

# Fantastic Foundation

**'Building a foundation that nurtures the development of curious, confident and resilient communicators and problem solvers.'**

October 2018

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

School Dental Visits - 22<sup>nd</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> October

CERES Excursion - Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October

Melbourne Cup Day celebrations – Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November

Melbourne Cup Day **NO SCHOOL** - Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November

Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve Walking Excursion – Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November

Whole School Transition Day – Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December

School Concert - Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December

Last Day of School – Friday, 21<sup>nd</sup> December: **School finishes 1.00pm – Do not be late: late fees apply**

# WELCOME BACK.

A huge welcome back to Term 4, what a busy term it will be! The Foundation Team has been working hard with your children developing skills and strategies to help them become confident early readers, writers and problem solving mathematicians. This is a term where the students revise and practise all of the curriculum preparing them for Year 1. Some of the exciting things on the agenda this term include excursions to discover the habitats of mini beasts, ARPS Cup Day celebrations and the school concert to name a few! It will be summer holidays before we know it. The Foundation team thanks you all for your continued support. As you know, all the teachers are here for you and your child so feel free to chat with us at any time or schedule a meeting. Please continue to support your child's learning at home by talking about your child's learning and sharing reading with them every night.

**The Foundation Team**



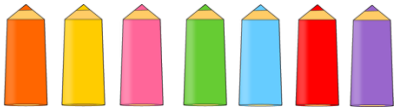
## TERM 4 REMINDERS



- Students **must** wear a school hat when playing outside at recess and lunch. If you need to purchase a new school hat, please do so at the office – cost \$15.00

**NO HAT, NO PLAY**

- To build students independence, students will begin lining up outside in roll groups prior to the bell ringing in the morning. Please allow students to carry their own bags and belongings to further develop their independence.



## Lovely Literacy

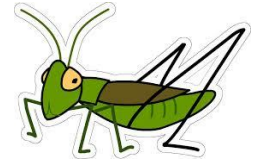


It's full-speed ahead with Literacy this term, as Foundation strive to reach their learning goals and beyond in preparation for Year 1. It was wonderful to see so many students coming back on Tuesday with a desire to learn, and showing the benefits and growth of having practised their reading throughout the holidays.

Language experiences will continue to develop children's interest and investment in their learning of Literacy in Term 4, while also teaching them a wider range of topics and skills. The upcoming excursions to CERES and Alex Wilkie Nature Reserve will inspire the students through both reading and writing. The Foundation teachers are looking forward to seeing the amazing learning that will come from these experiences.



## A Bug's Life!



This term, Foundation students will be studying the unit 'A Bug's Life'.

Work during the unit will be related to mini beasts and their different features and needs. The children will be immersed in the garden and will

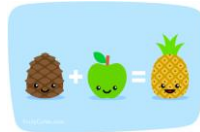
search for mini beasts through story, play, horticulture and sensory exploration. They will also be going on an exciting excursion to CERES Environment Community Park which will form the basis for oral language building and extending their vocabulary.

### **At home, you can:**

- Look in the garden and see what animals you can find
- Talk about the different features of mini beasts, where they might live and how they move

## Magical Maths

In Maths the Foundation students will be continuing to develop and expand their knowledge of operations. Students will be using tools such as number lines to count on from the largest number to assist in increasing their mental maths speed! Students will be investigating number patterns to 20 and beyond through skip counting and analysing 100s charts. We encourage students to continuously look for maths in the world around them. E.g. you're playing soccer, the score is 3, you kick two goals, how many goals are there now? Don't forget, maths is everywhere!!!



## Super Science

Along with the study of mini beasts and their habitats, students will be having some fun learning about materials. The unit will provide opportunities for students to explore, through hands-on activities, what things are made of in the school environment and the properties of the materials used to make them. Students will identify different characteristics of materials such as their texture and durability. They will discover what materials can allow us to make and do.

