Dear Families,

Oh dear….term 2 is completed. How quickly did that fly by. 😊

This term we have seen a lot of illness within our school community included staff and children. We hope that this two week break from school will refresh all our families and staff. Term 3 is always a busy term as our families are often making final decisions about their child’s future educational placements for PREP in 2016.

**Our Families are invited.**

On Wednesday 15th July 2015 we will be holding a memorial event for our 2 precious babies: Joseph Goodwin and Nicholas Machado-Theadorico-Gomes who passed away at the beginning of this year.

We are inviting our families to attend this event (11:30 - 12:30 pm) in the playground at the ECDP. There will be refreshments and a time to commemorate the memory of these two little ones. Sergio and Simone (parents of Nicholas) and Anthony and Jacinta (parents of Joseph) will be in attendance. We would love you to join us for this very special time.

**Art Show**

What a wonderful term of creativity and excitement we have had this term. Hopefully you all got to see the amazing creative art pieces that each of our class groups developed over the term. Every class produced several pieces of work that were available for families to purchase through an auction process. This auction raised over $3,000.00 for the Mount Ommaney Special School and ECDP. What an incredible response we received from our families and community members. Thank you to each of you for your generosity at this time.
**Donation by the Men’s Shed.**

 Did you see the new addition in our playground? This last week we received a wonderful donation from an organisation called the “Men’s Shed”. This little red bus has created a hype of activity with many of the children wanted to drive the bus, to sit in the bus and to sit at the station to wait for the bus. A huge thank you to the “Men’s Shed” for their kind and generous donation to the early intervention program.

**Quilt donations**

This term we have received very special gifts from a group of ladies calling themselves “Project Linus”. These gifts include beautiful handcrafted quilts that are all uniquely designed and different. We have been able to give a special hand made quilt to all our new referrals to the ECDP. Our families are in awe of the kind and generous donation from this amazing organisation. Thank you Project Linus
Classroom resources

Thanks to our families who have already contributed to our school by providing the following resources.

Just a reminder:

Our families are requested to provide the following resources for use within the general ECDP environment.
- 2 x reams of REFLEX photocopy paper
- 1 pkt of baby wipes
- 1 pkt of (10) AA batteries
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 sensory item such as  (a) food colouring  
  (b) bubble wand and mix  
  (c) shaving cream

Important Dates for Term 3

Term 3 starts:  Monday 13th July 2015
End of term 3:  Friday 18th September 2015

Something to think about:

"I don't have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness - it's right in front of me if I'm paying attention and practicing gratitude."

Brene Brown  
Scholar, Author, and Speaker

The staff of the ECDP wishes you all a happy and restful 2 week break from school….and may this time be one of wonderful memories with your family.

With kind regards

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