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Thank you to those parents that came along to the parent afternoon this week.
The message that I really wanted to share was about student benchmarks and targets. Everything we do revolves around student achievement and it was important to share with parents what it is we need to do, and how we are going about that.

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**World's Greatest Shave**

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**Junior Room News**

Show display✓ swimming begun✓ PreLit program for Preps started✓ speed writing getting faster✓ alphabet skills improving quickly✓ lots of counting practice✓ hands-on activities in English and Maths✓✓✓ Lots happening!!

**Parent Information Session** - Thank you to those folk who came along to the session. If you missed it and want to know about what we do in our classroom come and see me.

**Targets and Goals** - Each class level has minimum targets we are aiming for by the end of the year. We are also making term and individual goals for each child. Come and check them out!

*How can you help your child reach our targets and expectations of learning at home?*

Do some cooking (measurement), read clocks and calendars, play with real money and talk about 'silver' cents, 'golden' dollars, notes. Count them into amounts and do some trading.

Read, read, read.......our reading books are 'teaching' reading books. Reading your child’s library books means they are experiencing good literature. Reading on weekends can be the paper, comics, cook books, on line reading, library books, etc. – just do some reading for 10-15 minutes. Sharing this time with your child is the MOST VALUABLE thing you can do for your child’s learning. When your child hears you or sees you read they will know it is valued learning.

**Homework** - Our Year 1’s and 2’s have started maths worksheets. These are a follow-up to what we are doing in class. Next week we will have sight words as well. These need to be practised and learnt EVERY night. We are hoping students will learn each set of words in 1 or 2 weeks.

Counting and sight words need to be ‘ROTE’ learnt – that means – learnt by heart/memory – not working it out – just knowing it really, really well.

**Away on leave** - I will be away on leave starting Thursday 27th February for a week as our son Phillip is finally marrying his lovely Christy. Ian and I will also be taking care of our grandchildren while Mum and Dad enjoy a short honeymoon. I will then attend 2 days of Professional Development for MiniLit – a literacy program for Year 1 and 2 on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th March. I’ll look forward to returning to our wonderful class on Wednesday 12th March.

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