Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have a short but busy week ahead of us due to our pupil free day on Friday 27th Feb.

**Spelling Program**
Sound Waves is a very successful spelling program which goes back to basics to help students understand the sounds they hear in words and the letter combinations which create those sounds. We have five different levels working in our rooms however we all focus on the same sounds each week.
Those students with a strength in this area are challenged with more difficult words within the same sound group.

**Mental Maths**
The New Wave Mental Maths book is an excellent book which covers the curriculum content for each year level.
The good thing about these books is that they focus on a few concepts each week and build on these to assist students’ understanding.

**iPads**
Apart from a couple of issues we’re trying to solve, the iPads are up and running in the classroom to support the learning program for all students.

**Fun Afternoon**
Students will participate in Tabloid Games on Wednesday afternoon which is organised by students from Notre Dame University. Year Six will join in with the other Year Six students for this activity.

**Homework**
Each week the students are given a contract to be completed by Friday. This week the students can hand it in on Thursday and we’ll mark it then. The sheet should only take about 15 minutes to complete.
All students have a times table checklist in the front of their homework books so they can learn their tables. A couple of ways to consolidate these are: repetition, make flash cards, blu tac the question on a wall near their bed to read at night, have someone test them.

**Roald Dahl Incursion**
Please send along notes and money for this incursion particularly since we are analysing the book. BFG, by Roald Dahl.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us should any issues arise as a small problem is easier to solve than a bigger one.

Kind Regards,

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