Dear Families,

I wonder if you all join me in thinking 'how on earth is it already term 4?!' As I type this letter I cannot believe that 1/2 Imagine have reached the final term of the year! However, as I reflect on each student’s learning this year, their achievement and growth and their continued enthusiasm to challenge themselves in their learning, I realise that the year must be drawing to a close and that the students are ready to venture into the next stage of their learning! I thoroughly enjoyed watching the students share their achievements with you in their learning journeys last term. The opportunity for the children to reflect, share and receive your feedback on their development is truly invaluable.

On to term 4! This term promises to be a very busy and exciting one with swimming opportunities for both year 1 and year 2, the end-of-year concert and continuing to celebrate the students’ learning by building their portfolios. This term the students will have a range of opportunities to make bonds with students in their year group, across the 1/2 corridor. To assist students to broaden their friendship groups as they transition into year 2 and 3, the year 1s and the year 2s across classes will be meeting together to eat lunch each day. On Fridays, the year 1 girls, year 1 boys, year 2 girls and year 2 boys will also be meeting in separate places over the lunch-eating time. I look forward to consolidating and extending the student’s in all of their learning in our final term together!

Please have a look at the Turner School website and read Jen Faul’s team update for term 4. It touches on an important point that parents and carers may like to consider at home. Below are details of particular learning area plans and important dates. Please note any of these in your diary. Additional dates may be added throughout the term so please check the school’s website regularly: http://www.turners.act.edu.au. Also, please read the school Newsletter for important dates and updates.

**Inquiry Units**
This term the year 1s and 2s will be exploring different Inquiry areas. This is a great opportunity for students to broaden friendship groups across their year level. The year 2s from Imagine and Magic Beach will be led by my partnering teacher, Cath Blake during these lessons, while inquiry lessons for the year 1s from both classes will be led by me.

**Inquiry Year 1 - 'Look! Listen!'**
Light and sounds surround us, bringing a wealth of information about our world. We use light and sound to communicate with each other. Sounds can be as different as beautiful music or screaming sirens. Light can transmit the pictures from a television screen or the expressions on someone’s face. Through this unit students will investigate how sources of light and sound are produced and how they travel.

Big idea - Light and sound are produced by a range of sources and can be sensed.

Lines of Inquiry:

- Our senses are used to learn about the world around us
• The sun as a source of light
• Objects can be seen when light from sources is available to illuminate them
• We use light and sound to communicate with one another

Inquiry Year 2 - 'Push-Pull'
Forces are at work in everything that we do - we push to open doors and pull to tie ropes. Gravity pulls on things to make them fall down or to keep them down. Through this unit students will have the opportunity to explore pushes and pulls by investigating, observing and gathering evidence about how these forces act in air, water and on the ground. Students will identify the effect of the pull of gravity and learn that both air and water can 'push'.
Big Idea – Forces change the way things move.
Lines of Inquiry:
  • Forces can be harnessed to do useful things
  • The balance between opposing forces determines whether objects float or sink
  • The forces of gravitation determine how things move
Through this inquiry students will work with the Australian Curriculum Science areas. Students will develop the skills of planning and conducting experiments and processing and analysing data and information. For further details, please see the link below: http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/Browse?a=H&a=G&y=1&y=2&layout=2&browseLayout=2

Literacy

Reading
In reading this term we will continue with our established literacy experiences, including explicit teaching of reading strategies that will develop the four reading areas: Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding Vocabulary. Children will work with me, independently and with reading partners to achieve their individual reading goals. Our ultimate goal is to develop lifelong readers who choose to read. Continuing to regularly listen to your child read, giving them the opportunity to be read to and reading together will support their reading development. I look forward to seeing the Turner School Reading Log on a regular basis to see what is capturing the children's interests and ensure there are a variety of different books being read at home. This is not intended to be onerous so a quick note in the log is all that is needed. If you need another Reading Log to record please see me.

