

Dear Parents

Welcome back! The children are very excited to be back at school and with their friends! Harry has added Wednesday to his attendance days, and Maddy and Alice have added Thursdays. Mrs Johnston is also with us now on Thursdays.

We have loved hearing about everyone's holiday adventures, especially Charlotte's elephant ride in Thailand! We knew that the ride was going to happen, and, as no-one else in Kinder had ridden on an elephant, we were looking forward to hearing what it was like! I think that now all of us would like to ride an elephant(no; no excursion is planned to Thailand!)

Have you checked the bean seeds? There was great excitement on Tuesday when the children discovered just how much the seeds and plants had grown! The children wondered if the bean plants might reach to the sky like in "Jack and the Beanstalk"! If the plants did grow that high, who be be brave enough to climb up? Max volunteered! During the next week or two we will be contacting David Stephen for advice about our vegetable garden.

This term we will be focusing on various outcomes including, listening - to instructions; to other people; for sounds; for rhyming sounds. Self-help skills - taking care of belongings; being independent eg in putting lunch boxes in bags and then zipping the bag closed. Pencil skills - correct grip; using a variety of mediums; correct letter formation when participating in guided writing. We will also be supporting, challenging and extending children as they explore numbers, patterning, hypothesizing, creative play, music, language, peer interactions, science and the joy of being a child.

Next **Wednesday, 29 June**, there will be a Taiko Drumming concert in the TM Hall during lunch time. If you would like your child to attend, please send a **gold coin** donation on the day. Money raised will go the Japan earthquake appeal.

Friday 1 July, both Carolyn and myself will be attending a Southern Kindergarten Network Meeting(Independent Schools Tasmania) on exploring planning and documentation within the context of the Early Years Learning Framework(EYLF)and the National Quality Framework(NQF). The EYLF will be the curriculum basis for Tasmanian Kindergartens from 2012. The Kinders will join with Prep for 1 July.

Until next time

Best wishes