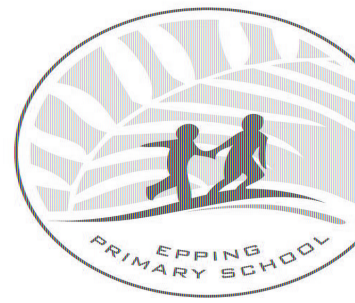


3/4 Term 1 Newsletter, 2024



Message from the classroom

Welcome to the 2024 school year! We hope that everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday after all your amazing achievements in 2023. The students have settled in really well, and all of the teachers are really enjoying getting to know all of you. We are looking forward to exploring heaps of new learning challenges with the students, and setting some goals that we can work on together.

Visual Arts

Students will be revising the Elements of Art. They will be looking at portraits by professional artists from different times and cultures, explore the proportions of the face and create portraits of their own using a variety of mediums.

Italian

Students will further develop an awareness and knowledge of the Italian language. They will revise how to introduce themselves, greet and farewell the teacher and follow simple classroom directions. Students will also learn to generate original sentences that express feelings and emotions. Students will recognise that Carnevale is a festival celebrated in Venice - Northern Italy, as well as learning how Italians celebrate Easter.

STEM

Throughout Term One, students will be learning about the different aspects of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). They will learn about and implement the 3 C's (Collaboration, Communication and Creativity) throughout the term as they are presented with building-based challenges in teams.

Reminders

- All students must wear a hat outside throughout Term One.
- Make sure you are signing into **Compass** to get the latest school updates, communicate to the school community, mark students absent, etc.
- Keep up to date with all the activities in our classrooms by checking in on **Seesaw**.
- If you are having any issues with Compass or Seesaw, please make contact with the school at your earliest convenience for assistance.
- All children need to comply with our school uniform policy.
- We would appreciate if all books and clothing are labelled with your child's name.
- Your student diary **MUST** be brought to school every day. The diaries will be checked regularly to ensure that reading is occurring at home.

PE

This term in PE, students are learning skills in preparation for the Athletics Sports coming up at the end of this term. Students will be practicing track and field events such as discus, shot put, long jump and various running distances in class.

In Our Classrooms



Reading

We will be starting our term by setting reading goals and routines, as well as practicing good reading behaviours such as choosing a “good fit book.” We will be revising strategies for reading accurately, then moving on to a focus on comprehension. The students will work on making predictions, questioning, summarising and making connections with the text, while using a range of fiction and non-fiction books.

Maths

In Term 1, the students will be reflecting on their learning and identifying their next steps. We will discuss the ideas behind problem solving and continue using Number Talks to identify and refine our maths strategies as a class. Our focus for the term will be Place Value, including partitioning and renaming numbers using maths tools.

SEL

In S.E.L., (Social and Emotional Learning), students will focus on the recognition and expression of emotions, the development of resilience and the appreciation of the diverse world in which we live. They will be revisiting Morning and Afternoon Circles, mindfulness, and being ready-to-learn.

Writing

We will begin the term by exploring Narrative. Students will analyse texts to identify good Narrative structure and vocabulary while creating their own texts. We will also focus on Exposition and discuss how to use our writing to persuade. Students will cover a range of punctuation, grammar and spelling strategies to support their work.

Important Dates

Monday 11th March - Labour Day/ Public Holiday

19th - 22nd February- Meet and Greet

13th - 25th March - NAPLAN testing

Tuesday 21st March - Harmony Day