Welcome to the start of Term 4. It is great to see that the students have arrived back at school refreshed, eager and enthusiastic to learn. Some learning objectives for this term are:

- Speaking – telling stories/News with details sequenced in the correct order.
- Writing – beginning to write sentences including descriptive words and correct spelling.
- Reading – daily reading at home and school.
- Numeral Recognition – write the numeral before/after a given numeral.
- Counting – using a variety of starting points (not always from 1).

**Reading**

We need help with our reading program…Are you able to stay and read with a child in the unit and/or help to change readers with the children? This could be at the beginning or end of the day, just 20 minutes is all that is needed.

*Our reading program is very important. Please remember to read regularly with your child at home and change readers daily.*

**Integrated Unit of Work**

This term our focus will be a History unit based on personally significant events, called Memories. We will be discussing significant events in our own lives and comparing objects and events from the past and present.

**Class Library Days**

Our library times are as follows:

- ☀ Monday – KLT
- ☀ Tuesday – KKJ
- ☀ Wednesday – KJH

The Library is open before school on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday if you would like to browse and borrow books with your child. Mrs Wilkinson and the class teacher are always happy to suggest books at an appropriate level that will interest students.
Spring Term Reminders

Spring weather in Canberra is notorious for being changeable and this year is no exception. Although the days are lovely, mornings are often still chilly so please send your child to school with a jumper. With the warmer weather, the children seem to burn up more energy so drink bottles are advisable. Please send water in the bottles as many children use them in the classroom and if sweet drinks are spilt on desks they leave a sticky surface.

Just a reminder that it is compulsory for all students to wear a sun-smart hat while they are out in the playground. Students without a hat will need to play in the shaded area of the Quad. Please name children’s hats, as these are often easily lost.

Mathematics Tips

When students read, write or hear ‘seven’, we assume that they can imagine what the collection might look like and how it relates to other numbers. For example, they can see a seven in their mind’s eye as 1 more than 6, 1 less than 8, 3 more are needed to equal 10. This learning is not only about simple addition and subtraction but also a deep understanding about what each number means. Many opportunities arise in the community to explore Mathematics. Go for a ‘Shapes Walk’ finding squares, rectangles and triangles in the environment. (Parliament House if a great place for this). Cooking always provides lots of opportunities to explore measurement and fractions. Board games played with two dice encourage speed with addition. Mathematics is indeed part of our daily lives.

Important Dates this Term:

- PIPS Testing – Week 2
- Swim School – Week 2 and week 3
- Disco – 30th October
- Bluebell Assembly – Friday 22nd November
- Big Splash – 2nd December
- End of Year Concert – 11th December
- Reports sent home – 13th December

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

Thank you for your continued support 😊
Karla Jensen, Lenita Thompson, Dean Dudgeon and Liz Baker-Matterson