Meet the Teacher 2012 – 3/4L with Mr Leech

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome to a partnership in learning. As your child’s classroom teacher I am committed to helping them learn all that they can across the Key Learning Areas. I know that you also want them to do well. Here are a few ways that you can assist them in their learning.

1) **Sleep.** Studies show that children need far more sleep than adults do. Ten hours of sleep each night will mean your child is ready to learn and enjoy learning throughout the day.

2) **Water.** Lots of water each day will help your child stay focussed. It can also reduce how often they have headaches. A drink bottle means less time out of class and away from lessons.

3) **Food.** A healthy breakfast and lunch make a huge difference to children’s learning. If you are too rushed in the morning to make a lunch, our school canteen is open every day.

4) **Stationary.** Your child needs lead pencils, coloured pencils, a glue stick and a good ruler to produce work that they are proud of. Please make sure items are clearly labelled.

5) **Library Bag.** Good borrowing = good reading. An old pillow slip or plastic bag is all that is needed. Our library day is Tuesday.

6) **Hat.** We have a No Hat, No Play policy. Your child needs protection from the sun and an opportunity to play with their friends in the sun. This is especially true on Fridays when our class has Sport.

7) **Time.** Our learning activities start the moment we get into class. If your child is late, they are often struggling to keep up for the rest of the morning. This does not help them to learn.

8) **Homework.** Homework is issued each Monday and is due on Friday morning. I mark homework over the weekend, so homework handed in late will not be able to be marked. Please set aside a time for your child to do their homework and help them to understand what they are doing. If you are concerned that work is too hard or not well understood, please share your concerns with me.

9) **Stuff.** We are exploring how products are made, used and disposed of this term. One of our projects is to create artwork from recycled materials. So if you have any of the items listed below, please send them in so that our students can work with them.

   - buttons, cardboard toilet rolls, string, wood off-cuts, plastic bottles,
   - plastic bags, bottle tops, old toothbrushes (?), old newspapers and magazines, old coat hangers, left over textiles.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of teaching your child this year. Please feel free to stop me after school for a quick chat or make an appointment for a longer talk whenever you would like to discuss your child’s progress or other issues with me.

Regards,

Chris Leech