Welcome back to the JP Rainbow class, term 4 2016! We trust you had a restful break and enjoyed the few days of sunshine that we had! It is hard to believe we are in our last term of 2016. This term is already filling up quickly with a number of exciting events taking place. Attached is a school calendar outlining the main events of this term.

Please note we have a student free day Friday the 18th November.

Term 4 sees the beginning of our Sun Smart ‘no hat, no play’ policy. We encourage students to leave their hats at school in their tray so it is not forgotten in the morning rush.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
To celebrate the end of the 2016 school year, We will be joining with Mrs Castleton’s class for a Super Fun afternoon at school after the Fun Run on Friday the 25th November from 3:15-6pm. Students will have the opportunity to take part in a number of activities such as water games (weather permitting), watch a movie, craft and have pizza and hot chips for dinner. More information will follow.
**TUESDAY MORNING SHARING**

To assist our students to become more confident speakers, ask questions and improve their descriptive language, we will be introducing special topics for Tuesday morning Sharing. In weeks 3, 5 and 7, students will be given a topic to base their sharing on. We will encourage all students to share in these weeks. Students may bring a photo, toy or keepsake to assist them in their sharing and will be supported with visual aids, sentence starters and a question board if necessary. The topics will link in with our current geography and history topics as well as PE week in week 6.

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<td>‘My Favourite Celebration’ – This could be a past birthday Celebration, Christmas tradition or upcoming birthday plans.</td>
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<td>‘Sports I like to play’ – This could also include general outdoor activities or any other physical activity.</td>
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**CLASS ROUTINES AND EXPECTATIONS**

Please ensure that the children’s communication diary, word box daily testing book, jolly phonics take home sound book and reader with reading diary and reading folder are inside their green message bag each day.

It is expected that all children do **at least 10 minutes of homework each night** (Monday to Thursday night) to practice their jolly phonics sounds, word box words, and take home readers. Some of you will find that your child does not have a word box book or jolly phonics sound book as they have already mastered ALL sets of word box words and all jolly phonics sounds. They will only have reading homework to concentrate on. When they have finished their reader you can ask them open ended questions about the book – e.g. what happened in the story? Who was in the story? This helps with comprehension of the text.

If you would like more information about how to assist your child at home with their readers, please let us know.

Please fill out the READING DIARY each night the children read. We view their reading diaries each day and change their readers if they have read their reader. When the children receive a new reader each day it keeps them engaged and excited about reading. So, it is essential to do this with them each night and to fill out the reading diary (yellow reading diary). You just need to write the date, the title of the book and a comment, e.g. great reading, was interested in book, etc.

**SPELLING TESTS**

The children who are up to Spelling words will receive new words stuck into their diary each week to learn. You can choose to work on these with your child during the week or the night before their spelling test. Keep in mind, we do mix up the words when we test them so you could do the same practice at home. The children also practice these words with us each day, but the extra small bit of home practice always helps as well.

**LABELLING**

Please ensure all items and clothing children bring to school, such as drink bottles, lunch boxes, snack boxes, jumpers, bags, bathers, etc. are appropriately labelled with their names. **This is particularly important for school clothing at swimming as it is easy for items to be swapped or muddled up.**

**ARRIVAL TIME**

Please also ensure that your child is at school before the bell (**before 8:55am**). We recommend **no later than 8:45am**, so the children have plenty of time to unpack and sit down before the bell rings. This assists the children in having a much smoother start to each day, rather than unpacking when we are doing our group time routine and rushing.

**COMMUNICATION**

Please do not hesitate to write in the diary if you would like to organize to meet with either of us at any stage to discuss any concerns you may have and sometimes we have a spare couple of minutes in the mornings, but more so in the afternoons.

Please remember to sign the diary each night so we know you have read the notes and we will do the same with your notes and reply to them if necessary. We record in the diary each day to let you know what your child did that day and how they went at school.
SICKNESS
Please ensure that if your child is sick that they stay at home until they feel better – nothing worse than having a flu epidemic sweep through your class as we have witnessed before! We also have a few children who are highly susceptible to catching colds, flus and viruses easily and this can affect them worse than others. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

HEALTHY SNACK
Please ensure your child has one FRESH FRUIT SNACK for their healthy snack in the morning. Please make sure it is something that they enjoy eating, e.g. apple, orange, banana, etc. We have an ‘apple slinky’ machine and an apple cutter if students wish to use them.

