29th April, 2014

Dear Families and Carers,

Re: Learning Support Program at Moonee Ponds West Primary School

Your child has been selected to participate in Learning Support. He will have weekly thirty-minute lessons during which he will read, write and learn about phonics/word work. The Learning Support lessons are given in addition to the regular reading instruction your child receives in the classroom.

Each week, your child will bring home a “Take-Home Book,” which is a copy of a book he has already read in school. Your child can read the Take-Home Book to you, an older brother or sister, or other caregiver. The idea is to have your child read every night to give him time to practice what she has learned about reading. Reinforce and practise fast smooth reading that sounds like talking. Ask your child questions about the story. What can you tell me about ___? What happens first? Next? At the end? How do you think the character is feeling? What is the problem in the story? How did the character solve the problem?

In addition to the Take-Home Book, your child may bring home other practise activities. Most important, enjoy your time together reading, writing and talking.

If you have any questions about learning support please feel free to contact me. I am located in the small room near Room 10 on Tuesday or in Room 23 in the Hall building on Wednesday-Friday.

Yours Sincerely,

Michelle Bryant