

Foundation

Newsletter

Week 2

Welcome!

What a fantastic beginning to the year! It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces and keen minds ready for a huge year of learning!

Our journey into the PYP this year begins with the Transdisciplinary Theme **'Who We Are'**.

Our central idea is **'We are all unique individuals, but share similarities.'**

Parent Helpers

If you are available to assist in the classrooms please note that you are required to attend our Parent Helpers Course. (Only if you haven't done this previously)

The date for this will be announced soon. Please make sure your 'Working with Children' card details are at the office. If you require a WWC, you can apply online. <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Once this is finalised, please see your child's teacher to sign up for classroom support. This includes reading with children and assisting with literacy rotations and excursions.

It has been wonderful to see so many children settle quickly into the routine of school. To allow the children to gain independence, we do ask that you say goodbye at the classroom door and allow them to carry and unpack their own belongings in the morning to ensure a seamless transition and to maximize learning time. Please make sure you label all belongings, especially hats and jumpers. If your child has not brought their art smock to school yet, please do so at your earliest convenience.



Upcoming Events

16th Feb– Chinese New Year Celebration dress up

Reading

Your child's reader has been sent home today. Please refer to the 'My home reading' journal for some excellent tips to assist in helping your child get the most out of home reading. Also refer to the reading strategies prompt bookmark.

These strategies will be explicitly taught to your child throughout the year. It is very important to read with your child EVERYDAY. This should not be looked upon as 'homework', but more a time to continue to instil a love of literacy with your child. Make sure you have a quiet, relaxed space where you and your child can enjoy their reading journey! Your child has also been given a list of sight words to practise. Make this a fun activity through developing games using these words!