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EARLY STAGE ONE/ STAGE ONE **TERM 3 NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope that you have had an enjoyable and restful winter holiday. The Early Stage One and Stage One teachers are ready for another busy term with lots of exciting learning opportunities.

In science this term, Kindergarten will be learning all about toys and exploring the many different ways that they work. Throughout the unit we will also be investigating favourite games and toys that parents and grandparents enjoyed, some may still be favourites today! Children will then be reporting back to the class on their findings. We are looking forward to some interesting news items, so dig out those long-forgotten toys, we would love to share them.

In the coming weeks Stage One will begin a history unit of work titled 'Family & Community – Then & Now'. We will be looking at our family histories as well as the history of our local Blackheath community.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back into classrooms. Your ongoing support with Home Reading is much appreciated. If you are unable to come in yourself, perhaps a grandparent might be interested in spending time reading with our students. The importance of regular opportunities for children to read aloud cannot be underestimated. Ten minutes a night spent listening to your child read gives an invaluable opportunity to practise reading skills being taught at school and of course the best way to learn to read is to READ, READ, READ!

With the support of a grant from 'Sporting Schools', we are pleased to offer all students from Kindergarten to Year Two three sessions of 'Gymnastics/ Acro'. These sessions are designed to build fitness, flexibility and body control in a fun half hour session facilitated by staff from 'Dance Dymensions'. These sessions will run each Tuesday from weeks three to five.

The Billy Cart Derby is fast approaching, and preparations are well underway. The day is always a highlight in our calendar, filled with fabulous billy cart racing and wild and whacky costumes, it is also a wonderful fund-raising opportunity for BPS. Details of wheeled billy cart specifications have been sent home. Get creative and start planning those box or wheeled billy carts as well as crazy costumes. Medallions and trophies are up for grabs in many categories, including best-dressed and fastest billy carts. Sponsorship cards went home this week.

Many thanks also to those who have already paid their voluntary contribution. These contributions allow us to purchase larger resources for our classrooms. In the past we have been able to enhance our classrooms with the purchase of items such as whiteboards, puzzles, construction toys and Lego. Rest assured that each and every dollar goes directly to funding high quality resources for your children.

The winter months often find our consumption of tissues on the increase. Lots of cold noses mean that we tend to consume lots of tissues during the colder months! We would appreciate donations of a box of tissues to stock up on our classroom supply. We thank you for your support in keeping your child at home if they are displaying cold or flu like symptoms. We continue to work hard at maintaining a safe learning environment for students and staff.

The Early Stage One/ Stage One Team