

1/2 Term 1 Newsletter



Message from the teachers:

Welcome back to school for the year 2022 everyone. We have a big year ahead of us in the 1/2 area. In Term One we will be continuing our focus on using learning intentions and success criteria to keep the students on track with what they are learning each and every lesson. Please continue to check Seesaw for classroom updates and Compass for whole school updates. We look forward to seeing what the term brings!

Italian:

Students will be revising the greetings and how to express their feelings through oral interactions. They will learn to identify Italy on a world map and identify the colours of the Italian flag. Students will also recognise that Carnevale is a festival celebrated in Venice - Northern Italy, as well as learning how Italians celebrate Easter.

Performing Arts:

This term students will be learning about writing music on the stave as well as exploring new rhythms and instruments like xylophones. They will also learn some folk dances.

PE:

This term, grade 1/2 children will be working on ball handling skills using a variety of balls used in different sports.

Visual Arts:

Students will be exploring the element of colour through a variety of different mediums.

Reminders:

- Please make sure all students have the correct books and materials for their classwork.
- Please bring your home reader bag to school as home reading has already begun.
- All students require a sunsmart hat during Term One.
- All students must be at school by 8:55 am in full school uniform. Late-comers must enter the school via the office to get a late pass.
- Please ensure that your child has a piece of fruit along with their snack and lunch. Each class has a scheduled fruit break at some time in the morning.
- Water is also the only drink students should be bringing to school.

Important Dates:

- Meet and Greet (date to be advised)
- Harmony Day (date to be advised)
- Labour Day (Public Holiday): 14th March
- Last day of school: 8th April

Classroom Curriculum



Reading:

In Reading, we will be looking at the '1 pick' strategy to find the best fit book and practice read to self. We will be addressing skills around Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding Vocabulary. We will also focus on teaching the features of Narratives and Procedures.

Writing:

In Writing, will be delving into the structure of sentences, focusing on capital letters, full stops and other areas of punctuation. We will also focus on Narrative and Procedural writing, understanding the structure flow of each writing style. We will practice spelling words each week using the Soundwaves program.

Maths:

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on counting forwards and backwards, skip counting and recognising the place values of numbers. We will explore informal and formal units of measurement as well as learning about chance and probability.

SEA (Social and Emotional Awareness):

This term in SEA, students will learn the difference between being mindful and unmindful. They will explore a variety of mindful movements to help regulate emotions. Additionally, students will investigate the different reasons why we express emotions and what those emotions look and feel like. Towards the end of the term, we will celebrate Harmony Day, learning about, and discussing our country's wonderful diversity.

Inquiry:

During our 'Start-Up' program in the beginning of the term, students will represent and express themselves through drawn images, numbers and words. As we progress through the term, students will learn about their community and explore their connection to their immediate surroundings. We will discover the different aspects that make up a community, and a variety of roles people take up to create a safe and functioning society.