Dear Parents/Carers,

We are sure you had a lovely holiday with your child(ren). They have come back rested and ready for learning. At the end of term 2 we will have a celebration of learning with you and your child, this is where we look at your child’s portfolio and discuss their learning progress for the first semester and set goals for their future learning.

### Anzac Day

We are looking forward to this week as we will be taking a walk to the Bacchus Marsh Avenue of Honour where we will be discussing Anzac Day.

Children will be walking to the avenue on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday this week.

Please see your class notices for dates and times.

We would love a few parents to attend the walk with us! So if you have a current Working with Children’s Check and time to help please talk to your child’s teacher.

### Sight Words

This week your child will be bringing home some word cards in their plastic envelope. We call these words ‘sight words’ – we cannot sound them out, we just have to know them by sight. Using games and other simple activities are excellent ways to help your child learn these words. It may take many repetitions before a word is able to be recognised quickly. Try to make learning these words light hearted and above all, FUN!!

You may like to try these ideas –

- Play MEMORY with the two sets of words. Turn the cards face down, turn 2 cards over at a time and read each word as you turn it over and say it in a sentence when you have found the pair.
- Place the words near a door and use them as secret passwords. Read the words as you go through the door way.
- Say each of the words in sentences to ensure the correct use and understanding of each word. Make up funny sentences using these words.
- Find the words in take home books and in magazines.
- Write them onto new cardboard and turn them onto puzzles.
- Write them into sentences.
- Play ‘GO FISH’ with siblings.

We will review your child’s knowledge of these words each fortnight when they are the focus child for the day. If they are able to read them quickly we will add more words to the envelope so your child will have the same words for 4 weeks. We find this is a fantastic way for them to be successful and empowered readers.
Term 2

*Monday 25th April* Anzac Day Holiday

*Thursday 5th May* Mother’s Day Afternoon 2.30-3.15pm in classrooms.

*Friday 6th May* Curriculum Day – children do not attend school.

Thank you for your support

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