



# Watsonia Heights Primary School

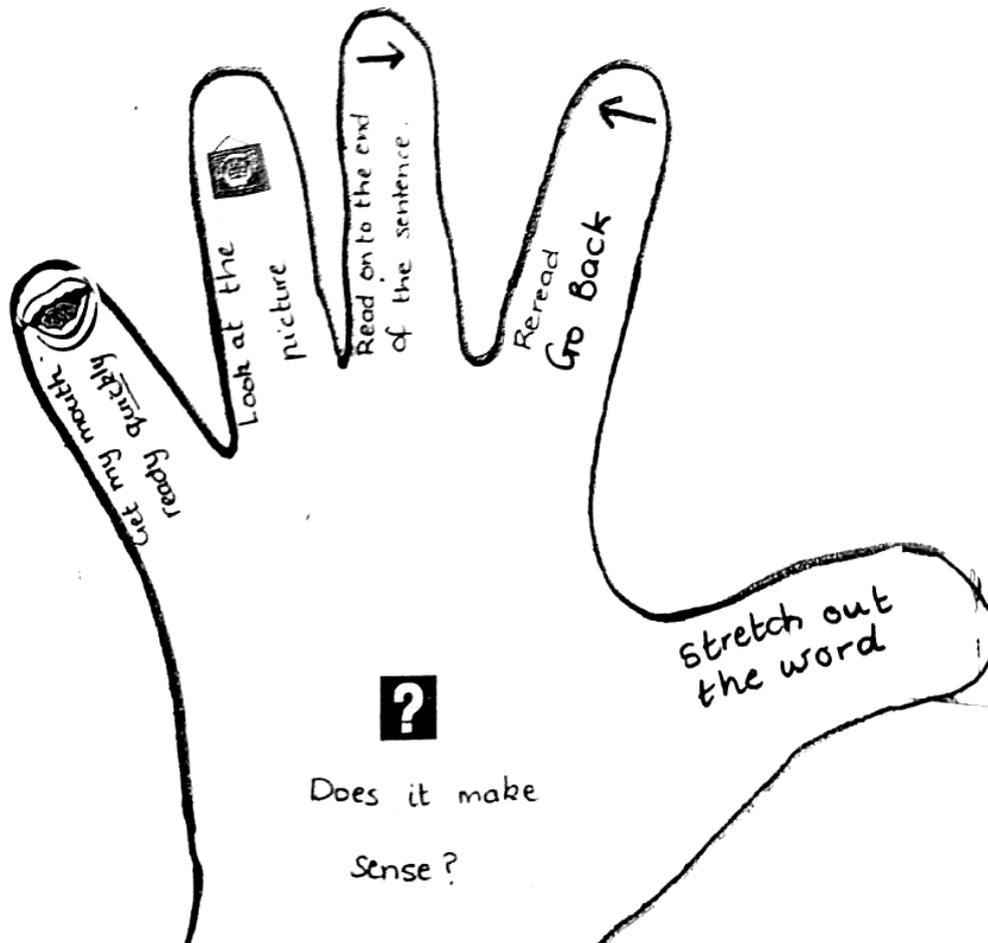


## Grade 1/2 Newsletter Term 4

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a great holiday and look forward to an exciting term 4.

### Reading

We remind parents to share their children's take home readers each night for at least 15-20 minutes and to please complete the record booklet. During this we are asking you to help your children to focus on these 'Reading strategies.' Below is a diagram of the strategies students are encouraged to use, to help figure out tricky words.



Please encourage your child to practise their High Frequency words at home each night because the faster they recognise these words, the more phrased and fluent they become as readers.

## Show and Tell

Thank you to parents for your support in preparing students for Show and Tell each week. This commitment has been distinctly evident in the confidence and quality of their presentations. We ask that you keep up the fantastic encouragement!

## Integrated Theme

In our Term 4 integrated topic called 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' students will be learning about Sustainability. We will be exploring how we can reduce waste and recycle and re-use some things. Students will be involved in problem solving activities where they will be required to apply their knowledge to solve everyday waste issues. There will be an excursion to The Cooper's Settlement at Bundoora Farm involving some hands on experiences. This will be on **Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012**. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

## Specialist Timetable

Please note there have been a couple of changes made to the specialist timetable. Please remember to bring your library bags on your library day.

