16th February 2015
Term 1 Week 4

Dear parents/carers,

You are invited to the 2JW Class Meeting this Thursday 19th February 2015 at 2:30pm.

Homework
Homework starts today!!!! Each week, students will take home a folder with a homework sheet to complete and two readers to read throughout the week. Homework will be sent home each Monday and is to be returned each Friday. If you are having a time-poor week, please keep the homework over the weekend and return on Monday.

Tips for helping your child read
It is best to sit with your child to listen to them read, so that you can prompt them if they get stuck. I understand there will be times when this is not possible. Multi-tasking is allowed!!! You can listen to your child read while getting tea, getting the clothes off the line, folding washing, cooking the barbeque etc etc. You’re still listening, but just changing the reading “venue” for a particular night. If you’re really stuck, they can always read to the family pet or a favourite toy!!!!

When listening to your child read, the most valuable prompts are:
• Does that make sense? (if reading does not make sense)
• Does that look right? (if a word makes sense but doesn’t look right all the way to the end)
• Get your mouth ready for the first sound and think about what would make sense (if getting bogged down worrying too much about the individual sounds in a word)
• Remember to skip along the words in phrases (if reading is robotic and uninteresting)

If these strategies are new to you, I am happy to explain them during or after our class meeting on Thursday.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns. You may ring the school office to make an appointment or send me a note. REMEMBER….. happy children……happy parents…….VERY happy teacher!!!!!!

Warm regards,

Jeanelle Williams