Dear parents,

Welcome back from the long weekend. We hope you had a chance to rest and recharge, ready for a busy final two weeks of term.

This Thursday we will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews after school in the JLU building. If you have not already booked, please do so at www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Please keep in mind that the time slots are for 10 minute sessions, with the next session immediately after. This time will be used to discuss learning and social goals, celebrate achievements and mention any concerns you may have.

We are looking forward to Harmony Day next Monday when the students will have an opportunity to celebrate and learn more about the many different cultures represented at Wantirna Primary School. Each class will be performing from 2.45 onwards. Families and friends are invited to come along at any time throughout the day.

A reminder that next Tuesday is our JLU ‘Me and my Community’ Learning Expo. The students have been working very hard over the term with their Inquiry groups to present their learning in different ways. Parents are invited into the JLU from 2.45pm.

Have a wonderful week!

**English**

This week’s CAFÉ reading strategy is ‘Back up and re-read’. Students use this strategy when meaning is lost or something ‘doesn’t quite sound right’. They need to identify when this has happened, stop and re-read the particular section or page again, pointing to the words carefully, looking at the picture and thinking about what has already happened in the text.

Year 1 and 2 students are being introduced to ‘Poetry’ writing this week. They will look at ‘mentor texts’ to get to know different styles and to inspire them to write their own poetry.

Foundation students will continue with modelled writing to build their early writing behaviours and see correct letter formation. They are currently attempting to complete sentence starters on their own, listening for the first sound and recording it.

**Maths**

This week’s Maths topic is Addition.

Foundation students will use hands on materials to combine two groups and count them all to find out how many there are altogether. They will practise counting on from given numbers in the number sequence to lead on to the strategy of counting on from the larger number to add.

Year 1/2 classes will write and solve number sentences using different strategies including counting on, doubles, near doubles and making 10.

**Inquiry Learning**

We have almost reached the stage of our culminating event and inquiry groups are using their time this week to complete their creations, investigations and projects, ready to present at our expo next week. They will also be devising a list of questions for visitors to ask them about their inquiry as a way to show their learning.

**Important Dates:**

- **Harmony Day**
  - Monday March 21st
- **Parent Teacher Interviews**
  - Thursday March 17th
- **Inquiry Expo**
  - Tuesday March 22nd

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**Reading Eggs**

Now is a great time for Foundation students to begin using Reading Eggs at home before they start to use it on a regular basis at school. Help your child to familiarise themselves with logging in, getting started on activities and moving through their map.