Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2.
Thank you to all the parents who volunteered during swimming in Term I.

**Integrated Unit** Our theme for Term 2 is ‘Sustainability - Australian Environments’. This integrated study will draw learning from the VELS domains of Civics and Citizenship, Geography, Integrated as well as the core domains of Mathematics and English.
Rationale: Thinking about and acting responsibly in our world means that we will be prepared to play a part in solving some of the world's sustainability problems as they arise.
Some of the essential questions we will be exploring are…
- How can the environment in which I live be better looked after for the future?
- How do people affect the survival of living things?

We have planned an excursion to Ecolinc, Bacchus Marsh. The Year 3’s will be visiting Ecolinc on Wednesday 22nd May and the Year 4’s will have their excursion on Wednesday 19th June. Ecolinc is an established Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) Science Specialist Centre focusing on the development and delivery of innovative educational programs addressing environmental sustainability. This term we are encouraging our students to visit with their families National Parks to look at native fauna and flora.

**Literacy and Numeracy** The Year 3 National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Testing (NAPLAN) will be held on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been a part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests are undertaken nationwide, every year. NAPLAN is made up of tests in four areas (or ‘domains’): Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. For more information go to [http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/prep10/naplan/index.html](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/prep10/naplan/index.html)

3/4 Sport continues this term on Thursdays. Students participate in their house teams in a range of team activities.

**Year 4 Camp Experience** is on Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th June. This is held at Mount Evelyn Recreation Camp, which offers a range of adventure and confidence-boosting activities.

**Homework** will continue in a similar format to last term. Spelling and English/Mathematics (alternate weeks) is given out on Mondays and due back on the following Friday. Mathletics is also up and running so that students can revise maths skills at home on www.mathletics.com.au. Students have their own username and password. Tasks are set regularly by class teachers.

**Reading** should also be taking place 4-5 times per week. Thank you to all the children who have committed to the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The children at this level are challenged to read 15 books.

**Lost property** Please label all clothes particularly jumpers. Iron-on labels are the best and there are many websites you can order them from e.g. [www.brightstarkids.com.au](http://www.brightstarkids.com.au) 30 labels for $13.

Thank you for your continued support,

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