

GRADE 1 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 4, 2018 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back, we hope you all enjoyed your break. We have a busy Term 4 and look forward to many exciting activities and experiences.

CLASSROOM TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS DAYS

1A Melissa Russell	1B Krysta Flahive
Library - Monday Performing Arts - Tuesday P.E. - Wednesday Art - Thursday	Performing Arts - Tuesday P.E. - Wednesday Art and Library - Thursday
1C Deanna Raptopoulos	1D Tayla Muscat
Library and Art - Tuesday P.E. and Performing Arts - Friday	Performing Arts - Monday P.E. - Tuesday Art - Thursday Library - Friday
1E Ella Gibson	
P.E. - Tuesday Performing Arts - Wednesday Art - Thursday Library - Friday	

EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR THIS TERM:

Growing Up in the Past Grandparent/Parent/ Family Afternoon Visits - Week 3

Curriculum Day - Monday 5th November

Melbourne Cup - Tuesday 6th November

Transition - Thursday 22nd November, Thursday 29th November and Thursday 6th December

P-2 Disco - (date yet to be confirmed)

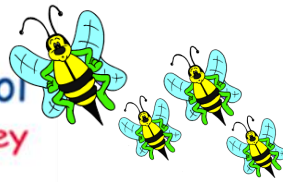
Christmas Concert - (date yet to be confirmed)

Orientation Day - Tuesday 11th December

Reports Home - Friday 14th December

SunSmart

Term 4 is a 'No Hat, No Play' term. Students are expected to wear either a blue broad brimmed or blue bucket hat at recess and lunch every day (Please note caps are not acceptable SunSmart hats). If they are not wearing an approved hat, they will be limited to playing in the courtyard. For more information on this, our SunSmart policy can be found on the school website.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

If your child is away, please call the school. When returning, please include date, name, grade and reason for absence on a note to your child's class teacher.

SWPBS

Our four school values are: - **Be Safe** - **Be Responsible** - **Be Respectful** - **Be a Learner**.
Please feel free to use this language at home to enhance the home/school connection.

AUSLAN

During Term 4, children will learn to sign directions, home, countries and transport words. The Auslan puppets are particularly effective in engaging and motivating the children to sign new topics. Songs are also a fun way to learn sign and towards the end of the term, children will learn to sign Christmas songs. Several classes throughout the year have had a turn at signing during assembly, in Term 4, a Grade 1 class will be selected to share a song at assembly. It is a wonderful way for the children to celebrate their successes in Auslan.

KEY CONCEPTS COVERED THIS TERM

Reading

- Reading strategies
- Summarising
- Think Aloud
- Prediction & Prior Knowledge
- Visualising

Writing

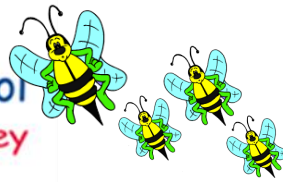
- Handwriting (letter formation, upper and lower case letters)
- Transactional (written communication, letters, cards postcards etc)
- Poetry

Maths

- Fractions (using halves)
- Money (identifying Australian coins)
- Addition and Subtraction (using counting to solve equations)
- Time (reading digital and analogue clocks using o'clock and half past)
- Capacity (informal measurement of liquids)
- Place Value (tens and ones)

Inquiry - Our Families Over Time

As a part of our inquiry learning this term, we are encouraging students to bring in **artefacts from the past**. Items can include toys, records, cassettes, money, Walkman's, etc. An artefact table will be made in each classroom, for all Grade 1 students to view and will provide opportunities for students to gain understandings of growing up in the past. Artefacts will be for students to view, not touch and will be sent home on Friday the 30th of November.



We are also inviting grandparents, parents, aunties and uncles to come into the classroom on Monday the 22nd through to Friday the 26th of October. **Days and times will vary for each Grade 1 classroom.** Family members will answer questions the students have about growing up in the past. E.g. What toys did you play with? What forms of technology did you have in your house?

Looking forward to an eventful Term 4.

Regards,
Grade 1 Teachers.



Mrs Flahive, Miss Gibson, Ms Russell and Ms Raptopoulos enjoying the Term 3 football day celebrations.