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 10:00					
10:00 - 11:00					
RECESS					
11:30 - 12:30			1/2S Sport		
12:30 - 1:30		1/2S Art 1/2N Science	1/2N Sport	1/2N Italian	1/2S Library
LUNCHTIME					
2:30 - 3:30	1/2 Religious education	1/2S Science 1/2N Library	Swimming	1/2N Art 1/2S Italian	

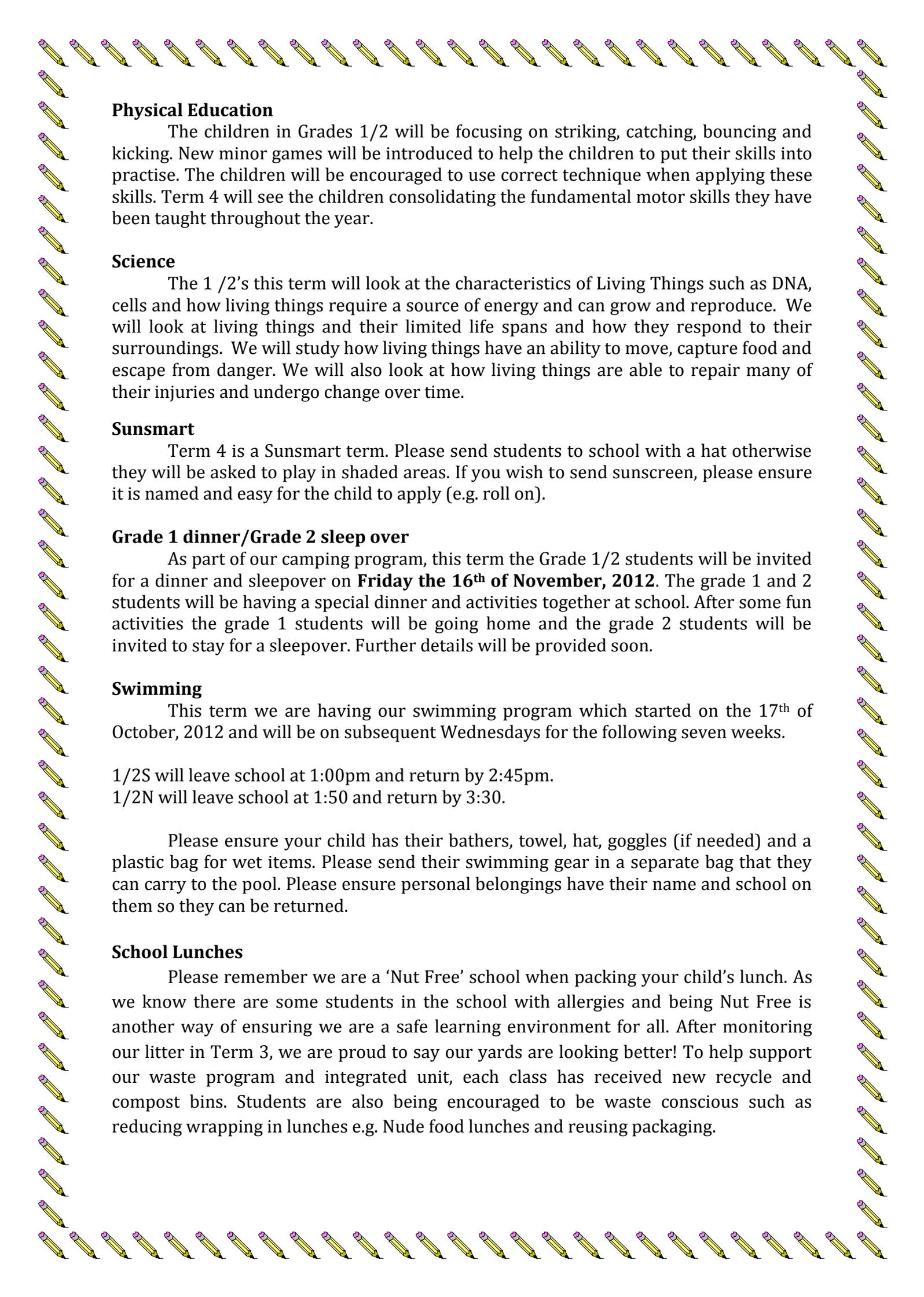
## Italian

During Term 4 the grade 1/2 children will do a study of folktales such as 'Giacco e il Fagiolo, La Festa and Pinocchio'. We'll look at an Italian author called Tomie DePoala and listen to some of his famous stories such as 'Strega Nona'. We will also be studying a traditional Italian festival called 'Carnevale' and study the characters such as Arlecchino, Pantalone, etc. and their mask. I'm planning a whole school celebration of 'Carnevale Day' on **Thursday 22nd November**. In Visual Arts the children will make the mask 'la maschera' which is an important feature to the festival and the wearing of a costume. Please stay tuned to the newsletter for more information about this celebration. Viva Carnevale!!!

## Visual Arts

During Term four students will be busy completing their paintings based on the artwork of the Mangkaja artists near the Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia. They have investigated a range of traditional/contemporary art forms and have been able to compare mapping images of today with the symbols of the indigenous tribes and created their own map of the local area. They will also be planning and designing their own exciting mask in preparation for our wonderful Carnivale day held in November. And finally students will be developing their construction skills when they create a three dimensional animal from RECYCLED MATERIALS.





