Welcome back to school after a sunny two weeks break. Term Three is a ten week term that is packed with many activities and events. This newsletter will give you an outline of these events, changes in timetabling, the topics we will be studying in class and some housekeeping information.

**Changes in RFF for this term – Library, Dance and Music lessons.**

- **K Red** - Library on Wednesday (Mrs Smith)
  - Computers on Monday mornings (Mrs Wilkinson)
- **K Blue** - Library on Tuesday (Mrs Smith)
  - Science on Friday (Mrs Till)
- **K Purple** - Library on Friday (Mrs Wade)
  - Computers on Tuesday (Mrs Wilkinson)

**Excursions and Events:** This term Kindergarten will have their first excursion. It is to Muogamarra Nature Reserve at Cowan for a Teddy Bears Picnic. This is a program related to environmental education and the COGs unit we are studying this term. K Blue and K Purple will go on 26th August and K Red on the 27th August. A detailed note, costing and permission envelope will follow shortly.

There is an opportunity for parents to attend as helpers. If you are interested in attending, please email your teacher by 1st August. If there are too many offers we will be placing the names in a hat.

**Other events for this term are:**

- Monday 28th July NAIDOC Day
- Tuesday 27th July Open Day and Book Fair
- Wednesday 30th July Education Week Scripture Service at St Marks
- Wednesday 20th August – Book Parade and Trivia
- Tuesday 26th August K Blue and K Purple to Teddy Bears Picnic
- Wednesday 27th August K Red to Teddy Bears Picnic

More detailed notes will be sent home closer to the dates. These and other events will be listed in the Crest and on the Berowra Public School website for you to be kept informed.

**Curriculum Topics:**

**English:**

Continue the development of reading, writing and talking skills so children can –

- maintain fluency and pause when meaning is disrupted,
- be able to answer comprehension questions both factual and inferential,
- name all letters using sounds and letter names for capitals and lower case letters,
- use sounds to spell words phonetically and spell an increasing number of high frequency words,
- write an increasing number of sentences on a topic.
The text focus for this term is informative text and we will be doing a unit on indigenous culture called *The Dreaming*.

Talking and Listening (News) topics for this term has been sent home and emailed.

**Maths:**
Counting forwards to 100 and backwards from 20, reading and writing numbers to 50; using materials to model addition, subtraction, grouping and sharing and learn how to record these processes; telling the time on analogue and digital clocks; recognition of Australian money; the measurement of volume, capacity and mass; data collection and graphing.

**Science:**
*The Needs of Living Things* - This unit incorporates our excursion to Muogamarra Nature Reserve.

**COGs:**
*Our Place* – observing, exploring and responding to the immediate natural and built environments.

**Creative Arts:**
Art and craft activities provide the children with experiences in a variety of media and opportunities to strengthen and develop their fine motor skills.

**Personal Development Health and Physical Education (PDHPE):**
The rotating Kindergarten fitness program will run three times a week and Kindergarten Sport is still on **Friday**. Sports uniform and sports shoes are required on this day.

Child Protection lessons helping the children understand their feeling, their support network and what to do if they are feeling unsafe – the ‘No Go Tell’ message.

**Housekeeping**
All children’s belongings need to be **clearly labelled**. Please check that their names are not faded and can be easily read on hats, jumpers, bottles and containers.

Most children will need a new glue stick this term. Please send in a **named, large glue stick**. This will be kept until your child is in need of it.

Always remember if you have any queries or concerns, speak to your child’s teacher or organise an appointment at a convenient time.

Many thanks,

Judy Butler, Jan Layson and Louisa Cabral