

GRADE 1 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 4, 2017 ~

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 Janice Trait (ESO)
P.E. and Performing Arts - Monday Library - Tuesday Art- Thursday	P.E. and Performing Arts - Monday Art - Tuesday Library - Wednesday
1C Deanna Raptopoulos	1D Keely Bubb Lindata Balla (ESO Mon, Wed, Fri)
Library and P.E. - Tuesday Art and Performing Arts - Thursday	Art- Tuesday P.E. and Performing Arts - Thursday Library - Friday
1E Rebecca Guest	
Performing Arts - Tuesday PE - Wednesday Art - Thursday Library - Friday	

EVENTS TO LOOK OUT FOR THIS TERM:

Growing Up in the Past Grandparent/Parent/ Family Afternoon Visits - Monday 23rd-
Friday 27th of October (see below for more details)

Curriculum Day - Monday 6th November

Melbourne Cup - Tuesday 7th November

Transition - Thursday 23rd, 30th November and 7th December

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

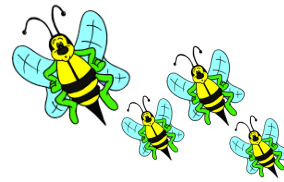
Christmas Concert - (date yet to be confirmed)

Orientation Day - Tuesday 12th December

Reports Home - Friday 15th December

It's not okay to be away

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, transport and Christmas words. Two more Auslan puppets were introduced during Term 3 and will continue to assist the children 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

Reading

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

Writing

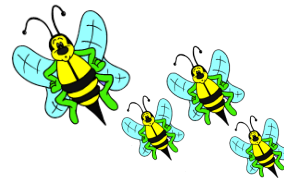
- Handwriting (letter formation, upper and lower case letters)
- Transactional (written communication, letters, cards postcards etc)
- Poetry

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 3rd of November.



We are also inviting grandparents, parents, aunties and uncles to come into the classroom on Monday the 23rd through to Friday the 27th of October. **Times will vary from 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,

Melissa Russell, Krysta Flahive, Deanna Raptopoulos, Keely Bubb and Rebecca Guest