## Physical Education

The children in Grades 1/2 will be focusing on striking, catching, bouncing and kicking. New minor games will be introduced to help the children to put their skills into practise. The children will be encouraged to use correct technique when applying these skills. Term 4 will see the children consolidating the fundamental motor skills they have been taught throughout the year.

## Science

The 1 /2's this term will look at the characteristics of Living Things such as DNA, cells and how living things require a source of energy and can grow and reproduce. We will look at living things and their limited life spans and how they respond to their surroundings. We will study how living things have an ability to move, capture food and escape from danger. We will also look at how living things are able to repair many of their injuries and undergo change over time.

## Sunsmart

Term 4 is a Sunsmart term. Please send students to school with a hat otherwise they will be asked to play in shaded areas. If you wish to send sunscreen, please ensure it is named and easy for the child to apply (e.g. roll on).

## Grade 1 dinner/Grade 2 sleep over

As part of our camping program, this term the Grade 1/2 students will be invited for a dinner and sleepover on **Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, 2012**. The grade 1 and 2 students will be having a special dinner and activities together at school. After some fun activities the grade 1 students will be going home and the grade 2 students will be invited to stay for a sleepover. Further details will be provided soon.

## Swimming

This term we are having our swimming program which started on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, 2012 and will be on subsequent Wednesdays for the following seven weeks.

