Dear families and friends,

**Student Reports**
Mid-Year reports will accompany today’s newsletter, giving parents and carers an understanding of the progress and achievement your child has made so far. They are based on the teacher’s judgment against the Standard of Achievement described in the Australian Curriculum for each year level.

The Achievement descriptions range from:
- Excellent achievement
- Good achievement
- Satisfactory achievement
- Partial achievement
- Minimal Achievement

Satisfactory achievement at this point of the year means that your child is moving towards achieving all that is expected of them by years’ end.

If you are unable to make sense of the report or the achievement and effort is unexpected please don’t hesitate to request additional information from your child’s teacher.

**A reminder**
Can I please ask that all parents report into the front office when visiting their children rather than going directly to the classrooms. Front Office staff will be happy to contact your child’s teacher and have your child brought to the office or you will be issued with a guest pass to enable you to move through the school as an easily identified member of the school community.

Sometimes it seems so much easier to go straight to your child’s classroom but this can be disruptive to the learning program.

**Swimming**
The swimming program for Years 3-6 starts on 25/7/2016, day 1 of next term, with the Reception – Year 2 classes starting on 26/7/2016, the second day of Term. Please remind your children that they need to wear their swimming gear under their uniform to each swimming lesson.

Swimming is a very important part of learning, making sure that your child has the skills they need to be confident and safe in and near the water. Your child is encouraged to participate and if you are concerned please don’t hesitate to contact their teacher or myself.

**Woodville Gardens Got Talent**
Some very brave contestants are currently competing for the title of WGGT under the management of Mrs. Leanne Potter. An enthusiastic audience and watchful judges are creating a wonderful atmosphere during Tuesday lunch times for students to demonstrate their musical and artistic talent.

**Holidays**
I hope all families and staff have a very safe and relaxing holiday. If you live close to the school please keep a watchful eye over our wonderful school. If you see anyone suspicious please don’t hesitate to contact police. Early Dismissal tomorrow 2:00pm.

Kind regards,

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Fiona Voigt
Science
In Science this term, the Red Building students have studied adaptations and life cycles. As an introduction to the topic, students enjoyed a very exciting excursion to the zoo.
In small teams they took on the zoo challenge, where they investigated and recorded adaptations of different animals.
Following our zoo excursion students created posters about animals detailing their adaptations.
Reconciliation Week
Throughout the week the kids were involved in a variety of activities to develop their understanding of the importance of Reconciliation week and Aboriginal culture.

Geography
We began our Geography topic by looking at significant Australian places including their importance to Indigenous people. Students have developed and practised their research skills using a combination of books and the internet to research their answers.
Going to preschool helps your child to learn new things, make friends and develop confidence.

Children who turn 4 before 1 May can start preschool at the beginning of the year before they start school.

Families are encouraged to enrol now for 2017.

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