Welcome to all the new families of Room 10 and the children transitioning from Pre-Primary.

During the first few weeks we have established a reading word consolidation system and formal spelling with a weekly pre test and post test every Friday. Most children understand the routine and are achieving very well at this stage. We actively encourage independent sentence construction. Every sentence needs to make sense with a capital letter to start and a full stop to conclude.

With Maths the children need to be able to count, with one to one correspondence, to 100. We have started to use the number line and think board for simple addition.

Our daily take home readers are skill based. Children are reading sight word readers, rocket readers or large print chapter books. Remember to ask three questions to check your child’s comprehension or understanding of the story.

Also continue to read a story before bed based on the child’s selection or interest.

During the morning we do literacy and numeracy blocks with 50% of time going to these learning areas.

During the afternoon we do Integrated Studies which includes Australian History, Science, Geography and Health topics.

We use our senses to discover and observe during Science.

For family reasons you need to take extended leave from school or a vacation, you must seek approval from the Principal in writing.

Just a final note to remind parents to ensure the children have their hat and a water bottle in this hot weather.

Our library day is Wednesday and the children require to bring a library book back in order to take a book from the library.

On the 12th February the whole school participated in a parade in the undercover area to celebrate Australia Day. The children made a gold coin donation to fundraise for the families of the Yarloop Bushfires.

Our Class Birthdays

January
4th Christian
11th Emily
19th Sarthaksinh

February
12th Nelia
**Big Write**

Our school has a whole school approach to VCOP to writing.

\[ V = \text{Vocabulary} \]
\[ C = \text{Connectives} \]
\[ O = \text{Openers} \]
\[ P = \text{Punctuation} \]

This involves a big talk. The children will bring home talk homework each Tuesday. Could you discuss the topic with your child and return for sharing on Wednesday. Get your child to discuss as much as they can about the topic, which will help them with valuable ideas for their big write session on the Wednesday.

**Canteen News**

Please do not order Slushies or Ice creams as part of recess or lunch orders. These are “treats” to be purchased by the individual at lunchtime. Please provide money in a purse or zip lock bag for your child to manage. Slushies are available for after lunch on Wednesday. Ice creams are available after lunch on Thursday. The rule is one item per child.

- **Slushies** $1-small
  $2- large

- **Ice creams** vary in price between 50c and $2.50 (see canteen Menu Term 1).

**Class Health Consideration**

Our school has some students that have allergies. Some allergies are from food products. It would be appreciated if all parents could provide a nut free recess and lunch for their child.