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## EC 4 Term Three Information

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

We have had a fantastic start to Term 3. Our students are well into routine however please remember that they must bring their water bottles every day. We please also ask that students continue to bring a piece of fruit daily to eat at morning tea time and that you label their belongings such as jumpers etc.

Students will continue going to library this term on Friday afternoons. If your child hasn't already, can you please ensure that you return their labelled library bag to the classroom. Children will be able to borrow a book for one week at a time. We please ask that you return the borrowed book each week to avoid late fees.

We welcome parent help again this term from Week Three onwards. If you would like to come and help in our classroom for an hour or two please put your name down on our parent help roster which is hanging up on our pin up board. We are also currently seeking donations of glue sticks and volunteers to fill our laundry roster.

Home Readers will commence again in Week Three. Our approach is different this semester as students will no longer follow a 'narrative – retell approach'. These new home readers are designed to be read by your child as they are now level specific to their reading ability. Home readers will be sent home twice per week. They will receive a new book on Monday which is to be returned on Wednesday, and a new book on Wednesday to be returned on Friday. Please find the necessary information in your child's reading folder in how to assist with their reading. Sight words will also be sent home with your child's reading folder. Sight words are high frequency words that students learn to read and write through memory, as many of them cannot be sounded out. Knowing and using these words during reading and writing activities is essential to your child's literacy development. Please help your child practise their sight words daily. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

We have an exceptionally busy term ahead of us...

### **100 Days of School**

On Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> the Pre-Primary students will be celebrating 100 days of school by participating in a range of fun activities throughout the day. We will also be commemorating the event by inviting students to dress up as someone who is 100 years old. Please see the note which was recently published outlining more details surrounding this event.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebrations**

As you may be aware, O'Connor Primary School is turning 21 this year and the P&C are asking families to contribute recipes for a school cook book. Please check the school website for further information.

### **Book Week**

In Week Six we will be participating in Book Week. Students are welcome to come dressed up as a book character (no superheroes or weapons, please) and bring in the book that their character inspiration came from. We would appreciate it if your child could please wear their uniform under their costume or have it packed in their bag in the case of their costume becoming uncomfortable throughout the day. Please monitor our Skoolbag app for more details regarding a date.

### **Father's Day Celebrations**

We would like to invite dads and grandfathers to our Pre Primary Father's Day BBQ Breakfast which will be held on Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup> at approximately 8am (before school hours) in the Pre Primary Playground. A cooked breakfast will be provided for adults and there will be plenty of activities available for you to enjoy with your child. Once the bell rings at 8:30am we invite dads into our classroom to participate in some fun activities with their child. Our morning will come to an end at approximately 9:15am.

### **Athletics Carnival**

O'Connor Primary School's Athletics Carnival is held in Week Seven on Friday September 1st 2017. Our students will be participating in a running race along with some team games. Details regarding the time of our race and games will be provided closer to the event. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate footwear and sunscreen on the day. Faction shirts are available for purchase through our school uniform shop.

### **Learning Journey**

A Learning Journey evening throughout our school will be held in Week Nine on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup> 2017. Details about the evening will be available closer to the date.

I look forward to another fantastic term with you and your children. Please remember that I am always willing to have a chat if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Miss Lauren Ace  
July 26<sup>th</sup> 2017

