Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to see so many contributions being made to Project Compassion during Lent. As the children get excited about the prospect of the Easter Bunny visiting, we encourage you to continue to discuss the real meaning of Easter with your child.

**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). You may also like to read and discuss this scripture with your child at home.

- **English** – We will continue our author study of Eric Carle. The book focus for the week is *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you hear?* 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 addition. Children will be solving addition problems using concrete materials and recording informally.

- **Theme** – We will continue our Science and Technology unit ‘On the Move’. Children will be investigating toys that move.

**Special Messages.....**

- A reminder to send a small amount of fruit which has been cut up for ‘Crunch and Sip’. Children only have a short amount of time to eat their fruit. An uncut whole piece of fruit is often too much for children to eat in this time.

- If your child is absent from school, please send a note of explanation to the class teacher upon your child’s return. Teachers are legally obligated to record all absences on the school roll. If a note is not given to your child’s class teacher the absence is recorded as being unexplained.

- Kinder Fun Run next Friday, 27th March 9am at Ched Towns Oval. Children are to bring their hat, a bottle of water and a piece of fruit to have after running. Full sports uniform to be worn instead of Thursday.

**CHILD PROTECTION REMINDER**

Thank you once again to all our wonderful parent helpers. We appreciate your assistance in the classroom and hope that you find it enjoyable and beneficial. If you are planning on assisting at the school in any capacity during the year (classroom assistant, carnival days, excursions etc.), you must have completed the online child protection module through the Parramatta CEO (the link is available on the school website) and the Working With Children Check.


Please notify the school office once you have completed the Working With Children Check and provide any relevant documentation so that school records can be updated.
How can I help my child develop their literacy and numeracy skills?
There are many ways you can support your child’s learning at home:

**Literacy** - You can assist your child develop their literacy skills by ensuring that they read and practise sight words on a daily basis. It will also greatly benefit your child if they revise letter names and sounds through games such as ‘Memory’ and ‘Snap’ (you may like to use the *Ants in the Apple* cards handed out earlier this year for these games). Many children also enjoy using the online program ‘Reading Eggs’. You may like to practise writing simple consonant/vowel/consonant words such as cat, pig, top etc.

**Numeracy** - You can assist your child by practising rote counting forwards (at least to 30), counting backwards (from ten initially, then from 20, then from 30 etc.), estimating and counting collections of objects (buttons, pencils, straws etc.), identifying one more/one less than a number, number recognition, writing numbers, adding collections of objects together, subtracting objects from a group.

The possibilities are endless! Remember, the more fun you make it, the more likely they are to want to do it!

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