Dear all,

Well the end of term is really near. The last 2 weeks are both short because of the Easter long weekend. Next Thursday is a Coorong Mallee Partnership student free day so that teachers can travel to Karoonda to work together on the Australian Curriculum for the school classes and the Early Years Framework for the Kindy children.

Perhaps fortunately, I found out today that we will not be able to go swimming on Monday. That means that we had our last session yesterday. The children and teachers have worked hard to ensure that we have done lots of learning around the swimming. The progress of all the children’s skills has been amazing. We will provide lunch at school on Monday even though we are not going swimming. Next term we will go back to cooking on Wednesdays.

Congratulations to the children who travelled to Tintinara on Wednesday to compete in the Upper South East District Athletics Day. All of them did their personal best and were proud of their achievements. Miss Liz’s regular training sessions with the Kungari students has been demonstrated by improvements in their skills and achievements. A big thank you to the parents who travelled with them to cheer them on.

Aunty Deb is sending home appointment times for parents to meet with class teachers about each child’s performance. We have made these times for Tuesday afternoon. If the time you have been given doesn’t suit you please give Aunty Deb a ring to swap for another time. Teachers will be sharing the children’s Individual Learning Programmes so that we can celebrate all the learning they have done this term and to set goals for next term so that you know what they are moving on to next and are able to support them.
On Tuesday children from Tailem Bend Kindy are coming to Raukkan to share a day of learning. Our children spent a day at Tailem Bend last year so this is a return visit. Mrs Helen and Mrs Renee have planned a range of activities for them all to share. You may hear them on Tuesday because there will be 20 little visitors.

Congratulations to Mrs Helen for her graduation on Tuesday. Mrs Helen began working in schools as an SSO and then studied to become a teacher. Over the past few years as well as working in Kindy she has been completing the Diploma in Early Childhood Education. This is an extra qualification specifically for Kindy and very young children.

As part of our school safety plans we will be carrying out some emergency evacuation and invacuations drills over the next 2 weeks. This may mean ringing the bell at unusual times and taking the children down to the office.

I hope you all have a good weekend

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