

GRADE 1 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 2, 2018 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to school. We hope you had a restful break. Listed below is important information for the term. Please feel free to arrange a time to discuss any concerns you may have with your child's teacher. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher please contact the office to make an appointment.

CLASSROOM TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS DAYS

1A Melissa Russell ES- Emma James, Enverie Balla, Leanne Gorman	1B Krysta Flahive
Library- Monday Performing Arts - Tuesday PE - Thursday Art - Thursday	PE - Tuesday Art - Wednesday Performing Arts - Wednesday Library- Thursday
1C Deanna Raptopoulos	1D Tayla Muscat
Performing Arts- Wednesday PE - Wednesday Art - Friday Library- Friday	PE- Wednesday Performing Arts - Wednesday Art - Thursday Library-Friday
1E Ella Gibson	
PE- Wednesday Art - Thursday Performing Arts - Friday Library- Friday	

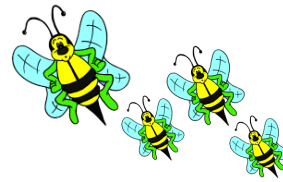
INDEPENDENT GRADE 1 STUDENTS

This term we are encouraging independence. Please encourage your child to:

- walk into the classroom alone
- carry their bag to and from school
- pack their own bag
- organise their belongings (lunch box, red bag, library and homework books)
- change their own reading books and write text names in their diary
- tie their own shoe laces.

It would be appreciated if you could encourage these expectations at home.

Another way to support your child's independence is to say goodbye outside the grade 1 building at the beginning of the day and wait for your child outside at a designated place at the end of the day, e.g. seats near the canteen or playground.



PICK UP

Please ensure your child understands where you will meet them at the end of the day. Children are encouraged to return to their classroom if they are unable to find their parents, so please check their classrooms if they are not at your designated meeting place.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ANZAC Day Holiday - Wednesday 25th April

School Photos- Tuesday 1st and Wednesday the 2nd May

Mother's Day afternoon - Friday 4th May

Family maths night - Wednesday 23rd May

Animals of Oz Incursion - To be confirmed

Queen's Birthday Holiday - Monday 11th June

Curriculum Day- Tuesday 12th June

Reports to go home - Friday 22nd June

Parent Teacher Interviews - Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th June

SWPBS

Our four school values are: - **Be Safe - Be Responsible - Be Respectful - Be a Learner**

Feel free to use this language at home to enhance the home/school connection.

It's also important to note that the courtyard is a passive place where students should be quiet, calm, and walking at all times, including before and after school.

RED BAG

Each night your child will bring home their red bag, which contains:

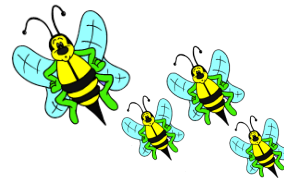
- Home Reading Diary
- A reading book
- Homework book
- M100W word book or Look Say Spell Cover Write Check word book

Reading at home is an important part of your child's learning. Please spend 10 minutes listening to your child read their book and M100W words. If your child has spelling words please assist them with the Look Say Spell Cover Write Check process.

Please make sure their **RED BAG** is brought to school **EVERY DAY** so your child can take home a new book to read each night. M100W or Look Say Spell Cover Write Check will be checked and updated weekly by your child's teacher. Students are also encouraged to place important notes or newsletters in their red bag.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY because EVERY DAY COUNTS

If your child is going to be absent from school, please phone the school in the morning to inform us and on your child's return, please provide a written explanation of the absence to the classroom teacher.



FRUIT AND WATER

Each day your child will be given a 10 minute break to have a piece of fruit. It would be good if you could provide your child with a piece of fruit every day. We also encourage all students to bring a water bottle to school each day to avoid interrupting learning time to get a drink outside the classroom.

AUSLAN

Children will participate in a 30 minute Auslan session each week. During the term, children will consolidate fingerspelling the alphabet by learning to sign the Months of the Year and Days of the Week. They will also be taught to sign shapes, weather, food and drinks. If you are interested in learning more about Auslan, please visit the Australian Sign Language website www.auslan.org.au

KEY CONCEPTS COVERED THIS TERM

Reading

- Text structures and features
- Summarising
- Questions and Questioning
- Reading strategies e.g. stretch it out, break it up, using pictures
- Think aloud - having discussions about books

Writing

- Procedural texts e.g. a recipe
- Information Reports

Maths

- Mass
- Location
- Time
- Addition and Subtraction
- Place Value

Inquiry

This term we will be focusing on 'Australia and the Dreamtime'. Students will participate in activities where they will explore Australian seasons and weather patterns, natural and constructed landmarks and indigenous culture. The unit will also include an incursion called Animals of Oz, which will allow students to explore animals and their features.

We are looking forward to an eventful Term 2.

Regards,

Grade 1 Teachers