Thursday 18th February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

The Year of Reading
Attendance goal 95%

Help! We are already at risk of falling below the green level. We will be following up on all unexplained and unauthorised absences from the school. This includes late arrivals and early pickups. If you know your child/children will be away from school please contact via phone, email or letter.

ALL ABSENCES MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR. Excessive absenteeism (red zone) may require a medical certificate or support. We want your children here and on time so we can teach them how to read. Please support us.

READING - Our students are developing their reading skills nicely. Our students attend school for 30 hours a week. That means out of 168 hours in a week they are in your care. We want to help you to also help your children to develop their reading skills.

In each newsletter we will give you tips and hints to support your child’s development of reading at home. We will hold some parent workshops to support you as well. We look forward to seeing you at these in the future.

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In class, students have been learning about “What do good readers? Good readers ‘predict and make connections’.” This means that before reading, talk about the cover, the title, the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about. Link what the story is about to an experience that your child may have experienced; make connections to their own world.

As Head of Curriculum, I am excited to be a part of such an awesome community. Please – please – don’t assume I am too busy to have a conversation. I am looking forward to meeting you all and saying hi!

Kind Regards
Vanessa Munker

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**REMMINDER**

To All Parents/Carers

Hearing assessment is a free service to assess your child/children hearing. And we only have limited time for this service!!

So Please Return all Forms AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!

Thank you

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**NEWS**

*Swimming begins Thursday 11 February 2016*

*Afterschool Sport will begin week 3 on Monday 8th February 2016.*

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**FOREST LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASSES**

10:00—11:30 Fridays
Community Centre
25 High Street, FL (The Salvos Building)
Contact: Marti Sarlin 0432-405-251
martisarlin@yahoo.com

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**REMINDER**

For the safety of our students please do not drive or park in the school grounds.
Parents please remind your children to use the crossings.
Please do not allow your children to swing on the gates.
School starts at 8:30am and finishes at 2:30pm

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