

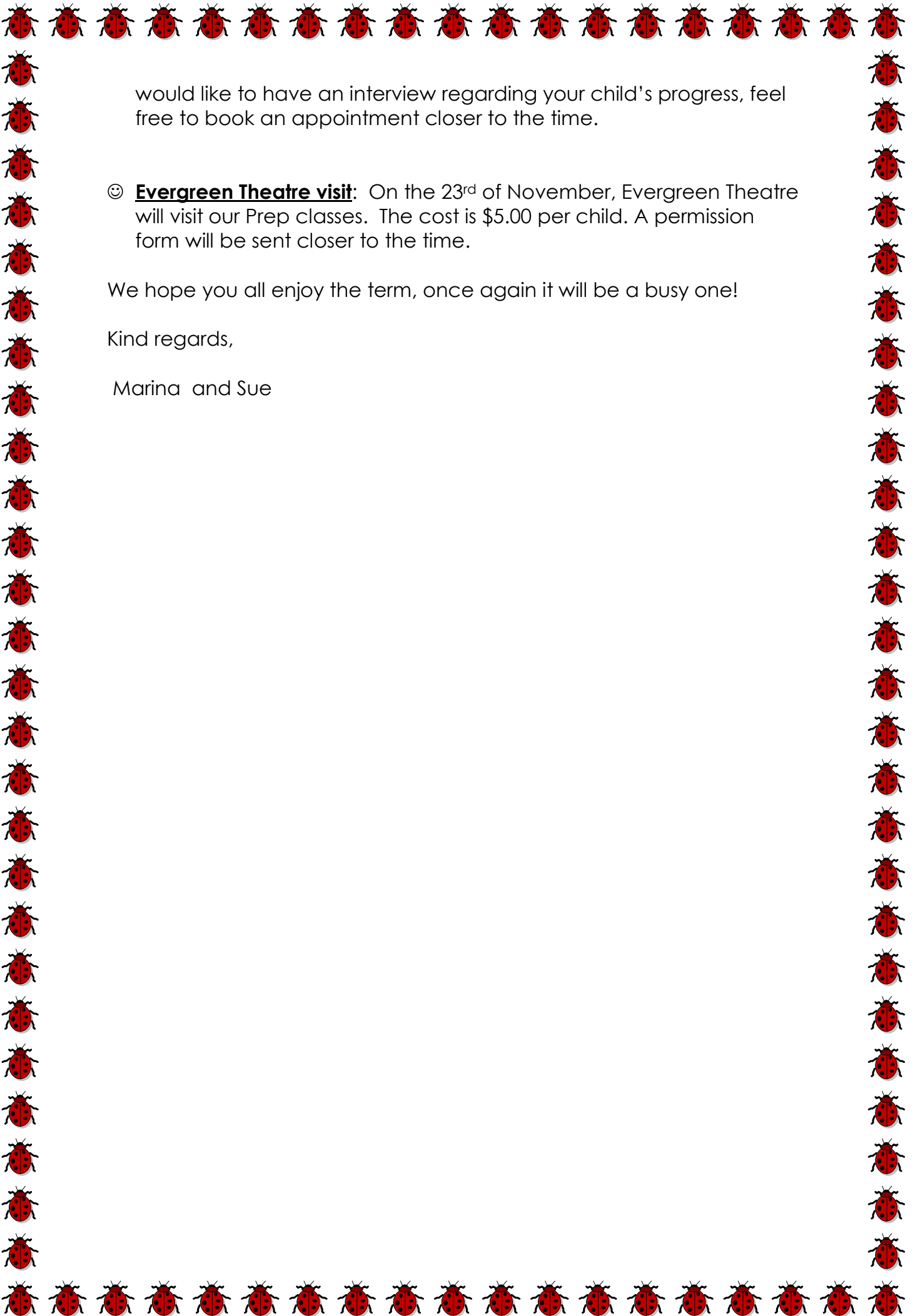


## Fourth Term Red Prep News

Hi Everyone,

It's hard to believe that we are in Term 4 already. The year seems to have flown past! We hope everyone had a safe and restful holiday and we are all ready for the downhill run to the end of the year. An exciting term lies ahead ....

- ☺ **Multifest**: We hope all parents join in the fun at the Multifest - try not to miss the wonderful Prep Performers in their item! They are sure to be VERY entertaining!
- ☺ **Artwork auction**: Also at the Multifest, you'll have an opportunity to bid on the class artwork item which will be displayed near the hall – good luck! All the children have contributed in some small way towards the final product.
- ☺ **Literacy**: The children will be consolidating all that they have learned in our Literacy Programme this year. We'll continue to explore letters and sounds, have a go at writing and continue our wonderful oral language experiences.
- ☺ **Numeracy**: The children are excited about Maths activities and join in eagerly. We'll be furthering our counting and calculating skills and having 'hands on' activities to explore height, size, weight etc.
- ☺ **Special interest areas**: As we follow a negotiated curriculum, we will brainstorm interests expressed by the children and work around these. After ending off the last term with "Gardens and growing things", it will be exciting to see what the next area of interest develops into – watch this space!
- ☺ **Classes for 2010**: In an attempt to make our Prep's transition to Year 1 seamless, the Prep classes will be split into large groups across double teaching units so that the children are comfortable and familiar with most of their new classmates. They will have opportunities to visit Year 1 classrooms and see what happens there towards the end of the term. The Preps are already accessing most areas – the last 'frontier' we will introduce them to is the Year 1 eating area outside the tuckshop.
- ☺ **Early Learning Records**: Towards the end of the term, Early Learning Records will be sent home with the students. The Early Learning Record is a document to reflect your child's learning journey. If you



would like to have an interview regarding your child's progress, feel free to book an appointment closer to the time.

☺ **Evergreen Theatre visit:** On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, Evergreen Theatre will visit our Prep classes. The cost is \$5.00 per child. A permission form will be sent closer to the time.

We hope you all enjoy the term, once again it will be a busy one!

Kind regards,

Marina and Sue