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EARLY STAGE ONE / STAGE ONE TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4, we hope that you have had a restful spring holiday as we begin our final term of the year. The Early Stage One and Stage One teachers are ready for what is always a very busy term and the conclusion to a fabulous year of learning.

Early Stage One will be busy investigating living things and life cycles in the 'Growing and Changing' science unit. We are looking forward to our first excursion of the year to 'Calmsley Hill City Farm' where the children will have an opportunity to experience a working farm. Notes for this excursion will be sent home very soon. Stage One will also be exploring the living world in our science unit 'Schoolyard Safari'. As part of this unit of work we will be exploring the many minibeasts that inhabit our school grounds. To complement this unit of work, Stage One will be able to get up close and personal with a range of minibeasts at the 'Travelbugs' incursion.

In HSIE, Kindergarten and Stage One will be looking at the various ways we celebrate in our community. This will include a look at Blackheath's very own Rhododendron Festival as well as family celebrations. Stage One will also be exploring how Christmas is celebrated around the world in many different cultures.

This year the Rhododendron Festival Committee will be hosting a smaller parade through the Community Hall park area and Blackheath Public School students are invited to participate in this parade with their fabulous box billycart creations. Details regarding the parade will follow shortly.

We are already planning for our end of year celebrations and look forward to welcoming you back for our first live Presentation Day in two years. This will take place on Thursday 8th December, so save the date.

A very big thank you to all of those families who have paid their voluntary contribution. These contributions have allowed us to purchase a number of larger resources for our classrooms. Each and every dollar goes directly to funding high quality resources for your children.

At this time of year we have had a noticeable drop-off of students returning home readers each day from Tuesday to Friday to participate in home reading. Whilst we recognise that busy schedules sometimes prevent students from completing their reading at home, we would encourage you to maintain this consistent oral reading at home as much as possible. Your continued support and help with reading practice at home is invaluable. So, read, read, read and then read some more! We really do appreciate all of those amazing classroom helpers who come each week to read with our students. If you have half an hour to spare, please consider coming into your child's classroom to help.

A reminder that in Term 4 all students are required to wear a hat during recess and lunch times. Ensuring your child remember to pack their hat every day prevents disappointment when hats are left at home and students are asked to stay in the shade.

If you have any questions regarding upcoming events please contact your child's teacher.

The Early Stage One / Stage One Team