

# GRADE 2 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 1 2018 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Term 1! We hope you and your child had a wonderful break and enjoyed some quality time together. Hopefully your child has had time to rest for a busy and productive term ahead.

Thank you to the parents who made sure their child had a hat, art smock, library bag and tissue box on the first day of school. If any of these items have been overlooked, we would very much appreciate them being brought into the classroom as soon as possible.

## **Grade 2 Team, 2018**

The teachers in the Grade 2 team this year are:

2A – Rebecca Guest (Room 8)

2B – Casey Aquilina (Room 9)

2C – Emma Allwright (Room 13)

2D – Michelle Lamont (Room 14).

2E – Ann-Marie Cutajar (Room 13A)

If you need to speak to your child's teacher for any reason, please call the school and we will call you back as soon as possible.

## **Homework**

Homework will start in week 3 with distribution on Monday & homework being completed and returned on Friday. The homework is designed to be a quick task completed each night with reading and spelling words practised daily. If you are experiencing difficulties with your child completing homework please contact your child's teacher.

## **Reading**

Students will be bringing home their reader bags, diaries and take home books this week. It is an expectation that your child is reading on a daily basis and they are recording the books they read in their student diary so teachers can track their reading. This is also an opportunity to develop their independence by ensuring they pack the reader bag to bring to school daily.

## **SunSmart**

Term 1 is a 'No Hat, No Play' term. Students are expected to wear either a blue broad brimmed or bucket hat at recess and lunch every day. 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.

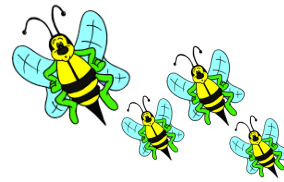
## **It's Not OK to Be Away**

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.

## **AUSLAN**

This year the Grade 2 students will be taking part in Auslan lessons with Mrs. Priscilla Patterson. The following is a message from Mrs. Patterson:

Auslan will be taught to Grade 2 students for 30 minutes each week. Auslan is short for Australian Sign Language. Auslan is a visual language used by the deaf community and is produced by using the hands, face, body and gestures. During Term 1, students will build on their prior knowledge from last year and communicate by fingerspelling the alphabet with speed and accuracy. They will also be taught how to sign sport, hobby and technology words.



### Term 1 Learning Focus

This term the students in Grade 2 will be covering the following areas in their learning:

<p><u>MATHS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Place Value</li> <li>- Calendars</li> <li>- Addition</li> <li>- Subtraction</li> <li>- Shape</li> <li>- Location</li> </ul>	<p><u>READING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reading Strategies</li> <li>- Visualising</li> <li>- Predicting</li> <li>- Questioning</li> </ul> <p><u>WRITING</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recount</li> <li>- Transactional: letters, invitations, postcards, etc</li> </ul>	<p><u>INQUIRY UNIT</u></p> <p><i>Where in the World do we come from?</i></p> <p>Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Where our family originated</li> <li>- Where Australia is in the world</li> <li>- Where we live</li> </ul>
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### Dates to Remember

Some important events that are coming up in Term 1:

Parent/Teacher interviews (meet & greet): Monday February 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup>

Labour Day Public Holiday: Monday March 12<sup>th</sup>

School Carnival: Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>

Last Day of Term 1: Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>

Regards,

The Grade 2 Team 😊