Welcome back to all of the KG2-4 Starfish Families!

I hope you all were able to enjoy many lovely moments with family and friends, as well as hopefully a little time to yourself to relax and rejuvenate also. I'm very lucky to get to hear from your children about some of the fantastic moments you've shared, during 'Sharing Time' about our holidays. In turn, you may hear that I was very lucky to travel to Scotland this holiday for a good friend's wedding and to enjoy the beautiful scenery and refreshingly cool weather. Brrr!

Physical Education

· Swimming in Term 3 is on Days 2, 5 & 7 (This Monday and Thursday)

Kinder Kitchen

This week our Kinder Kitchen day falls on Thursday morning! I will send details asap regarding any small items your child may need to bring in.

Over The Next Two Lovely Weeks (April 14-25):

Literacy and Phonics Your child will complete a personalized selection from the following activities:

- · Guided Reading in small groups
- · Journal & writing activities main topics: In what ways do our choices & actions affect others?
- · Oral Blending and segmenting words (both independent and large group activities)
- · Word Families: word wheels & activity pages (-ug, -et)
- · Rhyming & Phonics (matching letters and word sound picture cards)
- · Compound Words (word card matching games)
- · Handwriting (one letter beside another / letters sitting properly on the lines / spaces between words)
- · Letter font sort / Alphabet cereal sorting mats
- · Read-Build-Write mats
- · Blend and diagraph cards and charts for small groups
- · alphabet chart and alphabet grid
- · Beginning word sound mobiles
- · Note: Focus of writing will now shift from copying written words from our discussions, to having the students sound-out

the words for themselves as they write. (With assistance as needed).

Mathematics

- · Weaving (EDM P15) using rulers
- · Dice Movement (EDM C5)
- · Counting around game (EDM C7) Counting in a circle on 5 or 10 the child claps instead
- · Building Numbers (EDM 07) Building numbers with cubes (ex. 6 can be shown 3 & 3, 2 & 4 etc.)
- · Mystery Change Game (EDM O3)
- · Addition (showing their work using small toys and writing the number story to match)
- · Basic Addition (using dominoes)
- · Counting beyond 10 (Identifying larger numbers in/out of order) [C22]