

GRADE 1C NEWSLETTER

~ Term 3, 2014 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a restful break. Thank you to all the families that attended Parent Teacher Interviews. Your care and support is valuable to the teaching and learning of your child. We look forward to many amazing moments and achievements this term.

Specialists

Monday-Performing Arts 12-1pm

Tuesday- Library 11-12pm, Physical Education 12-1pm

Events to look out for this term

Please refer to the school newsletter and facebook page for additional details closer to the dates.

Cultural Day

Footy Day

Amazing Race

Father's Day activities

Science Works Excursion

Your child has been sent home with a blue note detailing the information for this exciting excursion on Thursday 14th August. The total cost is \$20 and is due by Thursday 7th August. Please see your child's teacher if you would like to help out on the day.

Inquiry Unit

This term we will be focusing on Earth. We will look at natural and built objects, the night sky, landscapes and recycling.

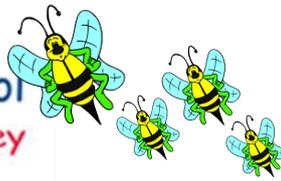
Starting the week after the exciting Science Works excursion all of the grade one students will be taking part in science rotations 1 hour a week. Each class will rotate through the four classrooms participating in a range of classroom based experiments.

It's not okay 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 please provide a written explanation of the absence to the classroom teacher.

Fruit Break

Are held in the classroom at 1.40 (directly after lunch play) daily. Providing your child with a piece of fruit allows them to have a much needed energy boost for the last hour of their school day.



Homework

All students have weekly homework tasks to complete. Homework is given out on Monday and is due back on Friday. Students will be tested on their weekly spelling words on Friday morning.

If you have concerns about your child's homework or are unsure of a task, please see us as soon as possible so we can provide help.

Each night your child should bring home their **RED READING BAG**. Please make an effort to read with your child every night, and ensure that their yellow reading diary is filled out by either them or you each time, so they can receive reading awards and don't feel left out.

Show and Tell

Our class sharing, also known as show and tell, will be run every day. We encourage all students to bring a toy, book or picture relating to our Inquiry unit to ensure they get a star for bringing something to share. New share days for Term 3 are pasted in their homework book.

Classroom Toy

We have two new friends and one familiar soft toy face this term in our classroom. "Polly" the dragon, "Mo" the lion or "Mayson" the mammoth will be awarded and shared amongst students who are making good choices within the classroom.

At the end of each day we will have a classroom lucky dip and the lucky student will choose from the three toys who will go home with them for one night only. Students will be encouraged to take home a diary and record what they did with their chosen toy with both pictures and writing on one page only of the diary. Although photos look nice it is not compulsory.

Just like the students, the "its not ok to be away" rule also applies to the classroom toys. The book and toy must be returned to school every day.

Regards,
Melissa Russell