

GRADE 2 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 1 2020 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Term 1! We hope you and your child have 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 has a *hat, art smock and library bag* 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 teachers:

2A – Miss Aquilina (Room 8)
2B – Miss King (Room 9)
2C – Miss Karatenisli (Room 13)
2D – Miss Burgess (Room 14)
2E – Mrs Spilsbury (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.

KEY DATES

Tue 11/2 - Safer Internet Day

Mon 17/2-Tue 18/2 - Parent-Teacher Meetings (PSD-funded SSGs this week also) Mon

Mon 17/2- Hockey Clinic

Mon 9/3 - LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY (No school)

Fri 13/3 - National Ride 2 School Day

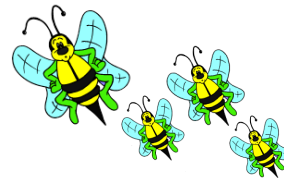
Fri 27/3 - Free Dress Day & Last day of Term 1 (1:40 dismissal)

**Keep up to date with key dates by looking at the front page of the monthly school newsletter, and referring to our school website's calendar.*

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Assemblies will be held in the school gym at approx. 1:50pm on the following Fridays, except the last day of term - as communicated closer to the date.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
31/1	7/2	14/2	21/2	28/2	6/3	13/3	20/3	27/3
3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	P-6	P-2	P-6



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students are required to be in full school uniform and all clothing should have your child's name clearly written on it to reduce the amount of lost property. If a student's hair is longer than shoulder length, please have it securely tied back.

NO HAT, NO PLAY

In Term 1, all students are required to wear a navy blue, wide-brimmed or bucket hat for play times and outdoor learning activities.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Respectful Relationships is an initiative to support schools and early childhood education settings promote and model respect and equality. It also supports educators to teach our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

There are 8 topics addressed every year from P-6. This term, the Grade 2 students will engage in lessons from the underlined topic/s below:

1. Emotional Literacy
2. Personal Strengths
3. Positive Coping
4. Problem-Solving
5. Stress Management
6. Help-seeking
7. Gender and Identity
8. Positive gender relations

DROP OFF TIMES

Children are expected to enter the classroom at 8:20am. This allows them time to independently unpack their bags, read and change their take home books, place lunch orders in the tub and hand any notes or messages to the teacher. This is an important time for teachers and students to make a settled and positive start to the day.

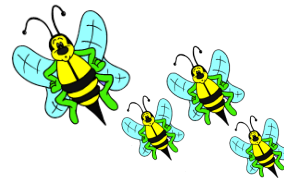
RED BAG

Each night your child will bring home their red bag, which contains:

- Diary
- A take-home book
- Homework book
- M100W word book (selected students only)



Reading at home is an important part of your child's learning. Please spend 10 minutes each day listening to your child read their book. If your child has spelling words, please assist them with the Look, Say, Spell, Cover, Write and Check process. Also ensure that your child's red bag is brought to school **each day**, so your child can take home a new book to read each night. Please note that the students are also encouraged to place important notes or newsletters in their red bag. **Take home books will start going home on Monday 3rd February.**



HOMEWORK

Homework will be handed out every Monday and need to be returned every Friday (starting Monday 10th February). A new homework task sheet will be pasted into your child's book weekly.

Homework should not be stressful or too time consuming. These activities support what is being done in class and students should aim to complete each task to the best of their ability.

Every Day Counts

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.

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. Also note that the courtyard is a passive place where students should be quiet, calm, and walking at all times, including before and after school.

FRUIT AND WATER

Each day your child will be given a 10 minute break to have a piece of fruit. Please provide your child with a piece of fruit every day. We encourage all students to bring a water bottle to school each day to avoid interrupting learning time to get a drink.



We look forward to working in partnership with you this year and having a very successful 2020.

Regards,
Grade 2 Team.