Welcome back to another school year. We are very excited about this year with lots of fun things planned. Please refer to important information below.

Important Dates
Tuesday 10th February – Building our school community info night 7pm
Monday 9th March – Labour Day public holiday
Thursday 19th March – Whole school athletics day
Monday 23rd March – Student free day – Mitchell cluster Curriculum day.
Friday 27th March – End of term 1

Term 1 is a Sun Smart Term
As you are probably aware, term one and four are sun smart terms at school. This means that all students MUST wear a broad rimmed school hat while outdoors. It is also a good idea to provide your children with sun screen, sun glasses and extra labelled water bottles. If students do not have a sun smart hat on they will be expected to sit in the gazebo.

Blogging
We are excited about continuing to incorporate computer blogs into our classrooms. Blogs allow students to communicate with the school community and share their learning. Our blog addresses are
Grade 1/2 J: http://12joy.global2.vic.edu.au/
Grade 1/2 S: http://12supps.global2.vic.edu.au/

Please make your child’s blog a favourite on your computer and check in on what we have been up to from time to time. You can subscribe to our blogs and you will be emailed when blogs are updated. Class notes can also be found under the parent link of the blog.

Term 1 Unit of Inquiry
This term we will be learning about roles, rights and responsibilities we have in different groups and communities and the reason for these. We will be investigating different values that groups and individuals have.

Home reading
Take home reading books should have come home last week. Students will have the opportunity to change their books EACH morning. Remember that reading together at home should be an enjoyable and relaxing experience. Take home books are designed to be easy for your child to read.
Homework
Completing homework is an important part of education. This year, each student will be required to read at home for 10 minutes at least four nights a week, practice spelling words and they will need to complete tasks in their homework books. Students receive a range of different tasks consolidating the learning that is occurring in the classroom. Tasks are designed so students can show off what they have learnt during the week. Homework is given at this level to assist in developing a sense of responsibility and organisation. Please see the classroom teacher if there are difficulties with homework before they become major issues. Homework tasks will be sent home on Friday.

Healthy Snack
Students will continue to eat healthy snack at 10am and 12.30pm. Healthy snack needs to be either a fresh fruit or vegetable.

Hot Lunches
Pie warmers are available every day to heat student lunches in the Central Learning Space. They do not cook food, just warm it up. Hot lunches should be clearly labelled and wrapped in foil or a container that will fit in the pie warmer's narrow shelves.

Parent Helpers
As you know, we would not be able to run such successful classroom programs, S.A.K.G programs, excursions and camps without your involvement. If you are able to help out at any stage please let us know as soon as possible. If you have not completed the classroom helpers program a new session will run shortly. Please remember to help at the school you will need to complete a working with children check.

Allergies
Please be aware that we do have anaphylaxis allergies to eggs and nuts in 1/2J. Please refrain from sending any visible egg foods such as egg sandwiches, boiled eggs, quiche or nut products in children’s lunches.

Contact us
The best way to keep in contact with us is through email. All emails are checked daily and we often get back to you within a few hours. Please feel free to email questions, absence notes and update us on any information regarding your child.

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We look forward to catching up with all of you during the term.

Thank you

Belinda and Livia