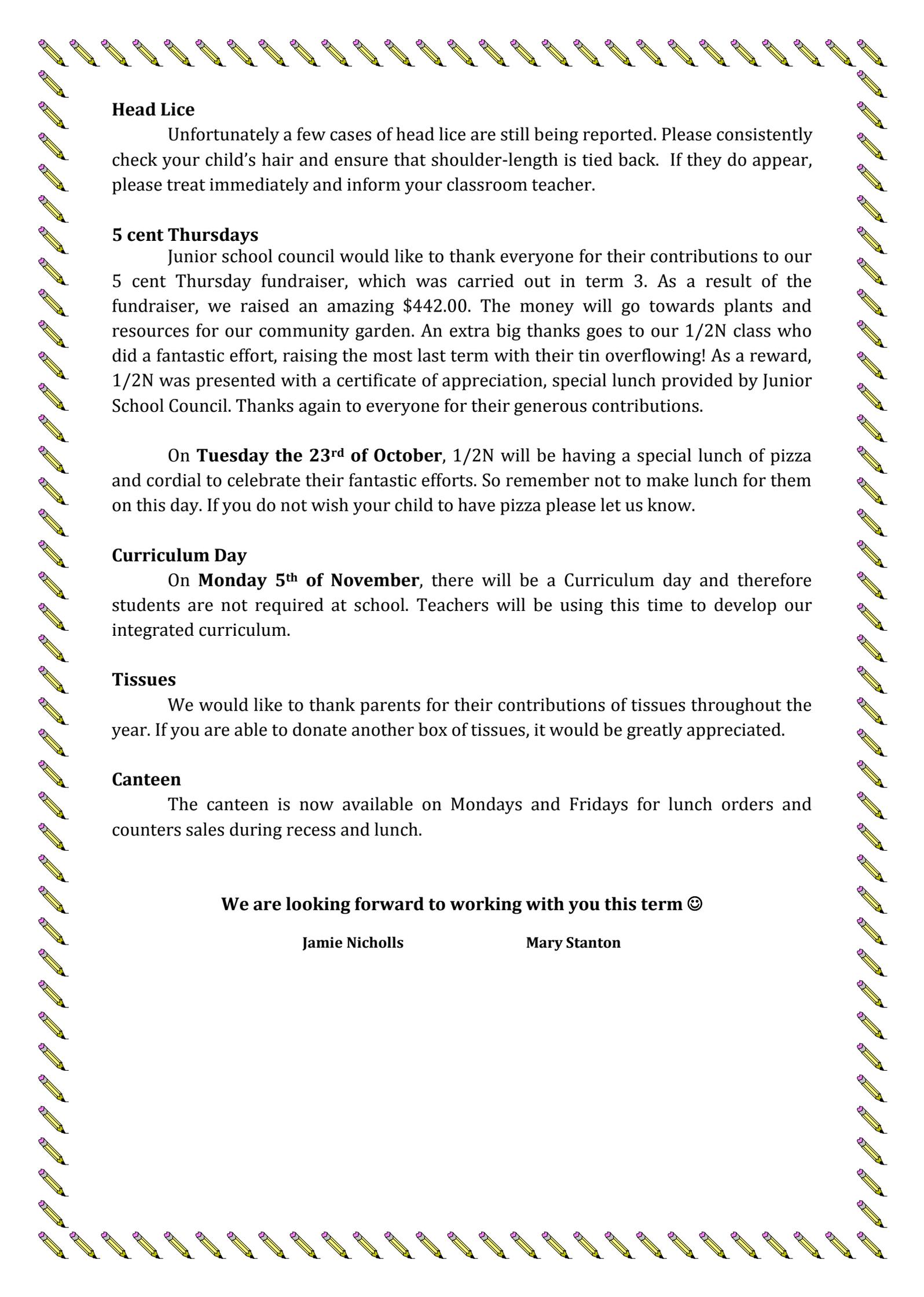
1/2S will leave school at 1:00pm and return by 2:45pm.

1/2N will leave school at 1:50 and return by 3:30.

Please ensure your child has their bathers, towel, hat, goggles (if needed) and a plastic bag for wet items. Please send their swimming gear in a separate bag that they can carry to the pool. Please ensure personal belongings have their name and school on them so they can be returned.

## School Lunches

Please remember we are a 'Nut Free' school when packing your child's lunch. As we know there are some students in the school with allergies and being Nut Free is another way of ensuring we are a safe learning environment for all. After monitoring our litter in Term 3, we are proud to say our yards are looking better! To help support our waste program and integrated unit, each class has received new recycle and compost bins. Students are also being encouraged to be waste conscious such as reducing wrapping in lunches e.g. Nude food lunches and reusing packaging.



## Head Lice

Unfortunately a few cases of head lice are still being reported. Please consistently check your child's hair and ensure that shoulder-length is tied back. If they do appear, please treat immediately and inform your classroom teacher.

## 5 cent Thursdays

Junior school council would like to thank everyone for their contributions to our 5 cent Thursday fundraiser, which was carried out in term 3. As a result of the fundraiser, we raised an amazing \$442.00. The money will go towards plants and resources for our community garden. An extra big thanks goes to our 1/2N class who did a fantastic effort, raising the most last term with their tin overflowing! As a reward, 1/2N was presented with a certificate of appreciation, special lunch provided by Junior School Council. Thanks again to everyone for their generous contributions.

On **Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October**, 1/2N will be having a special lunch of pizza and cordial to celebrate their fantastic efforts. So remember not to make lunch for them on this day. If you do not wish your child to have pizza please let us know.

## Curriculum Day

On **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of November**, there will be a Curriculum day and therefore students are not required at school. Teachers will be using this time to develop our integrated curriculum.

## Tissues

We would like to thank parents for their contributions of tissues throughout the year. If you are able to donate another box of tissues, it would be greatly appreciated.

## Canteen

The canteen is now available on Mondays and Fridays for lunch orders and counters sales during recess and lunch.

**We are looking forward to working with you this term ☺**

**Jamie Nicholls**

**Mary Stanton**