

Year 1 Term 3 Newsletter

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Last term was a very successful term that culminated in reports, portfolios and parent/teacher interviews. We hope everyone celebrated their child's successes and enjoyed sharing their results with them.

How wonderful to see all the children return from their holidays recharged and ready to go. It was very satisfying to watch the children happily greet their friends and teachers and quickly slide back into class routines.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 20 th July	Start Smart Incursion
Monday 24 th July	STARS
Wednesday 26 th July	St Johns Ambulance Incursion Chocolates go home
Thursday 3 rd August	Author Incursion
9 th - 18 th August	Life Education Van
Monday 28 th August	STARS
Thursday 31 st Aug	Dad's Night 7-8pm
29 th Aug - 4 th Sept	Literacy/Numeracy Week
Sunday 3 rd Sept	Father's Day
Monday 4 th Sept	Poetry Competition winners present at Assembly
Friday 15 th Sept	Portfolios go home
Monday 18 th Sept	STARS
Tuesday 19 th Sept	Portfolios returned
Friday 22 nd Sept	End of Term 3 Assembly 2-2.30pm

As the weather gets cooler it is important that students remember to rug up and stay warm. Students and parents need to ensure that all those extra layers are named properly and looked after when taken off.

If your child is unwell, it would be best to keep them at home until they are over their sickness. This would be much appreciated by the teachers and other students in the grade.

We also encourage the children to bring a drink bottle full of water each day to keep on their tables, as this plays an important part in good health as does fresh fruit or vegetables for Fruit Time. Please note we will be sending all food scraps and rubbish home as there is no composting & limited bin space due to the building works.

During Term Two we have been teaching the children the importance of promptness, encouraging them to come to line as soon as they hear the music to ensure they are there on time when the bell goes. We would appreciate if parents could help us model punctuality by ensuring that your child is at school and in line when the bell goes at 9 o'clock. Please sign them in at the office if arriving late or leaving early.

MATHEMATICS

This term topics covered will include: Number & Algebra - Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Money. Measurement & Geometry - Length, Mass and Shape. We will also continue to have a daily focus on number - counting patterns & automatic response. Please encourage the use of Mathematics at home. (Log in details are in student Reading Diaries)

LITERACY PLANET & RAINBOW WORDS

Please continue to encourage regular practice of your child's Rainbow Word lists. The children need to read and spell them to progress to the next card. We are noticing an improvement in these words in their daily writing.

Literacy Planet is also a great tool to practise the words. Students have been taught how to 'Create Lists' of their current words using this program.

INTEGRATED STUDIES

This term the topics will include Life Education & Australia - Victoria.



The Life Education Centre Mobile Classroom along with Harold the Giraffe will help the children learn about the human body and the importance of maintaining good health. The program also helps children to develop the skills necessary to be able to think for themselves in the face of all kinds of pressures. The Life Education program is supported by our "Challenges and Choices" classroom focus on medicines, hazardous substances and emergencies.

Our Australia topic will focus on Victoria, significant places and our connection to them. We will also be learning more about "Australia" in general and discovering all about its flag, animals, geography, capital cities, states and territories.

STUDENT WELLBEING



We will continue to reinforce our school values of respect, fairness, compassion, understanding, and honesty. As well as this we will focus on the "You Can Do It" skill of persistence. We will continue our focus on making friends and managing feelings by using the "Stop, Think, Do" model of social problem solving. The children will explore their different choices when responding to situations and the possible consequences.



SPORT

This term children will continue to participate in rotations on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00 to 2.45pm. We will also be focusing on skills such as hitting, throwing, catching and kicking. We still need more parents to assist us so if you have a Working with Children's Check and are able to help on a Tuesday afternoon, please see your child's teacher.

REMINDERS

TAKE HOME READERS

After you have listened to your child read each night please sign their reading diary and return it to school the next day.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please check your child's "Take Home Reader" folder each night for these. Place any notes to return back into their reader folders and remind them to pass these onto their classroom teacher.

CLOTHING

Please check your child's clothing and ensure that the name labels are still attached and easy to read.



CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE

Once again, we would like to thank the parents who helped us in the classrooms last term. If you are able to assist in the classroom this term please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to your continued support. Please feel free to contact us if at any time you have concerns or questions.

LITERACY SUPPORT

Cath Buckland will assist small groups of students who need extra support with their Literacy learning this term.

Year One Team

Liz Nicholson, Annikka Smith, Virginia Gardner, Mary Brisbane and Cath Buckland

