Dear parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 2! We hope that you have had a fun and restful break with your families, ready for another wonderful term ahead.

A friendly reminder, as part of our Sun Smart Policy, students are required to wear their hats during recess and lunch time until the 30th of April. Any child without a hat during these times is required to play in a designated shade area.

School Photos will be taken on Tuesday 19th of April. Please be sure that your child comes to school on time and in correct school uniform to ensure smooth running through the day.

We are also looking forward to our Open Day in the coming weeks too. Detailed information will be coming out shortly. Please be sure to spread the word to prospective parents about the wonderful community that is WPS.

Our Inquiry topic this term is called ‘All Aboard the Time Machine’. We will be exploring our personal, family, local and national history and comparing various aspects to the life we live today. We have planned a very exciting excursion to take place in Week 4. Be sure to keep your eyes out for information and permission forms that will be coming home soon.

Looking forward to a fantastic Term 2!

Brogan Badrock, Adriana Grisold and Jennifer Ross.

In Reading this week, the JLU will be revising the expectations of our Readers Workshop and learning to choose texts that are a good fit using the 5 Finger and I-PICK strategies.

During our Writers Workshops, students will revisit our writing expectations including page layout, editing techniques and what we can do when we think out work is finished.

In THRASS sessions this week, the Grade One and Two students will be looking at the ‘d’ sound as in ‘dog’ and ‘ladder’ and our Foundation students will be looking at the letters /L/, /F/ and /B/.

Our Maths focus this week is on Place Value and Addition. Foundation students will practise counting to 20 and use hands on materials to make teen numbers.

Our Year Ones and Twos will practise using various strategies for addition such as counting on, doubles, near doubles and make to 10.

This week students will be introduced to our Inquiry topic ‘All Aboard the Time Machine’. We will explore what students already know and start creating our ‘Wonder Wall’ with questions we hope to answer throughout the unit of work. We will also be reading non-fiction history texts, exploring the passage of time, what we can learn from past events and noticing similarities and differences to how we live today.

Simple Mind
A fantastic app where children can create mind maps to help organise their thinking and brainstorms.