Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe that the Kindergarten children have only been at school for seven weeks. They have settled in well to school routines and are developing their literacy and numeracy skills each day. It is vital that we work in partnership in educating our children. We encourage you to continue daily reading with your child as well as providing opportunities to share their writing and numeracy skills with you.

**What’s happening in Kindergarten next week?**

- **Religion** – We will continue our unit, ‘From Ashes to Easter’. Children will be focusing on the story of Palm Sunday (Mt 21:1-11).
- **English** – We will continue our author study of Eric Carle. The book focus for the week is ‘The Mixed-up Chameleon’. Children are introduced to letters, words, text direction, spacing between words, full stops and capital letters. Children will be singing ‘Ants in the Apple’ to assist in developing their phonemic awareness.
- **Mathematics** – The focus for the week is time. Children will be identifying things that take a short time/long time, differentiating between yesterday/today/tomorrow, learning the names of the days of the week.
- **History** – We will continue our History unit ‘Personal and Family Histories’, focusing on extended families.

**Special Messages.....**

- Please remind your child that they are not to share food or canteen money with any child (except siblings).
- Just a reminder that children are not allowed to wear nail polish or colourful jewellery to school.
- As part of our Lenten preparation, children are invited to donate money to their class Project Compassion box. Children may like to do jobs around the house to earn a small amount of money which can be donated. We will be collecting money for Project Compassion throughout Lent.
- Please ensure that fruit for ‘Crunch and Sip’ is cut up into small pieces so that it can be eaten quickly and easily.
- Please encourage your child to utilise the online ‘Reading Eggs’ and Mathletics programs at home.
- Next Friday 18th March is the Bethany Cross Country. Kindergarten will participate by having a short Fun Run on Ched Towns Oval in the morning. We ask that Kindergarten wear their sports uniform on Friday instead of Thursday next week. Please make sure your child has a labelled drink and a piece of fruit to take on this day.
- Due to the Fun Run on Friday morning, we would like children to bring their homework etc to school on **THURSDAY** this week.

Have a lovely week,
Sue Neilly, Karina Davis and Karen Shillito