Hi everyone! Time for another update on what’s happening in grade 1 in Term 3! There is a lot on and we’re sure to be working busily like bees in this action-packed term.

**Science and Integrated Focus**

This term the children will be learning all about Mighty Minibeasts!

We had a fantastic trip to Ecolinc in Bacchus Marsh last Friday where we not only made our own minibeast, but we also learnt about habitats where minibeasts live, studied the bodies of minibeasts and searched for some in compost and water samples! Fun! Fun! Fun!

Towards the end of the term, the kids will complete a project in class on a minibeast of their choice.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone for all of the bottles that have been sent in. They will be great for our wormeries!

**Excursions Next Term**

We have just had a fantastic time at our recent and only excursion this term to Ecolinc. This was a free excursion which all of the kids loved to bits! As a little bit of a ‘heads up’, there will be two excursions next term that we will be attending in grade one which will cost a little bit of money. Those being our week of swimming (17/11 to the 21/11) and our trip to Donegan’s Farm (31/10).

Once prices are confirmed, excursion forms will be sent out. If you would like to make a payment arrangement with the office, please contact them and they will be more than willing to help.

**Check out STORY TIME (FREE)**

During our Literacy rotations the kids love listening to and reading along with Story Time. Story Time is an interactive story telling app that is bundled with beautifully illustrated story books for children. Each story is bundled with original colourful illustrations, narrations and sound effects! It comes with a set of free stories with the option to purchase more as you go.

**Check out MATH SLIDE 100/1000 ($3.49)**

Math Slide is a multiplayer game helping children understand tens and ones; numbers up to 100. Players learn by sliding tiles into the center to match an answer, equation or image. The player who slides their tiles first wins.
**Home Reading and Spelling**

Please keep up the great work with home reading and spelling. The children are really making some great leaps forward with their fluency and comprehension.

Some easy things to help comprehension:
- Ask your child to predict what will happen in the story.
- Ask them to explain what some of the difficult (more tricky) words mean. If they don’t know, discuss the word with them or look it up in a dictionary to find the meaning.
- Ask the child to relate the story to something that they may have done.
- Ask your child to summarise the story’s main events by using words like ‘FIRST, NEXT, THEN and LAST’.

**Parent helpers**

If anyone can assist in coming in to help with listening to kids read, helping a group or something else, please contact your child’s teacher or PLP.

**Concert Update:**

A huge thank you to everyone who has been helping out with this year’s concert preparations. The kids are currently working on ‘fine-tuning’ their dance moves and they are really beginning to take shape. There will be updates coming out in the newsletter soon as to drop off times and the logistics of the evening, so please keep an eye out.

**WET WEATHER AND UNIFORM**

With the weather being as it is, we encourage students to bring a coat to school this term. Please also make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child’s name so that they may be returned quickly if they are misplaced.

**Me in a Bag!**

This term our Show and Tell is called, ‘Me in a Bag.’ The children bring a collection of items that are special to them or that show who they are as a person. Examples of items they may bring could be – a baby photo, a piece of sports equipment, a special toy, a drawing, their favourite movie/music cd, a book that they love to read, a favourite piece of clothing etc. Please ensure that students do not bring in ‘valuable or breakable’ items as there is a risk they might break.

A roster will be sent home by your teacher, if not already done so.