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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely holiday. This is a newsletter outlining important dates for Term 3. Please take a moment to read the Statement of Intent on the window near the door. This document outlines what we are learning in Kindy and is updated every two weeks.

We love to receive recyclables for children to use. These include:

- Old magazines and newspapers
- Recyclable containers
- Boxes
- Egg cartons
- Milk bottle lids etc
- Anything you think can be used to build creativity!

We will also be doing tinkering throughout the term which sees children pull apart and put back together things like cd players, computers etc... using real life tools. If you have anything that children can pull apart, we would love to take these off your hands (our supply is running low). Some examples include- old phones, keyboards, laptops, remote controls, kettles, or anything else that they can disassemble! The cords **MUST** be removed before children can tinker with them.

Important dates for this term-

12th of August- Scitech Family Evening at 6pm (Murder mystery)

22nd of August- Book Week Dress Up (Reading is my secret power theme)

29th of August- Kindy Liturgy at 2.30pm and P&F Father's Day Stall

15th of September (Sunday)- Family Mass Kindy and Pre Primary at 8.30am

17th of September- School Photos

23rd of September- Learning Journey 2.40- 4.30pm

26th of September- P&F Colour Run and last day of Term 3

What is Walker Learning?

Our Kindy class follows the Walker Learning Approach. Walker Learning is a holistic approach to teaching to the whole child. This approach aims to develop children who can think for themselves and for others, can create and imagine, and who are strong in their literacy and numeracy. It also helps develop children who can navigate the challenges of the world with intrinsic motivation and a strength of character made of a strong sense of self and resilience. It views the child holistically and values emotional and social life just as important as the academic.

Investigations

Investigation time takes place three mornings per week: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The aim of the WLA classroom is to promote a sense of wonder, exploration, investigation and interest with a rich range of materials, resources and opportunities in which children can engage. Play and active investigation gives children opportunities to develop physical competence and enjoyment, to understand and make sense of their world, to interact with others, express and control emotions, and develop problem solving abilities. Research shows strong links between play and foundational capacities such as memory, oral language capabilities, self-regulation, social skills and success at school in general.

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to ask. You can contact me through the Seesaw APP or my email is amy.rimmer@cewa.edu.au

If a message is urgent and needs to get to me straight away, please call the school on 9782 6500 and they can pass on the message. I just don't always get a chance to check Seesaw throughout the day.

I am looking forward to another exciting term!

Kind regards,

Amy Rimmer