

Dear Parents and Community Members,

We were so very glad that the thunderstorms on Wednesday had passed over by Thursday morning which allowed us to start our swimming program as planned.

We had a great afternoon at the Eureka pool, with everyone taking part in their lessons. The pool water was a great temperature for swimming and the ducks stayed away for the duration. The staff at BALC were well organised and spent some time this week organising the children into the right classes for their swimming ability.

It was great to see the children enjoying themselves and participating in the lessons. We have not had very much enjoyment this year at school so this was a welcome change.

Wednesday was also our first day of prep transition for 2021 and it was really great to see the new preps at school for the first time. Mrs Le Marshall came in to take the 2 hour session and the little kids had a few moments afterwards to play in the yard. It makes such a difference to children when they can get used to the school environment before they actually start properly and it was wonderful to see the new class here getting ready.

Could all parents please be aware that we have had a reported case of head lice (nits) at school. Please check your child's hair carefully and do not send them to school if they still have live lice in their hair. Conditioner and a comb work really well, but there are many products in the pharmacy which also help. It seems strange to be talking about a non-COVID reason to stay away from school, but life goes on and we really need to stop the spread of nits if at all possible. Thank you very much for your help.

Next week the children in P - 2will be taking part in an online activity run by Ecolinc. They will be investigating the best ways to make a sleigh move along a slope and will have the opportunity to conduct some scientific investigations as well as a craft activity.

The following week the 3 - 6 children will be finding out some of the properties of sugar and experimenting with skittles to see what makes them the way they are. These 'incursions' are being

provided free and we are really looking forward to them.

Please note that Janine will not be in the office next week as she has to be away from school for a few days. She will be back the following week as normal.

There is still no new information about any relaxing of restrictions as we approach the end of the year. As I said to the kids today, we are every bit as keen as they are to be able to get back to our normal activities but we are totally governed by what the education and health departments say we can do at the moment. We are all waiting for the next announcement from the government which I believe is due next weekend and we hope that the current run of zeros continues so that we can perhaps relax some of our restrictions before the end of term. As always, I will let you know as soon as I have any updates!

Have a great weekend, Arthur Lane