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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 looking forward to what is always a very busy term.

Both Early Stage One and Stage One are excited to see life return to our school garden as the weather begins to warm up. We are looking forward to establishing our vegetable garden in the newly built beds. Mrs Windsor continues to lead a very enthusiastic 'Green Team' with many of our students involved in composting, worm farming and looking after the chickens.

Early Stage One will be busy investigating living things and life cycles in the 'Growing and Changing' science unit. Our youngest students are also looking forward to our trip to 'Calmsley Hill City Farm' where the children will have an opportunity to experience a working farm. This excursion will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Notes for this excursion will be sent home this week and we would appreciate the return of these as soon as possible so that arrangements can be finalised. Stage One will be exploring how we use the natural environment for food and materials in the 'Paddock to Plate' unit of work.

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 various other cultural, religious and national celebrations.

We will come together on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate the achievements of all our students at our annual presentation day. This fabulous celebration is always a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of each and every one of our students. 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.

We would like to acknowledge your continued support of our Home Reading program, both at home and at school. This regular, sustained reading time ensures that our early readers have every opportunity to practise and refine their skills. The very best way to learn to read is, of course, by reading! Rest assured that time spent reading with your child can never be wasted.

In addition to supporting your child with their Home Reading, we would encourage you to read to your child every day for the sheer pleasure of it! We look forward to welcoming all our fabulous parent helpers back into our classrooms for the final term of reading and learning. If you would like to help out in your child's classroom this term, come along and have a chat with your child's teacher.

As the weather warms up, please ensure that your child has a broad brimmed hat for sun safety. Whilst caps provide some protection, broad-brimmed hats provide much better coverage. Beanies are no longer appropriate in Term 4. Thank you for your support.

We look forward to seeing see you next Friday for our Open Day celebration. The concert will begin at 11.30am All of our students will have an opportunity to perform for you and have been busy preparing their items. The Book Fair will also be operating in the library.

The Early Stage One/ Stage One Team