Welcome back to Term 4. We have a very busy term ahead. Please note Mrs Dalgliesh will be away from school from Wednesday 14th October, returning on Thursday 22nd October. Mrs Hankinson will be available if you have any questions or concerns during this time.

**Swim & Gym**
Our Term 4 swimming and gymastics program commenced last Friday and will continue each week throughout the term. Please remember to bring swimming goggles. Thank you for your prompt payment and continued support of this program.

**Accounts**
Invoices for Term 4 music lessons are being sent home to each family today. These will include all outstanding payments for 2015. Please arrange payment at your earliest convenience.

**Indonesian**
Each Tuesday in Term 4 Mrs Kowal will teach all students Indonesian language and culture during a one hour lesson. Students are learning Indonesian numbers and greetings as well as developing an understanding of Indonesia, its people and traditions. A great website that can be used at home is available at: education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline under Ready to Play Activities - Indonesian

**Jacaranda Thursday**
A note is attached explaining the school’s part day closure for the upcoming ‘Jacaranda Thursday’ celebrations. Supervision will be available at school until 1.00pm. There will not be any bus transport available at the end of the day. Please complete and return the attendance note indicating your intentions for the day.

**Homework rewards**
In the last week of Term 3 our K-1 students were treated to their homework rewards day where fun art and craft activities, sand play, a movie and popcorn featured. Year 3-6 students also had a fun play and movie day. Thanks Mrs Hankinson and Mrs Dalgliesh!

**Home readers**
Students who take part in the home reading program are reminded to read and return their readers for changing each day.

**Amazing ants**
Our K-1 class have started their investigations in the lead up to a video conference being held this Thursday 15th October. Students will learn about the importance of ants, their features and habitats and how to safely collect them. Students will conduct an investigation in the grounds of their school. Data and collected samples of ants will be packaged and sent to a scientist at a university for identification. Students will also create a dramatic observational drawing of an ant on black drawing paper using white drawing medium.

**School bags**
Following consultation with the P&C the school will be stocking some good quality school bags for students to purchase. The bags will be available at the end of the term so please hold off on buying any new bags for 2016. Bags will be available with or without the school logo for approximately $35 (tbc).

**New furniture**
We are expecting a delivery of new classroom furniture over the next week. During this time there may be some disruptions to our normal classroom routine. We are looking forward to transforming our classrooms into modern, bright and more functional learning spaces. We will be selling the school’s current and stored furniture later in the term. More details about the sale will be provided when confirmed.

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**Canteen**
The canteen will be operating for lunch this Friday. Recess will not be available due to swim & gym. Orders home Thursday.

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**SAVE THE DATE!** (last day of term 4)