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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2, we hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday. This term is promising to be very busy and exciting. A warm welcome to our new students Juliette Bernard, Emma Wu and their families.

**Literacy**Literacy groups will operate in the same way as in Term one with activities such as; guided reading, independent reading, spelling and grammar, comprehension and writing. Additional support will be proved by Mrs Smith, Mrs Apter and Adele. Spelling will consist of appropriate weekly lists of words, vocabulary exercises, dictation and homework, as per term 1 as this format has proved most successful.

**Public Speaking**

All students will be taking part in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition, with finals to be held on 6th June. Students will be taught public speaking skills and practise these strategies in class.

**Maths**

Maths activities will be held from 9:15-10.10am daily. This term students will participate in the MoneySmart program which develops financial literacy skills. Other maths will cover number, space and geometry, measurement, chance and data. There will be a hands on, practical focus with many problem solving extension activities available. All students will be encouraged to think outside the square and apply their strategies in real world context.

**Science**

Our science topic this term is called *Spinning in Space.* Students will be investigating and gaining an understanding of the interrelationship between the Earth, Moon and Sun.

**Personal Development /Health/Physical Education**

Students are required to wear their sports uniform on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** each week. PSSA teams for soccer and netball have been selected. The competition begins in Week 3 on  **Friday 17th May.**. Information about PSSA sport training and draws will be sent out shortly. This term our fitness and gymnastics program will occur every Tuesday.

**Crunch and Sip (formally “fruit break”)**

Students will stop for a short fruit break each morning at **10.15am**, this being our transition time from maths to literacy groups. We strongly encourage all students to bring in a piece of fruit each day, preferably chopped and in a labelled, re-usable container.

**Library**

This term our class library session is on a **Thursday**. Please encourage your children to borrow each week from the vast range of books available in the school library.

**Homework**

Homework will commence **Week 2**. We will continue to use the simplified grid – style homework form, as most parents and children perceived this to offer both variety and choice. As part of the grid we will be incorporating Studyladder tasks.

Homework will be given out every **Monday** and returned on **Friday**. We would anticipate that students complete tasks to the best of their ability, organise their time wisely and present their quality work on time.

**Class Stationery List**

Class time will be saved if students come to school equipped with;

* A **supply** of **HB pencils**
* glue
* scissors
* ruler

**Punctuality**

School starts at **9:10 am**. Late arrivals need to be recorded at the office before the child joins the class. Arriving late for school can be very unsettling for the student concerned and the rest of the class.

**Uniform**

Please remember to adhere to the school uniform rules. If there are reasons for a student not having their uniform please send a note explaining why. A change of sport shoes may be brought in to wear during PSSA trainings. Students must change back into their black leather school shoes and look presentable for the remaining school day.

**Absences**

Please be sure to send in notes for full day and partial absences immediately on return to school. Also any extended absences for holidays whereby your child will be away at least **15 school days** needs to be handed in well before leaving. SIPPS needs to seek permission from the Department of Education to grant exemptions from school. This became a new legal requirement at the beginning of 2007.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any queries or wish to discuss anything that is of concern. If you are unable to speak to us personally, you can send a note, leave a telephone message or email us at tanya.moggian@det.nsw.edu.au and dianne.geraghty@det.nsw.edu.au We are positive that this will be an enjoyable and successful term,

Regards,

Tanya Moggian and Di Geraghty

Year 3 / 4 Class Teachers