Well done everyone! We have had a wonderful start to the term and a great introduction to our one to one tablet program. The preps have been very responsible and taken care to store their devices and follow our ‘Acceptable Use Agreement’. We are very proud of you all.

Just a few reminders... Please ensure your child’s device is charged for school each day. It might also be worthwhile revising how to turn the tablet on and off at home as some children are not totally confident with this yet. Also some buttons are different to the school devices with the children’s individual covers on. It is a good idea to practise opening and closing some of the covers if they are difficult for your child.

We have been working hard to set up the wifi for school internet use. The next step will be to set up an email account that the students can use to send their work to us. Then we will also set up Dropbox for each tablet. This all takes some time and we will endeavour to have this all up and running soon.

It is important that your device has a photo of your child as the screen lock. This helps us to quickly identify who the device belongs to. If you haven’t had a chance to do this, please try and get that done at home. If you are having difficulty with it, please pop in after school and we will be able to help you.

We have noticed there are a few devices with 3G. Please remember if you have a 3G device, the SIM card must be removed for school use. The school wifi is the only way we can ensure that our filters provide safe internet use. We have no control over what is accessed through a 3G account.

As you would have noticed already, we are taking extra care when entering school in the mornings and storing our devices in the cupboard. Thank you for your patience while we get this routine clearly established. The same applies for the end of the day and there may be times when we are a little late leaving the classroom. We will be ensuring all devices are safely stored in bags for the journey home.

Lastly, we have been discussing the importance of not taking any devices out of school bags before and after school. Please discuss this with your child as there will be sanctions put in place if children are seen with their devices before or after school. Close supervision before and after school in these first few days is important please.

If you are having any difficulty with your tablet set up, please see us ASAP. It is important that your device has the App List loaded and ready for school. It is great to see parents sharing ideas and giving advice for those using a tablet for the first time, thank you. This is a really exciting time for us and we appreciate all of your support with the program so far. As this is a new program we are expecting to make improvements along the way, we would appreciate any feedback you can give us to help improve the program and ensure it runs as smoothly as possible.

Thanks everyone,
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