

1/2 Term 2 Newsletter



Message from the teachers:

The 1/2 teachers are very excited to begin a new term with your children.

We trust you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break over the holidays and the children are well rested and ready to begin Term 2 with a fresh mindset.

This term we will have several fun and engaging activities to broaden the children's knowledge and expand their thinking.

We look forward to continuing to build partnerships between home and school.

You may have noticed that we are no longer sending home spelling words. These are now being practised during class time. Please continue to read with your child daily and practise reading and spelling the Magic Words. Students are also encouraged to work through their tasks on Reading Eggs and Mathseeds.

Italian:

Students will be working on the topic: 'il tempo libero' (leisure/hobbies), focusing on identifying and expressing personal preferences and interests. They will also be introduced to the story 'Sogni d'oro' (Sweet dreams), as well as revising the numbers from 1-10 and exploring the alphabet in Italian.

Performing Arts:

In Performing Arts we will continue to practise the rhythms of taa, ti-ti and saa and will also explore a new pitch, while practising these melodic concepts on the xylophone.

PE:

In term two we will be working on kicking skills, hitting skills and jump rope.

Visual Arts:

Students will be revisiting primary and secondary colours and exploring different techniques for applying paint to create colour and texture.

Reminders:

- Students should be changing their home readers daily.
- 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:

- School Photos:
 - High St - 28/4/22
 - Greenbrook - 28/4/22
- Italian Day
 - High St - 5/5/22
 - Greenbrook - 3/5/22
- Swimming (High Street only)
Every Tuesday during Term 2 starting Week 2

*Greenbrook swimming will be during Term 4

Classroom Curriculum



Reading:

This term, students will be making connections while reading. They will learn to make connections between a text and something they have experienced in their own lives, to another text they have read and to world history and events.

Students will also work on their reading fluency. They will focus on reading at just the right pace and using punctuation to assist their fluency.

This term's author study will be Dr Seuss. Students will get the opportunity to listen to a wide variety of Dr Seuss texts and complete related activities.

Writing:

During Term 2, students will be learning about Persuasive writing. This is a form of non-fiction writing that helps students develop logical arguments supporting or opposing a topic. Students will learn to convince the reader to believe in an idea or opinion.

Students will also be exploring information reports. They will research and gather facts about a topic and present them in their writing.

Maths:

This term, students will learn addition and subtraction strategies using materials and technology to assist learning. Students will delve into financial Maths, learning about money and the value of notes and coins. Finally, students will learn about time, looking at o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. They will also learn how to interpret calendars and dates.

Protective Behaviours:

.During Term 2, students will be involved in 'Protective Behaviours' training sessions. Protective Behaviours is a personal safety program created by the Children's Protection Society of Victoria. The program aims to promote resilience in children, and awareness of "safe" behaviours. The program teaches children about early warning signs and also encourages children to get in touch with their early warning signals whenever they feel unsafe.

Inquiry:

This term the students will be learning about how people lived in the past and how technology, schooling and transport has changed over time.

STEM:

During Term 2, students will be participating in STEM lessons (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). During these sessions, students will be focusing on communication and collaboration to complete different challenges using limited materials.