Werribee Open Range Zoo

We had a wonderful day at the Werribee Zoo. We were extremely lucky with the weather. The children enjoyed exploring the Werribee Zoo gardens and spotting the animals in their enclosures. The bus tour of the open plains was a highlight, with lots of interesting information from the tour guide. It was fantastic to see the animals up so close in the education centre and on the safari bus.

Thank you to all the parent helpers!
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Mathletics and Reading Eggs
Recently the staff attended an update on Mathletics and again were impressed by what a great learning tool this program is. We are using Mathletics as part of our learning here at school and have noticed that many students are not taking advantage of their subscription. It would be great if students could use this FUN program to practise the skills learnt at school!

Similarly, Reading Eggs is available for students to use and is another fun, exciting way for students to improve their reading skills.


Reading
Last term we sent home a CAFE reading strategies sheet for students to use each time they read. The children using this sheet regularly at home have reported that this really helps them to focus on remembering to use strategies when they read.

We are now sending home another sheet to go with this one. Both should be used at home every time your child reads to reinforce their learning at school. The latest sheet highlights three great things that good readers do.

One of these, ‘Getting my Knowledge Ready’, should be done prior to reading every time your child reads (it should take about a minute). The Thrass chart together with the CAFE strategies (on the previous sheet sent home) should then be left in front of your child as they read so they have these resources available to help them continue to develop great reading skills.

Also, students should be bringing their satchels to school every day with their diary, reader log, reader/homework folder and reader books in it! Thankyou!