Fun Foundation Facts
13th February 2015

Getting into Routines
The Foundation children have made a fantastic start to school life, settling into routines and getting to know lots of new faces. They are now lining up at the planter boxes before school (no later than 8:55am please) and being dismissed from their rear classroom doors at 3:30pm.

Reminders
  *APologiEs For the incorrect dates* However, you can write the book title with your child on the day that they read the book.
- A reminder for everyone to bring: take-home book bags, library bags, art smocks, colouring books, tissues. Please ensure that everything that your child brings to school is named. Having your child involved in packing their bag nightly will help them to know exactly what they are bringing to school.
- Remember, Great Ryrie Primary is a NUT FREE SCHOOL. Please don’t send your child to school with any nut based products.

Medical Information
It is VITAL that the office has up to date medical information about your child. e.g. Asthma, allergies. Please see your child’s teacher if you are unsure about what is required.

Friday Open Afternoon
The classroom is open from 3:10 every Friday afternoon to share all the fabulous Foundation fun and learning. We encourage family and friends to come along.

Please bring in playdough
We use playdough for a variety of reasons in the classroom such as learning letters, numbers and improving fine motor skills. It would be very helpful if you could send some with your child, as we use a lot.

NUde FoOd day is every Tuesday. We would love to see no rubbish on that day. Please bring your food in small NAMED containers. We would encourage children’s lunches to be rubbish free every day as we are an environmentally friendly school.

Buddy Picnic—Wednesday March 4
By now, your child will have had a couple of sessions with their buddy class, a wonderful experience for both the junior and senior students. Soon students will be partnered/grouped with their buddies for the year. We will be celebrating this special occasion with a ‘Buddy Picnic’, from 12:30 to 1pm at the school playground on Wednesday March 4th. Stay tuned for further details and an invitation, coming soon....

Show and tell
The show and tell focus detailed below will continue throughout February.
This year the Foundation students will begin using an 'All About Me Bag'. The 'Me Bag' encourages children to reflect on things that are meaningful to them. From Week 3 (i.e. starting Monday February 9) we would like the children to reflect on and share things that make them feel safe and are important to them e.g. teddy, blanket, favourite book, song, sporting achievement etc. Please send the bag with the child from Monday the 9th and we will keep the bags in a safe area, sending them home at the end of the week.
*Also, in our second full week at school we will be looking at our families. Please prepare a photo of your child's family that they can bring to school and we can display for the year.

Specialists
Monday (Feb only)-Art
Monday: Library (bring library bag and book to return)
Wednesday- Art (March onwards)
Thursday- PE (wear runners) and LOTE
Friday- Music

February testing: Remember that Wednesdays are a rest day, with students coming in for one-on-one testing. Please fill in the ‘testing calendar’ and see your child’s teacher if you need to negotiate a suitable time.

Sounds of the Week
'Aa' & 'Tt'- Letterland characters are Annie Apple and Talking Tess. Find words at home that begin with these sounds.

Maths
We are looking at numbers and data collection. We are finding out information about the children in our class and representing them in different ways e.g. birthdays, how many letters in our name, our hair/ eye colour, how many boys and girls in our grade.

Reading
Take-Home Reading began Monday 9th February. This is a time to enjoy reading in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. The books will be easy and encourage your child to retell the story.
The children will receive a calendar page along with ideas to support their reading. Please write the name of the book in daily and sign.
Please keep an eye out for information on our new reading program which will begin in March.