This Friday, 27 February, Kindergarten will be having a Teddy Day, because the focus sound for this week is ‘t’. Could you please help your child prepare his/her teddy for this day? Teddies will need to come to school clearly labelled with their name and age. For example - Bella Smith, 15 years old.

This is important, as each child will need to know this information to participate in the activities that have been planned. If your child does not have a teddy they may bring another soft toy. The children will taste tiny teddies on this day, so please let us know if your child is not able to participate in this activity, otherwise it will be assumed that you have given permission. The children may also bring along a small blanket or towel to sit on as they will be taking their crunch and sip to the playground to have a picnic with their teddy.

**Reading:**
- **Shared Reading:** Grandpa and Thomas
- **Focus Sound:** T
- **Tigers on tiptoes** t, t, t
- **Words to learn to read:** for, said, see, four
- **Phonemic Awareness:** Identifying rhyming words, identifying the sound made by letters at the beginning of words

**Handwriting:**
- * Language to assist with formation - down and across in the middle
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**Maths:**
- *Forward counting 1-20 (Extension - Forward counting 1-30)
- *Numeral Identification 1-10 (Extension - Numeral Identification - 1-20)
- *Making groups and labelling 1-10 (Extension - 1-14)
- *Length – longer than, shorter than
- *Addition/Subtraction - Comparing groups-Same different More/Less
- *Patterns and Algebra - Making 2 and 3 part patterns
- *Study of the number 4, numeral, and word, group (Extension Study of the number 14)

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**Other News:**
- *News this week:* What’s in my sock? Please help your child to select an object and place it inside a sock. Then decide on three clues to describe the object so that the class may guess what is hidden inside.

- *Our next Parent Meeting* will be held on Tuesday 10 March at 6:30pm to explain the Home Reading Program, Child Protection Program, Mathletics, Zoo Whiz and the ‘Best Start’ Assessment. Further information will be sent home soon.

- *We had a fabulous time on Yellow Day.* Thank you for your support. The children looked wonderful in their yellow clothes and enjoyed eating their "yellow" food.

- *Your child* may have a bottle of water to keep on his/her desk. It must be a pop or twist top type to avoid easy spillage. Please don’t use refrigerated water as this causes problems on your child’s desk due to condensation.

- *Lost property* is located in block H, so if your child has misplaced something please check there. Remember that all belongings must be labelled with your child’s name.

- *Reminder:* All parent helpers and volunteers need to complete the Volunteer Declaration form and satisfy the 100 points identity proof requirements before assisting at school.

- *Clean up Australia Day:* The children will be taking part in the ‘Clean Up Australia Day’ campaign on Friday 27 February. The children will be supplied with gloves and will be given areas to clean with their class.

Kindergarten teachers