Fun Foundation Facts
7th August 2015

‘Aladdin Trouble’ - a wonderful whole school experience.

In a little over two weeks, the children will be on stage at the George Woods Performing Arts Hall at Yarra Valley College, performing in ‘Aladdin Trouble’. This is a wonderful experience that we would like all of the children to share in.

The children have had a costume rehearsal day, with photos soon to be available for purchase.

Next week they will have rehearsal days at school, with a rehearsal day at ‘George Woods’ on Monday, August 17.

Please ensure that the permission form for the rehearsal day and the performances has been returned to your child’s teacher.

‘Aladdin Trouble’ - On the night

Further information will be coming home, with FbD and FdW performing on the Tuesday evening, August 18 and FdJ and FdK on Wednesday August 19.

As the children will be performing early in the evening, then again late in the evening, we ask that children are sent with a bottle of water and a healthy snack.

Please ensure that the children have a dressing gown, pillow and colouring book on them before they are able to leave with their teacher. In the name of safety, all children will need to be signed out, with their teacher.

The children have shown great benefits from PMP (Motor skills programme, Term 3). If you cannot use it at home, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

In Term 3—Creativity/Curiosity—Topsy Turvy Tales

This term students are enjoying developing their creativity and curiosity through exploring fairy tales. As part of this unit, students have the opportunity to create puppets or elements of a puppet play. To assist with this, we ask that students bring any odd socks to school, for use as sock puppets.

Writers’ Notebook

In Term 3, students have been doing more work drawn from a ‘Writers’ Notebook’. This is a book where students may keep prompts, 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’.

Sending items with your child on Monday can help them to remember highlights of their weekend.

Please ensure that any item (including clothes) that you send your child with is clearly named.

At the end of the week, students may keep prompts or pictures of the week. The children will be settled for a rest in their classrooms.

PMP—recommencing August 25

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:

Tuesdays in the Brian Allen Hall:
FJ: 11:10—11:25  FdD: 12:00—12:25
FdF: 11:35—12:00  FdW: 12:25—12:50

Winter Coughs and Colds

As you are no doubt aware, Winter is the time where coughs, colds and illness can be more prevalent. If your child is unwell, please keep them home to recover. This will lead to them being more able to thrive at school, and avoid illness being spread from child to child.

On a related note, please send your child with a box of tissues for the class, to help deal with those winter sniffles.

With the next three weeks in particular being very busy, please ensure that your child is well rested. Lots of early nights will be of benefit to us all.

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 to their class each day. 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 practice their presentations at home before presenting at school.

Reminders

– Remember book bags every day. Please check these for notices with your child.

– Please name any items that your child brings to school.

– Send a colour/activity book with your child for wet days.

– Please send play dough for use in the classroom.

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COMPASS – If you cannot use it at home, please see the office and use the PC in the foyer.

Home Reading Books: The focus of our reading program is for students to develop fluency (reading more quickly, with expression) and to understand what they are reading. Please support your child to read their book multiple times over the course of the week.

School Uniform—a reminder

– GRPS is a NUT FREE SCHOOL.

– There is a GRPS beanie available for these chilly months, please do not send children with other headwear.

– Students are not permitted to wear jewelry 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.

Ryan Jacobs
On behalf of the Foundation Team

Sounds of the Week

So far the children have explored the short sounds vowels: A, E, I, O, U and made three sound words.

Next they will be looking at the long sounds of vowels, and how “helpful e” can help them to ‘say their name’.

Maths

Children will be exploring different forms of measurement and then counting on from different numbers.

Maths

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

Monday August 10th—Thursday August 13th—‘Aladdin Trouble’—rehearsal days at school

Monday August 17th—‘Aladdin Trouble’ rehearsal at the George Woods theatre.

Tuesday & Wednesday night August 18th—19th: ‘Aladdin Trouble’ performances at the George Woods theatre.

Tuesday September 1st—‘Writers’ Games night. Tuesday September 1st—Three Way Conferences

Monday September 7th—Three Way Conferences

Friday September 4th—Foundation Fathers’ Day Breakfast

Monday September 9th—Fairy Park excursion

Friday September 11th—Last day of Term, 2:30pm dismissal

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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