Fun Foundation Facts  
18th September 2015

Congratulations on a very busy term!  All children should be very proud of how they have grown over the course of a busy term. We have had:
- The Letterland Parade
- Aladdin Trouble
- The Father’s Breakfast
- Transition visit to Grade One
- Footy Day Parade
Throughout this time, the children have behaved very well and continued to grow rapidly as learners. Well done!

Term Four: ‘Fairness & Friendship’
Next Term’s integrated unit, ‘Fairness and Friendship’ is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop skills for broadening their friendship groups, with an eye towards the upcoming transition into Grade One.
Alongside the friendship focus, the ‘Fairness’ element allows students to explore different responsibilities that people hold, and the rules that help us in different parts of our lives. There will also be time spent on ‘how we can be responsible for our bodies’.

Keep an eye out for information about how GRPS will implement a new human body/health aspect of the curriculum.

Swimming Programme
From Monday October 12, the children will be undertaking an intensive 8 day (Monday to Thursday for two weeks) swimming programme at Aquanation. As well as swimming instruction, the swimming programme is a wonderful shared experience, where students can develop their organizational skills and demonstrate independence. Further details will be coming home at the start of Term Four, however, the holidays present a wonderful opportunity for students to practice:
- Drying themselves
- Dressing themselves
- Packing and unpacking their bags
- Looking after their belongings.
Look out for notices in the first week back.

Writers’ Notebook
In Term 4, students will continue to develop their ‘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 a Monday can help them to remember highlights of their weekend.

PMP—Thursdays in Term Four
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 4 will be as follows:

- Thursdays in the Brian Allen Hall:
  - FDK 11:30—11:25
  - FdJ 12:00—12:25
  - FdI 1-50—2:19 FdW 2:25—12:50

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 colour/activity book with your child for wet days.
- Please send play dough for use in the classroom.
- Please send a box of tissues for those ‘spring sniffs’
- 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.

Show and tell
With our focus on Fairness and Friendship in Term 4, we are encouraging children to share rules that they may know from home, a sporting club, dance group, gymnastics etc. Parents and families may wish to talk about different rules that they have or had to follow too!
It will help your children if they can practise their presentations at home before presenting at school.

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
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.

Hats MUST be worn in the playground, from September to April. Similarly, students are not permitted to wear jewellery or nail polish at school.

Please send your child with a note if they happen to be wearing a non-uniform item.

Staff news
Mr Jacobs is very excited about the impending arrival of his baby. Similarly, the Foundation team are very happy to welcome Mrs Megan Clark back to the Foundation team when Mr J takes some leave to be with his family.

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

Ryan Jacobs
On behalf of the Foundation Team

Sounds of the Week
The children will finish exploring the ‘long’ sounds of vowels, looking at ‘O’ and ‘U’.
Next they will be looking at the consonants that make more than one sound, such as ‘C’, ‘G’ and ‘S’.

Maths
Children will be exploring basic addition and then starting to practice ‘counting back’.

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
Practising on the direction of letters in handwriting and on sounding out words when writing. Children will continue to learn where to use capital letters and full stops.

UPCOMING DATES
- Monday October 5 —First day of Term Four
- Wednesday October 14—Refugee family 3 Way Conferences
- Monday October 12—Thursday October 22—Swimming/ Water Safety programme at Aquanation
- Thursday October 29: Family Life information session
- Tuesday November 3—Melbourne Cup Day
- Tuesday November 10 & 17—Metropolitan Fire Brigade visits
- Tuesday November 24, December Ist—Transition visits to Grade one rooms
- Tuesday December 8—End of year concert
- Thursday December 17—End of year celebration excursion
- Friday December 18—Last day of the year, 1:30pm dismissal