CURRICULUM
This term the children will continue to progress in their learning in their Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar skills. They will also continue to improve their Spelling skills by learning new Oxford Spelling words each week and practice writing simple / descriptive sentences independently, write their sentences and words on the computer or perhaps engage in one of our other sensory based spelling activities. Our Genre focus this term will continue to be recounts as we explore in more depth, the structure and features of a recount.

In maths this term our core focus will be in expanding the students’ knowledge of number, addition and subtraction. We will begin with exploring ‘Rainbow Facts’. These are sets of numbers that equal 10. It is important that students have an immediate recall of these facts as a solid foundation for further learning. In the second half of the term we will be looking at doubling numbers and multiplication and division for our older students. We will also be introducing Quick Maths activities which encourage immediate recognition of numbers and then number facts for our older students.

In our Health and Child Protection lessons the students will be learning about safety and personal development skills such as: conflict resolution, maintaining friendships, taking turns, and attentive listening skills. We will also have a focus on ‘private’ and ‘public’ behaviours as well as appropriate touching and greetings for different groups of people ie hugging parents, giving friends a high 5.

In Geography with Jackie, the topic will be ‘Under the sea’! Students will explore the different animals and plant life of our seas and oceans. History this term will be focussed around ‘Celebrations’. We will explore how different Individuals, families and cultural groups celebrate, how they are similar to our own experiences and how those experiences are different.

They will also be cooking every Friday with Jackie and making a variety of things including: pasta, cupcakes, fruit kebabs, pancakes, toast and soup.

Our highly successful buddy class sessions will continue with Mrs Castleton’s class on Monday afternoon and with Miss Pilla’s class and Miss Nolan’s classes every second Friday. We will be doing a variety of indoor and outdoor activities in our sessions, focussing on relationship building, conflict resolution, social skills as well as incorporating other subject areas (art, health, geography) to improve student understanding. We will continue with our outdoor nature play sessions in our new nature play area.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS
The South is a learning community working together to provide safe and caring environment for the school community. It is each member’s responsibility to uphold the core values of our school.
Our values are: Respect/ Excellence/ Acceptance/ Co-operation / Honesty

Rights - Every person has the right to be treated with respect and understanding at the South. All students are to be treated as an individual working and learning in a positive classroom environment. Students must feel safe (physically, emotionally and socially) while learning and interacting with others. South students are required to keep property and belongings safe, while also respecting the school’s environment.
Responsibilities - Every member of the South has the responsibility to be accepting, truthful, courteous, considerate and respect individual differences. Students need to meet classroom expectations and contribute positively to the learning environment. All members of the school must act responsibly, safely and treat all property and belongings with respect and care.

UNIFORM POLICY

The School Uniform is as follows:

- **Tops:** Bottle Green Bell Polo with embroidered school logo.
- **Bottoms:** Long pants, shorts, skirts or skorts, are to be plain black.
- **Jumper:** Bottle Green with collar and embroidered logo.
- **Dresses:** Green and white check.
- **Shoes:** Sport shoes, sandals and lace-ups, are appropriate footwear.
- **Hats:** Broad brimmed hat with School Logo.

Be Sun Smart in Term 4 & 1, all students are required to wear a school hat, a broad brimmed hat with school logo, for all outdoor activities.

Uniforms are available from ‘The Uniform Shop’, Homemaker Centre, Mount Barker.

ASSEMBLIES FOR TERM 4

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NEWSLETTERS

School and Class Newsletters will be sent home throughout the Term.

LUNCH ORDERS

Hillbilly Chicken shop delivers lunch orders to the school on **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Place your child’s name, classroom number and order on a brown paper bag with the money inside and place in the classrooms lunch box, lunches will be delivered at lunchtime to the classroom.

SWIMMING

Swimming will commence on Tuesday of week 1, the 18th October. An envelope has been sent home for the first payment of $12.50. **As we are still waiting to confirm when swimming lessons will cease for the year, we ask that you don’t pay in advance this term until we have more information.** Please understand that we must have payment for them to be able to go swimming, as we pay at the swimming centre prior to their lesson. Please pay the money directly to us and this will go towards the swimming lesson and the taxi ride to the State Swim Swimming Centre. Most children will be receiving 1:1 instruction time with a Swimming trainer.

LUNCH AND RECESS

The schools healthy eating initiative will continue this term, in which they share a daily fruit platter provided by families and prepared by Governing Councils members and other volunteers. **It would be greatly appreciated if all families could contribute a small amount of fruit or healthy snacks once a week so this can continue.**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask!

Kind regards,

Jackie Manly and Aleah Sexton
Junior Primary Rainbow Class Teachers
Room 4