

GRADE 2 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 4 2018 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians

We hope that you have had a fun and restful break, and look forward to a bustling and exciting Term 4 ahead!

Classroom teachers and specialist days.

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| 2A – Miss Guest and Ms DeBono (ES) | 2B – Miss Aquilina |
| Monday – Library Tuesday – AUSLAN Wednesday – PE Friday – Art and Performing Arts | Monday – Performing Arts Tuesday – Art Wednesday – PE Friday – AUSLAN and Library |
| 2C – Miss Allwright and Ms Floyd (ES) | 2D – Miss Lamont |
| Monday – Performing Arts Wednesday – PE and Art Thursday – Library Friday - AUSLAN | Tuesday – PE Wednesday – Performing Arts and Art Thursday – Library Friday – AUSLAN |
| 2E – Miss Cutajar | |
| Tuesday – Performing Arts Wednesday – PE Friday – Art and AUSLAN and Library | |

Important Dates

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| October 15 th | Wheel and Walk-a-thon | November 29 th | Transition |
| October 25 th - November 8 th | Thursdays: Athletics sessions. | December 6 th | Transition |
| November 5 th | Curriculum Day | December 10 th | Christmas Concert |
| November 6 th | Melbourne Cup Day | December 11 th | Orientation Day |
| November 22 nd | Transition | December 21 st | Final day of 2018 |

Drop Off Times

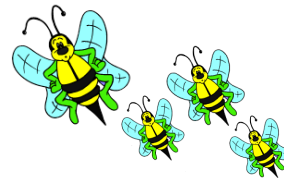
At Bellbridge Primary School, children are expected to enter the classroom at 8:20am. This allows them time to unpack their bags, change their take home books, place lunch orders in the lunch order crate and hand money, notes and messages to the teachers for them to process.

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.

It's Not OK to Be Away

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



Fruit Break

All Grade 2 classes allow time during the day for students to take a break and re-energise with fresh fruit or vegetables. Please ensure your child has some fresh fruit or vegetables included in their lunchbox each day.

Transition

During Term 4, all students will be involved in our school based transition program. This will be a chance for your child to go to a Grade 3 classroom and do some work with the current Grade 3 teachers, in preparation for 2018. The School Newsletter will have more information about this soon.

Homework & Reading

Homework will start in week 2 and finish in week 9. Books will be handed out on a Monday, and should be returned Friday. Homework is designed to be three quick revision tasks, with reading and spelling words practised daily. It is an expectation that your child is reading on a daily basis and recording this in their diaries.

Term 3 Inquiry Unit

During Term 4, the Grade 2 students will be focusing on Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds. They will focus on growth and how their needs will change over time, as well as how their actions affect those around them. Links have been made between our inquiry unit and procedural writing unit, where we will be making a variety of healthy foods.

Grade 2 Auslan Term 4

During Term 4, children will learn to sign cooking, music and Christmas words. We will continue to explore deaf culture and increase awareness about deafness. Auslan puppets are particularly effective in engaging and motivating the children to sign new topics, they will continue to assist students to learn sign in Term 4. Several classes throughout the year have had a turn at singing and signing a song at assembly. It has been a wonderful way to celebrate the successes in Auslan. Songs are a fun way to learn sign and towards the end of the term, children will learn to sign several Christmas songs.

Key concepts covered this term.

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| <p>Maths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Place Value ➤ Addition, Subtraction and Money ➤ Volume and Capacity ➤ Division ➤ Fractions ➤ Multiplication | <p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Comprehension Questions ➤ Inferences ➤ Questions and Questioning ➤ Text structures and Features ➤ Think Aloud | <p>Inquiry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Healthy Bodies <p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Exposition Procedural |
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Happy learning,
The Grade 2 Team.