Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3, we trust you all had a lovely break; We look forward to another energetic term full of rich learning experiences and opportunities to develop our social and emotional wellbeing as well.

This newsletter contains some information for parents and caregivers about our learning space, changes in some tasks, as well as a few upcoming events to look forward to!

Kind regards,
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Reception - Year One Classroom Teachers

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**MINDFULNESS**
As a focus this term in the MacKillop Learning Centre, we have been looking at ways we can calm our minds and bodies after break times. We have begun to use objects such as ‘stress balls’, ‘calm bottles’ and shells to help us be mindful and relaxed. If you would like some ideas for home, please come and ask, we would be more than happy to show you!

**TOYS & ‘SOMETHING SPECIAL BAG’**
Please remind your child NOT to bring toys to school unless it is in their “Something Special Bag” on their designated day; this avoids disappointment if the toy is lost or broken. Sharing their special item and their description of their special item is a great opportunity for children to develop their oral language skills. Completing the Y Chart in the book also allows for the children to practice their literacy skills as well as the chance to use different vocabulary in this oral language task.

**JOLLY PHONICS AND NUMERACY GROUPING**
A letter will go home this week to inform you if your child has changed Jolly Phonics Group this term; this may mean a change in homework routines, so please familiarise yourself with the letter and see your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

**BRAIN FOOD**
At approximately 10am children are able to have a quick snack. We recommend fresh fruit and raw vegetables. Importantly please do not send in nuts or food that contains nuts, as there are students in our school who are highly allergic to these kinds of food. We thank you for your support.

**HOMEWORK**
Homework this term will continue to focus on Jolly Phonics sound practice, sight word or spelling words, fortnightly Maths games and take home reading. Please record what the children have read at home in their reading log in their blue folder. There are a variety of words to cater for students needs and details will be in your child’s homework book. The first Maths homework game will go home Tuesday 2.08.2016 and literacy sight words and reading will commence 26.07.2016.

**TERM THREE LEARNING AREAS**

**LITERACY**- Writing reports, poems, rocket writing and punctuation. Reading big books, Jolly Phonics sound groups and sight words. Reading Groups and Guided Reading, Oral Language story tables and Intentional Learning.

**MATHS**- subtraction, grouping, length, area, perimeter and position.

**RELIGION**- Prayer, MITIOG – Being Sexual, Mary Mackillop, Discipleship and the Reign of God

**WELLBEING and PHYSICAL EDUCATION**- Relationships, mindfulness/calming activities, swimming

**GEOGRAPHY**- Describe features of familiar places or where your family comes from. Look at maps and models. Locate and investigate special places. Connect with Indigenous special places.

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Our School Values: Co-operation, Acceptance, Support, Fairness, Responsibility, Honesty, Respect, Friendliness & Safe

Our Lady of Mt Carmel is a safe, respectful and caring school.