Welcome to the start of Term 2. The students have settled into the new term and the Bluebell Unit is filled with the active hum of learning. A big congratulations to Lenita who married Josh in the holidays and is now Mrs Lindeman.

Some learning objectives for this term are

- Speaking – taking turns in conversations, listening to others and replying to their comments.
- Writing – independently applying known letters to spell words and write sentences.
- Reading – reading books using picture cues, sounds and word knowledge.
- Numeral Recognition – on everyday objects such as clocks, coins and within books.
- Counting – starting from numbers other than one.

Reading
The students will now be bringing home a small book to read with you daily. During this time encourage their enjoyment of books, focusing on the pictures and meaning of the story. We always need help with changing readers in Bluebell and reading with the students. If you are able to help in this way even for a short time please see your class teacher or Liz.

Integrated Unit of Work
This term the Bluebell classes will be studying a Science unit of work called ‘On the Move’. This is a primary investigations science unit which explores the concept of movement. Students will be provided with opportunities to represent what they know about the way objects move and explore the factors that enable objects to move including size and shape. There will be a strong focus on exploring the movement of toys and designing and creating objects that move for themselves during investigations.

Class Library Times:
On our library days please remember to pack your library bag. Our library times are as follows:

- K/1AC-Monday
- KKJ- Monday
- KBT-Thursday
- KLT- Monday

Dance
We have started learning dance using the ‘Every Chance to Dance’ program in Bluebell. Students will have weekly opportunities to participate in this fun movement experience where they use their expressive and fundamental movement skills to explore the elements of dance.

Meet and Greet
Every Monday and Friday morning all Bluebell students meet in the central area of the unit for Meet and Greet. This meeting usually involves singing, Bluebell news and teacher messages. This is also a time when we focus our thoughts on our Gordon Gold value for the week and award students who have been seen demonstrating this value during the week.

Autumn Issues
Physical activity is very important for students, so during Term 2 teachers will provide daily opportunities for structured and unstructured physical activity. As some PE lessons occur early in the day, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the cool autumn mornings. Unfortunately during the cooler months many jumpers are lost throughout the school. Lost property can be found in Bluebell unit or the library. Jumpers, hats and other items will be returned to their owners if they have a name and class on them. This is also a time when coughs and colds are prevalent. It is important that sick children are kept at home for their own comfort as well as the comfort of other children and staff. Please ensure that you provide a note to cover your child’s absences.

Drop Off and Pick Up
For the purpose of teaching students to be self-sufficient and responsible please drop them off at the quad in the morning and encourage students to walk to the classroom area at the warning bell. This is the pattern that we want to establish with all students; both accompanied and unaccompanied by parents. A teacher is on duty in the quad at this time. Please ensure students are at school and ready to start work at 9am. Pick up is outside the classroom door. Please also remember that students who arrive at school after 9am need to be signed in at the front office. Learning commences at 9am and it is very important that students arrive promptly to ensure that they are involved in this important literacy and numeracy learning time.

Important Dates this Term:

- Mother’s Day Morning Tea – Friday 9th May
- Kinder Assembly- KBT & K/1AC 4th July 2014
- Semester One Reports – Week 9

All the Bluebell teachers value and appreciate the parents and community members who help our school.

Thank you for your continued support.
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