Dear Year 1 Families,

Welcome back to Term 3, we hope all the children had a great break and are feeling refreshed. Term 3 is going to be a very busy term involving many exciting events.

This week, K-2 will join the rest of the school in attending the Athletics Carnival on Thursday.

The gymnastics program at the Northern Beaches Gymnastics Centre will start on Friday Week 2, for children participating. The normal Friday sports skills program will continue for the remainder of Year 1 students.

The children will continue to be involved in cross class numeracy groups on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to improve their number skills. We will also have literacy groups on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

This term we will also start Mandarin classes with Mrs Chen. 1K will have their weekly session on Tuesday after recess. We are very excited to be able to learn a new language.

We will be studying a unit of work, ‘Asia: Closer than you think’. The students will be learning about the continent of Asia with different classes focusing on an Asian country. 1K will be concentrating on Japan. Towards the end of the term, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 classes will hold an Asian festival which will involve cultural dress up and food…..start thinking of some great recipes!

In addition to our fortnightly News program, the children have a project on an Asian animal. They are able to choose how they would like to present the information they have discovered about their animal.

We have an exciting excursion planned to The Powerhouse Museum on Thursday 13th August. A note will be coming home soon.

We will also have the annual visit by the Life Education van and Healthy Harold this term. This will provide a valuable learning experience that will complement the personal development and safety lessons completed in class.

Finally, in Week 9 our school will be holding the ‘N-Factor’, which will showcase magnificent items from each class. Stay tuned!

Just a reminder to please encourage your child to read their home readers to an adult every night to promote fluency and understanding.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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