN FESTIVAL:

Our Autumn Festival will be held on Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} March. The children will come to school as usual and parents, families and friends will arrive at 10.45 for an 11am sharp beginning. School will finish at 1pm after our feast. **You will receive a separate letter this week outlining our Festival itinerary and all the information you will need.** Parent helpers will be needed for each class to help on the day and sew simple costumes over the coming week. A menu for each family will be created to share at our Harvest Feast. We look forward to creating a wonderful festive day with you and the children.

PRIMARry SCHOOL:

Our Main Lesson “A Time for Every Purpose” has been going along so well. Last week we finally had some sun and were able to put up a simple shadow clock and mark the length of the shadows with each passing hour. The children have also completed the sometimes painstaking task of constructing their own cardboard clocks with an inner face showing the conventional clock face with the numerals 1-12 mounted on a larger circle which is divided around the circumference into 60 minutes. This really helps the children to see that when the large had is on the 1 it is in fact 5 past, on the 2 it is really 10 past etc. Understanding Time is one of the most abstract and tricky concept for children to grasp and concrete objects such as their clocks which they can manipulate really help with this.

Wood work is such a treat for the children and I am sure you are all as appreciative of Geoff’s volunteer time and efforts as I am. It was a real joy to see so many of the children challenging themselves by learning to walk in the stilts which Geoff and the children have spent the last couple of weeks making. Our next project will be wooden swords. In addition to our Autumn Harvest Theme the children will be performing the simple autumn play of St. Michael and the Dragon and the swords will complement their costumes.

HOME READING:

This program seems to be stumbling a bit as not all of the children are turning up on Monday’s with their previous week’s reader and their signed reading record sheet. PLEASE COULD EVERYONE ATTEND TO THIS AND MAKE THIS PROGRAM A SUCCESS. Home reading is a standard feature of all school programs and is designed for one thing only; to increase the reading skill and success of all children.
HEALTHY LUNCH BOX POLICY:

Thanks again for those great looking lunches, free of junk food! It makes such a difference to the children’s learning and their mood swings.

That’s it for now,

Warm Wishes to all,

Sue