Welcome back for Term Two!
It is hard to believe that we have only been back for two weeks. A busy start to the term has already seen:
- Our information night.
- Commencement of our new reading programme and 'Magic Words' going home.
- The fantastic 'Ball In The Hall'

Friday May 1st—Pyjama Day
As the children are exploring the letter 'p' next week, we will be celebrating by having a ‘pyjama day’. Please send children in pyjamas that will allow them to undertake normal activities, both in the classroom and in the playground. Children will be required to wear shoes outside the classroom, but are welcome to bring slippers to wear inside.

We look forward to seeing all students taking part in one of the highlights of the Foundation Year.

Parent Helpers
New parent helper notices came home early in Term Two, and all Foundation classes would like to have as many helpers as possible. At Great Ryrie Primary School, Parent Helpers are an important part of our school program. All helpers require a 'Working with Children's Check'. If you do not have one, you can get a form from the Post Office.

Staff and students really appreciate the help that parents and carers can give, allowing us to run fantastic programmes.

IMPORTANT—Notices to return
The following notices have been sent home and are past due to be returned. Please return these to allow the related programmes to run:
- School Nurse forms
- --Production ('Aladdin Trouble') forms

-Mothers' day stall forms
Term Two focus: 'Change'
This term, children will be focussing on different elements of change, including: 'Changes in time'; 'How people grow and change'; 'How plants change'; 'How food changes'; 'How animals change' and 'How can we change our world?'
We will be having special 'guests' in June, with baby chicks arriving for a two week stay. If you could provide an appropriate home for these chicks as they grow into adulthood, please speak to your child’s teacher.

The concept of 'change' can be a great starting point for interesting conversations at home.

Open Rooms
The Foundation team really value the chance to welcome families into our rooms, for students to share their learning. Our open rooms will continue on Friday afternoons, weekly from 3:15pm.

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Food
-Please return these to school (along with activity books to share) on Monday.

Pyjama Day
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It will help your children if they can practise their presentations at home before presenting at school.

We would still love to have a family photo for each child to display in the classroom.

Reminders
-Remember book bags every day. Please check these for notices with your child.
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Ryan Jacobs,
On behalf of the Foundation Team

Specialists
Monday: Library (bring library bag and book to return)
Wednesday—Art (Term 2 onwards)
Thursday—PE (wear runners) and LOTE
Friday—Music

Sounds of the Week
'Pp' & 'Jj'-Letterland characters are Peter Puppy and Jumping Jim. Find words at home that begin with these sounds.

Maths
We are looking at how time passes, days of the week and seasons.

Reading
Each week a new book comes home on Monday, please return these to school (along with activity books to share) on Friday.
Keep practising your 'Magic Words'.

Writing
Focusing on 'anti-clockwise' letters (a, c, d, g, o, q) in handwriting and on sounding out words when writing.

UPCOMING DATES
Wednesday April 29—Active To School Meeting
Friday May 1st—Pyjama Day
Friday May 22nd—Education Week Open Session
Wednesday May 27th—Photos day
Monday June 1st—Henny Penny Hatching—Baby chicks arrive