To all B6 parents and guardians, this newsletter is a quick overview of what your child is learning in class this term.

**English**

This term we began our Words, Grammar, Fun Oral Language program. Each morning the children rotate through two language games, one with a grammar goal and the other with a semantic goal. So far the semantic goals have included labelling, and looking at the function and location of objects. The grammar goals have been to correctly use he, she and they.

We have also done Activity Recalls where we have used simple cooking activities to orally recall the things that we used and the procedure. We made Iced biscuits, a Honey Sandwich and a Banana Smoothie.

In phonological awareness, we have been blending and segmenting syllables and have learnt about the initial sounds s,a,t,p,i,n.

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**Mothers’ Day Pampering session**

To celebrate our wonderful Mothers, we invited them to an afternoon of pampering. The children helped put make-up on Mum, gave her a relaxing hand massage and painted her fingernails. Some Mums even went to the Classroom Hairdresser to have their hair done. After a neck and shoulder massage we shared a yummy afternoon tea.

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Hamish and his Mum

April and her Mum
Kindergarten Science by Miss Yan Wong

In Semester 1, we have made new discoveries by observing colour mixing tasks, exploring relationships with non-living/other living things such as pets and plant life. We also investigated the basic needs of people, plants and animals and where they live through informational texts and hands on stimulus. Our taste testing experiment encouraged students to explore using their five senses and they all came up with some very interesting observations! Our focus this term has been on The Five Senses where many learning opportunities have arisen to describe non/verbally what they hear, touch and taste.

All parents/carers are welcome to see their child’s progress in their Kindergarten Science Workbook on Wednesdays when I am teaching kindergarten.

Maths Measurement by Miss Yan Wong

Kindergarten Measurement/Geometry

In Semester 1, we have engaged in many hands-on activities like block play, water play, students as real life models and comparative measurement computer games on the interactive whiteboard to develop appropriate language of measurement to describe, compare and order length, height, size and mass. We have also measured attributes such as teddy using non-standard units like popsticks and matchsticks. Concepts have then been transferred onto work sheet based activities & are available for viewing in their workbook on Wednesdays.

Mathematics Number

We have been working with our numbers 1-10, firstly to be able to say the number string, and then to recognise the numbers and put them in order. We play lots of board and dice games, and especially enjoy Go Fish with our special number cards. We have also used the interactive computer screen to practice counting various objects and labelling with correct number.