May, 2014

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. Hope you all had a wonderful holiday. We have three new students in our class now making a total of 21 students in KT. Welcome to Alaa, Jason and John.

The children have settled in well, after a relaxing holiday and working hard once again.

Just a reminder:

**Tuesday** – Library with Mrs Owen : 2pm - 3pm

**Wednesday** – Whole School Assembly (Weeks 2,4,6 & 8).

**Thursday** – Computer with Mrs Byrne : 2pm - 3pm

**Friday** – Sport (wear sports uniform and joggers)

Can you please ensure your child has a school hat each day.

Each day we will continue to have ‘crunch & sip’ so it would be helpful if your child could bring along their own water bottle and fresh fruit or vegetables eg pear, banana, apple, carrot/ celery sticks, cherry tomatoes etc.

Our **SCHOOL VALUES** are:

**RESPONSIBLE** : I will be responsible for my learning and behaviour in all areas of the school and when representing our school.

**RESPECTFUL** : I will be respectful to all students, staff and visitors.

**SAFE** : I will behave safely in everything I do.

**LEARNERS** : I will work to the best of my ability at all times.

Our **SCHOOL PLEDGE** is : ‘Today is a new day !

I will act in a safe and healthy way.

I will respect the rights of others.

I will treat all property with respect.

I will take responsibility for my learning and behaviour.

Today I will be the best me I can be!’

Please discuss these values with your child and help them to learn our school pledge.

We say it each day at the morning assembly.

**Literacy** : Our L3 groups will continue this term- guided reading, familiar reading, guided and interactive writing and sight word/letter recognition. We are continuing to focus closely on correct pencil grip, correct lower case letter formation, use of capital letters, spacing between words and ending a sentence with a full stop, exclamation mark or question mark. We will be continuing to learn about useful comprehension strategies that assist reading. Our English focus this term is ‘Imaginative Texts’. We will be focussing on books by the well known author, Pamela Allen.
We will be soon be starting homework so please ensure your child brings in a homework book. Please encourage and support your child to do the best they can. Homework will be an opportunity to practise what we have been doing in the classroom. I will also be sending home our "MAGIC 100 WORDS" - please help your child learn to read the sight words they bring home.

Please continue to encourage and support your child with their Home Reading. If there are any parents or grandparents who are available to assist with Home Reading on Mon-Fri (20 minutes in the morning) I would really appreciate it.

**Mathematics**: Topics this term include:

- Whole Numbers
- Patterns & Algebra
- Mass
- Time
- Money
- Addition & Subtraction
- Length
- Multiplication & Division
- 2D Space & 3D Space
- Data
- Fractions-related to Area
- Area
- Fractions & Decimals
- Position
- Volume & Capacity

**Science**: In science we will be working on a unit titled "From Paddock to Plate".

**Student Welfare**: ‘Child Protection’ will be our focus this term.

If you have not purchased a glue stick for your child, would you please do so, as we use them most days. Please write your child’s name on it.

Keep informed about what is happening at school by reading the newsletter each week and remember you are warmly invited to the monthly P&C association meetings.

Thankyou for supporting your child’s education,

Margaret Tolhurst