To all B8 parents and guardians, this newsletter is a quick overview of what your child is learning in class this term. Terri Hale and Sue Deeks.

**English**

In English we have been learning all about letters of the alphabet, their names, the sounds they represent and how to put them together to make words!

We have done many activities to help the children remember the sounds and make them more real for them. These have included making and flying kites and our favourite **Big Breakfast!!!** Great pikelets Mrs Deeks!

We have been reading a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We have been talking about the major differences between them and identifying a beginning, middle and end in story books and the information that those parts might contain.
Mathematics

Mathematics in pre-primary is very much hands on with concrete materials. We are learning to count forwards and backwards by 1, 2, 5 and 10. Recognising small amounts without counting and ‘counting on’ from a larger number.

This Semester, we have been using our new whole school Mathematics program “Stepping Stones”. This program is linked to the latest Western Australian Curriculum for Mathematics and will ensure that the Mathematics Curriculum in each year level builds on the content of the previous year. The children are enjoying the new program and the variety of activities that it brings.

Science

In Pre Primary this semester, we have covered two units of work. Biological Sciences investigated basic needs of living things such as our discussions on our pets as well as ourselves in Term 1. Earth & Space Sciences in Term 2 explored different kinds of weather and temperature through hands on, shared experiences. We even learnt how to read weather information reports used by the Bureau of Meteorology!

Miss Wong

Health

In Pre Primary this semester we have focussed on contributing to healthy and active communities through eating healthy food, hygiene routines, identifying dangerous household substances or unsafe situations and recognising safety symbols. Our First Aid incursion taught us how to respond in an emergency and the St Johns Ambulance Officers are one of many trusted people in the community who can help us.

Miss Wong

Spelling

In the pre-primary year spelling is about learning that letters can be used to represent sounds and how to put them together to make words.

The children have worked hard to learn letter sounds for letters of the alphabet and are now starting to use these in their writing.

The children are learning how to spell regular phonetic words and common sight words to use in their daily writing.

Mathematics