

# **Stage 1 Update**

We are over the half way mark of Term 3. It has been a busy and productive term so far.

## **Clothing**

All students' hats, jumpers, bags, drink bottles and lunch boxes require labelling to ensure they are identified and don't become lost property. At our school, we promote Sun Safety. Please ensure your child brings a hat to school each day.

## **Rouse Hill Farm Excursion**

Students who attended the Rouse Hill Farm excursion in Week 5 had terrific, enjoyable and educational time learning about 'Lessons from the Past' and 'Early to Rise.' 'Lessons from the Past' gave students the opportunity to learn first-hand about what school life was like in the late 19th century. They participated in hands-on activities such as, practicing writing on slates, a sewing lesson, as well as an outdoor physical education drill and maypole dancing in the yard, enabling students to make vivid comparisons between schooling then and now.

In the 'Early to Rise' program, students were given the opportunity to explore the working areas of the former farm, and investigate what life would have been like for children living there in the late 1800s. Students visited the old milking shed and explored the beautiful stables that the Rouse family built for their horses. As chores would have been part of daily life for children living on the farm in the late 1800s, students had the chance to experience some of these for themselves; feeding the chooks, hanging out the washing and pumping water.

At the end of both days of the excursion, the educators commented on the pleasing behaviour of our students. What a wonderful way to end an excursion by being complimented on our students' behaviour. Well done, boys and girls!

## **Reminders**

- ✓ Students are required to return their overdue books to the library as soon as possible and also any Home Readers that haven't been returned to their class.
- ✓ Please make sure you write a note explaining why your child was absent and return it to your child's class teacher.
- ✓ We are running low on tissues and soap in our classrooms, so if you can please provide a box of tissues and soap.

## **Intensive Learn to Swim Program**

This is a reminder that Year 2 Intensive Learn to Swim Program is finally starting next week! It will begin on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September and will continue for two weeks until Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018. We will leave school at 12pm and return by approximately 2.30pm.

Please remember to bring their swimming costume and towel to school each day. In addition, bring a plastic bag for their wet swimmers and towel. Students may arrive to school wearing their swimmers under their school uniform, unless of course, they are damp from the previous day. Also, remember to provide them with spare underwear to wear home, a hat and warm clothing on cool days.

**Stage 1 Teachers ☺**

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