Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter and for those who had holidays I hope you had a relaxing time. The children have been back at school for over a week now and are excited and busy with their learning. Here is a short overview of what is happening this term.

In English we will be focusing on informative and narrative texts. We will be studying the structure of these types of texts and learning how to edit our writing. Also, we will be continuing with our guided reading program Rally Readers, and already the children have increased their levels of reading. In Math we are learning how to:

- partition numbers
- add and subtract two-digit numbers
- count in sequences (2’s, 3’s, 5’s and 10’s)
- solve simple multiplication and division problems
- describe features of 2D and 3D shapes
- count collections of money
- interpret simple maps
- tell the time (half past, quarter to and quarter past)
- divide shapes and collections of objects into half, quarters and eighths

In Science the children will be describing, representing, comparing and communicating changes to a living thing as it grows. We will be looking at a variety of animals but specifically an Australian Rainforest Snail as this will be our classroom pet. In Health, our unit is titled ‘Stay Safe”. The children will describe the changes as they grow older, recognise how emotional responses impact on others’ feelings and select and apply strategies to keep themselves safe and ask for help with tasks or problems. In Art and Technology, we will be researching, designing, creating a 3D Life Cycle poster. The children will explore various 3D mediums to represent the life cycle of an Australian Rainforest Snail and then reflect on their creation.

Specialist Lessons: There are no changes to the specialist lessons for our class.

- Monday - PE (9:00am)
- Tuesday - Library (1:00pm), Music (2:20pm)

Collage Materials: This term for our Science, Art and Technology units we will need to use lots of natural and recyclable collage materials. If you could help us collect the following items and bring them into school periodically throughout the term that would be fabulous.

- Seed pods, leaves, small twigs, newspapers, tissue paper, bubble wrap, wrapping paper, paper, old bottle tops (metal and plastic), egg cartons, old jigsaw puzzle pieces, corks, wool, string, etc. (Anything small that will be suitable for nature collage)
Homework: This term homework will remain the same, which means, all homework (including scrapbook, spelling book, home reading folder and sight word folder) is due in on a **Thursday** and is given out on a **Friday**. Please encourage your child to write out their spelling words at least three times each week in their spelling book. I have suggested to the children that they rule up the page with three or four columns to help them set out the page.

**Date Claimers**

- **Friday 22 April**        ANZAC Day parade 1pm in the hall
- **Monday 25 April**       ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Friday 29 April**       Book Club due
- **Monday 2 May**          Public Holiday
- **Friday 24 June**        Last day of Term 2

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on email [dbank@eq.edu.au](mailto:dbank@eq.edu.au) or contact me by phone through the office.

Kind regards

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