Welcome back to this new and exciting term. We hope you all enjoyed the holiday break and the children are refreshed, ready for our fun learning journeys.

Our theme this term is Fairy Tales.

**English**

We will be focussing on Jolly Phonics diagraphs ch, sh, th, qu, ou, oi, ue, er and ar. We will continue to expand on the use of these sounds in words.

This term we are strengthening children’s oral language skills through re-tells, role play and story sequencing. For ‘Listening and Speaking’ this term we will be sending home “Honey the Hound” from PP2. When your child brings her home please read the letter in the front of the folder and have fun! For more ideas see previous examples in the book corner.

We will be starting a new morning reading program, ‘Stay and Read’. We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with listening to children read between 8:35 and 9:00am. Please complete the attached form if you can help! This program is designed to develop fluency and confidence. Therefore the text level will be quite easy for your child. In class the children will continue to participate in Guided Reading, where they will improve their decoding skills and continue to learn other reading strategies.

**Home Practise**

At home please encourage your child to express themselves in print form. Each child will develop at different rates, however they can all write letters. Allow them to write shopping lists, invitations, letters, reminder notes, secret passwords, labels etc. Encourage your child to read it back to you, scribe it underneath and praise them for their efforts.

We have updated your child’s sounds practice book, please continue to practise these at home along with the sight word book. Sight words will be checked weekly on Fridays, please place your child’s sight word book in the box on this day. Information and login details for the online program, Reading Eggs are also attached to this letter.
**Mathematics**
We have a variety of Maths concepts this term. We will be identifying and describing 3D shapes and introducing addition and subtraction. In Number we will be revising written numbers 1-20 and orally counting up to 100. In Measurement, we are looking at mass and weight concepts.

**Science**
Physical Science- "On the Move."
The children will be learning about the way objects move depending on a variety of factors, including their size and shape. They will also begin to explore pushing, pulling, simple machines such as levers and pulleys and sources of energy.

**Morning Activities:**
The morning session in Pre-Primary is a very important part of your child’s day. They use this time to get themselves organised, practise name writing and revising essential skills. During this time they will also be doing their daily reading practise to develop their fluency and increase their high frequency word banks. Please aim to arrive at school by **8:35** to ensure your child does not miss out on this important part of the day.

**Dates to mark on your calendar**
- 3rd August - French Assembly (French theme dress-up day)
- 4th August - Farm Visit
- 17th August - Class photo day & Mini-Olympics afternoon (PP1)
- 18th August - Mini-Olympics afternoon (PP2)
- 19th August - Pupil free Day (PD Day for staff)
- 22nd August - Book Fair
- 24th August - Book Character Dress-up Fundraiser
- 29th August - Mimi the Chicken visits PP2
- 30th August - Mimi the Chicken visits PP1
- 21st September - Science Assembly
- 2nd September - Father’s Night celebration
- 21st September - PP2 Assembly
- 23rd September - Last Term of Term 3

We look forward to what has already started as an exciting term.

Pre-Primary Staff