Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year at Pakenham Springs. We hope to continue to work with you and your children in forming the important partnership between the family and school in their learning.

At the moment the class teachers are developing consistent classroom routines, to allow learning to be the most important part of each day at school. Learners, who feel safe and secure in their classroom, come to associate time in class with positive outcomes. It is our aim, as teachers, to provide such a supportive environment.

We encourage parent and grandparent participation in many classroom activities, especially Home Reading programs. As part of our school culture, a training session has been planned to assist parents, and grandparents, to feel comfortable in the classroom, as helpers. The session will be specifically targeted to supporting parents of students in Years 3-6.

The session for Junior School helpers has been planned for FRIDAY, 12th FEBRUARY. The session will be held in the Staffroom from 9.00 - 10.00 am.

The main focus of the session is to assist parent helpers to feel confident in the classroom when helping with the Home Reading Program. It is also the opportunity to identify how important and valuable your support can help be with the ongoing reading development of all children in our school.

During this session we will explain:

- The updated routine of changing home reading books
- Other roles that parents can play in the classroom
- Strategies to assist helpers to interact with the students in the classroom
- The use of the 3Ps - how to Pause, Prompt and Praise
- The expectations of a classroom helper in Years 3-6

After this training session the classroom teachers will be sending home a separate note requesting help for particular sessions on particular days and times, giving you some idea of their timetable.

Once this training session has been held, we will be inviting parents to assist with the above mentioned programs as the students feel comfortable and classroom routines have been established.

Please complete the return slip and send it back to school by WEDNESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

Looking forward to a productive learning year in 2016.

Vicki Miles
Principal

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CLASSROOM READING HELPERS SESSION

Friday 12th FEBRUARY

Child's Name: ________________________________  Room No: ______

Participant's Name: ____________________________

Contact Phone Number: __________________________

☐ I would like to attend the session.

To help make the program most helpful to you, please include any questions that can be answered during the session.

What do you want to know more about?

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