Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4 in Year 2. We hope the children had a restful break and are ready to commence Term 4.

This term in **Science** the main focus will be exploring pushes and pulls. Through investigations, students observe and gather evidence about how these forces act in air and water, and on the ground. Students identify the effect of the pull of gravity and learn that both air and water can ‘push’.

In **English**, the students will continue to develop their literacy skills and will be responding to and composing a range of persuasive, informative and imaginative texts. Speaking and listening presentations will also continue as a class activity. We thank you for investing the time and preparation for the children to present their topics.

In **Art** the children will be focusing on various artists such as Ken Done and Vincent Van Gogh to use as inspiration to draw, paint or create artworks.

**Mathematics instruction** will focus on investigations with addition and subtraction using a variety of strategies, multiplication and division, area, data, continuing patterns, time, data and chance. Students will continue how to solve word problems to promote an understanding of mathematics in their world.

Our specialist teachers in **Sport** and **Music** will continue to develop the children’s skills. Year 2 will be preparing for their end of year production to be performed at their Year 2 presentation day.

**Homework** will continue in Term 4. New activities have been added to the homework choice grid. Please support your child by attempting all of the activities throughout the term. If you are unsure of the task, just ask your child’s teacher. A maximum of 10 minutes study a night for Year 2 is recommended by the Department of Communities and Education to help develop independent study skills.

**Home reading** Independent reading is still our major focus as a homework activity as the children prepare for Year 3. It is important that they are able to sustain 10 minutes of uninterrupted reading and be able to respond to the content. Home reading books are still available from the classroom but we urge you to visit libraries and help the children select their own reading materials of interest. Please refer to the back of their reading journals for further ideas!
**Dates to Remember**

- 24/10 Swim School Commences
- 4/11 Swim School Concludes
- 8/11 - Kindergarten K-6 Assembly
- 24/11 - End of year Concert
- 6/12 - K-2 Presentation Day
- 7/12 - Scripture Service
- 9/12 - Reports go home
- 14/12 - K-2 Fun Day
- 16/12 - Last day of Term 4

**Summer Weather**
The weather will get warmer during Term 4. Eastwood Public School is a uniform compliant school. Girls should wear their summer dresses with short white socks and black shoes. Boys should wear their grey shorts, blue polo top, grey socks and black shoes.

**Swim School**
Swim School is an intensive two week swimming program, which runs every day in weeks 3 and 4. The students will improve their skills with daily instruction and practice. Most Year 2 students are attending the ‘Learn to Swim’ course at Kuringai Fitness and Aquatic Centre. Please ensure that your child’s clothing is clearly labelled. If you child is wearing goggles, please label them with a permanent marker.

**K-2 Fun Day**
The K-2 Fun Day will be held at school on the 14th December, Week 10. Students will be participating in many fun activities such as, face painting, developmental play, jumping castles and many more. A small fee to support this event will be included in the Term Costs.

**Crunch and Sip**
Crunch and Sip is practised across the K-2 department and will continue this term. Please remember to supply your child with some fruit or salad vegetables and water to drink in the classroom.

Please make sure you visit the school website and read the school newsletter each week to keep up to date with school events.


Thank you

Stage 1 teachers