Writing
This term we will have a focus on procedural writing. This will be supported with our science inquiries as the students will engage in a range of experiments, providing them with authentic opportunities to develop procedural texts. Following this, we will move into exposition writing, where the purpose of our writing will be to explain, inform or describe. Students will engage with persuasive texts to learn the structure and language features associated with these types of texts in real life contexts. We will continue to learn about grammatical features and put these understandings into practice while engaging in the writing process.

Mathematics

Multiplication and Division
This term we will continue building understanding of multiplication and division as sharing items between groups. Children will engage with a variety of mental computation strategies to assist their fluency and accuracy of problem solving. I do hope you are continuing to explore number concepts using the number cards. The school website http://www.turners.act.edu.au has lots of ideas to support this learning.

Volume & Capacity
This term students will be involved in measuring and comparing the capacities and volume of objects using appropriate uniform informal units.
Mass
To link in with measuring of volume and capacity, children will also be engaged in measuring and comparing the mass of objects using balancing scales.

Time Durations
Later in the term, children will be focusing on time durations including months, seasons, weeks, days and hours and apply this knowledge in understanding how to read a calendar.

Our maths topics this term provide rich opportunities for children to weigh and measure things at home too.

Library with Norma John
This term in Library students are completing independent projects on Australian authors and illustrators using The Literature Centre website via Turner’s very own virtual library, Library for Kids. These projects will be presented using a graphic organiser in Microsoft Word and displayed in the Library later on in the term. Please remind children to bring a library bag on this day and be responsible for returning books regularly.

Physical Education
This term 1/2 children will continue to practise a variety of fundamental movement skills. This will include regular Perceptual Motor Development sessions where children will work on toning muscles to build upon their ability to receive, interpret and respond successfully to sensory information. Please ensure that each day your child has appropriate footwear, clothing, a brimmed hat, plenty of water and healthy food for optimum energy.

Art with Sally Visser-Marchant
Art will continue to be held on Tuesday in the middle session. In Art class this term children will study the work of Edvard Munch, Kandinsky and Vincent van Gogh within a program that links with the year 1 and year 2 inquiry units. They will be experimenting with a range of mediums throughout the term such as fabric collage, painting papier mache.

Indonesian with Sue Boyce
This term the children will be introduced to the Indonesian vocabulary to describe parts of the body. They will have the opportunity to develop their knowledge through conversations, games and songs.

Music with Kirsty Robinson
Music will continue to be held on Thursdays from 10 - 11 am. In music sessions the children are working on a great arrangement of a terrific piece by an internationally renowned Australian composer for the end of year concert. It’s quite challenging but the children love it. In other work they are making decisions about tempo, rhythm and voice style to create different musical effects.

General Reminders 😊
Don’t forget Turner is a nut aware school. There are children with serious nut allergies in the 1/2 cohort so please keep this in mind when packing your child’s lunch and recess.

Please help to encourage your child in building independence of organising their own belongings by providing them with positive feedback about their ability to pack their own items into their school bag.

I would like to extend the biggest thanks to all of the parents who have volunteered in our classroom this year! We really appreciate your time and efforts in assisting our classroom to be a place of sharing and celebrating learning experiences together.
As always please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing you throughout the term.

Thanks and best wishes,

Salma Saikal
Important dates for 1 / 2 Imagine Term 4, 2015
Please refer to the whole school Tm 4 calendar that went home with the week 1 newsletter.

**Week 3** - Wednesday 28th October - Children's Week Whole School Assembly including Read Aloud 2.10pm Snr Hall

**Week 4** - Year 2 Aqua Safe at CISAC

**Week 5** - Year 1 Swim School at AIS and Yr 2 Aqua Safe at CISAC

**Week 6** - Year 1 Swim School at AIS

**Week 7** - Wednesday 25th November Jnr Assembly 2.10pm Snr Hall

**Week 8** - Wednesday 2nd December End of Year Concert 5.30 picnic and 6.30 concert commences

The newsletter and website will keep you updated with all events.