Fun Foundation Facts
26th June 2015

**Term Two—Thank you for a wonderful term!**

Foundation students have worked so hard this term, becoming more independent when reading and writing. Students have explored numbers beyond 20, directional language and 2D shapes. They’ve learnt about ‘Change’ in a range of contexts.

**PMP— Developing students’ coordination and eye tracking.**

The children have shown great benefits from our PMP programme. As this programme can run more effectively with parent/carer assistance, we would love helpers to stay for partner classes if possible. The times for Term 3 will be as follows:

**Term 3 Parent Helpers—help needed**

- Tuesdays in the Brian Allen Hall:
  - FdJ: 11:10—11:25  FdK: 12:00—12:25
  - FdB: 11:35—12:00  FdW: 12:25—12:50
- Term 3 Parent Helpers—help needed
  - 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. Please see your child’s teacher.

**Letter Land Parade— Wednesday July 22**

The children have been very excited to learn all the first sounds of letters through the ‘Letter Land’ programme. To celebrate this wonderful achievement, Foundation families are invited to watch their children in the ‘Letter Land Parade’, in the Brian Allen Hall, from 9:15 on July 22. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character, but we recommend using recycled materials.

Children will be given some time in the first two weeks of Term 3 to work on costume. For further background, explore: [http://www.letterland.com.au/parents/little-hands-free-downloads](http://www.letterland.com.au/parents/little-hands-free-downloads)

**Term 3—Creativity/ Curiosity—Topsy Turvy Tales**

Tying in nicely with our school production, ‘Aladdin Trouble’, next term students will be developing their creativity and curiosity through exploring fairy tales. You may wish to explore your favourite fairy tale with your child these holidays. There are also many movies/cartoons which show a ‘twisted/changed perspective on classic tales.

**Writers’ Notebook**

In Term 3, students will be doing more work drawn from a ‘Writers’ Notebook’. This is a book where students can store pictures and souvenirs to inspire them to create interesting and entertaining writing. The holidays are a wonderful time to collect items for your child to put in their ‘Writers’ Notebook’. Send items with your child on the first day next term.

**Aladdin Trouble**

Term 3 will be a very exciting time, with our school production, August 18 & 19 at the George Woods Theatre at Yarraw College. This is an important experience in every student’s time at GRPS, and we want to see all students there. Please keep an eye out for notices coming home.

**School Uniform—a reminder**

Great Ryrie has a bright and colourful uniform that we are proud of. Please ensure that your child is wearing named uniform items at all times at school. There is a GRPS beanie available for these chilly months, please do not send children with other headwear.

Similarly, students are not permitted to wear jewellery or nail polish at school. We understand that drying clothes can be difficult throughout Winter, but please send your child with a note if they happen to be wearing a non-uniform jumper.

**Show and tell**

With our focus on Creativity and Fairy Tales in Term 3, we are encouraging children to present part of their favourite fairy tale or nursery rhyme at school. Similarly, with ‘Aladdin Trouble’ coming up, children may wish to share about performances or musicals that they have seen.

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.
- Please name any items that your child brings to school.
- Please send a colouring/activity book with your child for wet days.
- Please send play dough for use in the classroom.
- GRPS is a NUT FREE SCHOOL.
- COMPASS— If you cannot use it at home, please see the office and use the PC in the foyer.

**Home Reading Books**:

The reading programme will recommence in Term 3. Take the opportunity on the holidays to visit local libraries with your child.

**Specialists**

- Monday: Library (bring library bag and book to return)
- Tuesday: PMP (Motor skills programme, Term 3)
- Wednesday: Art
- Thursday: PE (wear runners) and LOTE
- Friday: Music

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On behalf of the Foundation Team

**Sounds of the Week**

In Term 3, children will be exploring the importance of vowels: A, E, I, O, U (with Y doing the job of a vowel sometimes.)

**Maths**

Children will be exploring counting from different numbers and beginning to explore addition.

**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 the direction of letters in handwriting and on sounding out words when writing.

**UPCOMING DATES**

- Wednesday July 22nd—Letter Land Parade
- Wednesday August 5th—Aladdin Trouble’ costume rehearsal and photos day
- Monday August 10th, Thursday August 13th, —Aladdin Trouble’ - rehearsal days at school
- Monday August 17th—Aladdin Trouble’ rehearsal at the George Woods theatre
- Tuesday August 26th—Aladdin Trouble’ performances at the George Woods theatre
- Tuesday September 1st—Fathers’ Games night
- Friday September 4th—Foundation Fathers’ Day Breakfast
- Tuesday September 15th—Fairy Park excursion