Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of our weekly newsletter. This weekly newsletter will be distributed every week on a Monday. It contains administration information, dates to remember and information on what is happening in the classrooms throughout the week. We hope you'll find it useful.

What a wonderful start to the school year we have had. It was so exciting to see all of the students here bright and early on Wednesday morning ready to begin their learning.

Last week we sent home a slip asking for the email addresses of our parents so we can distribute our newsletter digitally. If you could please return this slip to your child’s teacher as soon as possible then hopefully we can begin distributing the newsletter digitally sooner.

On February 12th we will be holding a Junior Learning Unit parent information evening at 7:00pm. We will be discussing our curriculum for the year, as well as providing parents with valuable information about the year ahead. We would love to see as many parents in attendance as possible.

Art and Library sessions will begin this week, so we would appreciate if your child could bring in their named library bag and art smock into the classroom as soon as possible.

We have an open door policy at WPS and are always happy to discuss any cares, concerns or compliments you may have. If you need to reach any of us via email then please find our email addresses below.

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Educational Support Officers Debi Johnson and Cheryl Roodenberg will also be working in the Junior Learning Unit.

Please bear in mind that our teachers are unable to check their emails during the day as they are teaching. If you have an urgent query then please call the office directly on (03) 9801 1938.

Have a wonderful week of learning,
Luke Van Leuveren, Brogan Badrock, Cathy Jacobs, Marcia Cartwright

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**This week’s news:**

**Term One**

**Week Two**

**JLU Parent Information Evening (7:00PM)**

**Getting to Know You Interviews (3:30 – 6:30)**

**Family Fun Evening (6:30 – 8)**

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**This week’s learning:**

**Prep**

This week our Preps will begin to learn about all of the letters of the alphabet. The students will start learning about the letter N, the sounds that the letter N makes and how to write the letter N. In Numeracy our Prep students will begin to explore the numbers 1-10, by tracing over the numbers and completing several hands on activities in relation to the numbers 1-10.

**Year One**

This week our Year Ones will be learning about exploring the number to twenty. The students will be asked to make the number twenty in as many ways as they can. The students will trace their hands and feet to make up twenty digits. In writing the students will begin to write sentences independently and identify the spelling of the most common 100 words. Our writing focus is on poetry and so the students will be creating an acrostic poem out of their name.

**Year Two**

This week our Year Twos will be exploring the numbers to 110. The students will need to make the number 110 using addition and subtraction sums. The students will also think of something they would like 100 of and something they would not like 100 of. In writing the students will begin to write at least five sentences independently during our weekly weekend writing block.

**Junior Learning Unit Did You Know? Fact**

The students complete five one hour writing sessions each week. The Monday session is always a weekend writing session and all students complete modeled writing on a Tuesday. Modelled writing is when the students sit down with the teacher and learn more about improving the quality of their writing. The last three writing sessions for the week are made up of a variety of different writing tasks.

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**Dates to remember**

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**Home Learning Resource of the Week**

[http://www.ictgames.com/dinosaurEggs_phonics/index.html](http://www.ictgames.com/dinosaurEggs_phonics/index.html) This website is a fun dinosaur phonics game and teaches students about the different blends in words.