

# Year 1 Newsletter, Term 3 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3! Can you believe we are already in the second half of the year? It has been great to see our Year 1 students excited to be back at school and settling back into school life and routines so quickly after the holidays. Our classes will continue with the explicit, ongoing teaching of the six school values this term as well as regular Social and Emotional learning.

This term we will be opening the gates from 8:30am. Students will be unsupervised in the yard until 8:40am when staff start Active Supervision. A reminder that students can enter their classrooms when the music ends. Our learning time begins at 9:00am every day, please ensure that you have said goodbye to your child and they are in their classroom by 9:00am. Classroom teachers are available to discuss any concerns between 8:40am to 8:50am and from 3:10pm to 3:20pm.

In reading, we are covering a variety of solving word strategies including sounding out, using the first or last letter of a word to give us clues and using pictures. We will be putting a focus on reading fluently, taking notice of punctuation and using expression. We will teach students strategies to search for and use information in a text, as well as providing opinions on a text.

In writing we are investigating the structure and features of a range of different text types. This includes persuasive texts and procedural texts. Students will be able to explore different types of arguments and investigate how to make them persuasive as well as learn to follow directions in procedural texts. Students will have the opportunity to write their own persuasive texts and procedural texts. These texts will also link to their inquiry learning surrounding health.

In maths we are learning about shapes, fractions, measurement and multiplication. In shapes, students will describe two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects. In fractions, students will recognise and describe one-half as one of two equal parts of a whole. In measurement, students will measure and compare the lengths, masses and capacities of pairs of objects. For multiplication, students will recognise and represent multiplication as repeated addition, groups and arrays. The learning experiences provided in the classroom will allow the children to find the use of these topics in their environments and daily lives.

This term, our inquiry topic revolves around health, focusing on the importance of physical activity. Students will explore ways to create a healthy, safe, and active environment within our classrooms. Additionally, they will learn about local venues like Waves Swimming Pool, where they can engage in various physical activities. Exciting experiences await our students, including guest sports presenters.

Take home reading is continuing and your child should be bringing home books daily. Please ensure your child is reading for a minimum of ten minutes a day and returning their take home book each day with their home reading signed off in their Home Reading Diary. Read with your child, to your child and have them read to you. Homework books are sent home fortnightly and are expected back on Friday's – see homework sheets for correct dates. Homework is to be completed and recorded in the homework book prior to being returned. Students will also receive fortnightly spelling glued into their homework to be returned every second Friday completed. On top of nightly spelling and reading, students will also receive a homework matrix filled with various homework assignments and it is an expectation that this is brought back to school every fortnight.

Your child will participate in Physical Education, Visual Art, Science, Kitchen Garden and Performing Arts this semester as part of the Specialist Program. Library and Auslan (Language) sessions are also timetabled for each class. Please bring a library bag to school as soon as possible. If you have already done so, thank you. On your child's Physical Education day, please ensure they wear appropriate footwear.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher outside of Student Learning Conferences this term, please make an appointment to meet with them at a suitable time to ensure your discussion can be in-depth and avoid interruptions. Alternatively, you can phone the school on 9743 0633 and leave a message for the staff member to call you when they are available. This term, classrooms will open at 8:50am for students giving them 10 minutes to complete their morning routine activities such as spelling and getting ready for the day. Teachers will be available from 8:40am for any discussions with parents.

### Upcoming Events & Important Dates

**11th July – NAIDOC DAY activities**

**31st August / 1st September – Father's Day Stall**

**16th August – Student Led Conferences**

**8th September - Big Night In**

**21st of August - Book Week Parade**

**14th September - R U OK? Day**

**22nd August – Whole School House Colour Activities**

**15th September - Colour Run / Last Day of Term - 2:10PM Finish**

**23rd August - Open Afternoon**

### **Specialist Classes**

Below is the Term 3 Specialist timetable. Students require a bag to borrow and must return library books at their next session.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>1 Sophia</b>	Performing Arts	Science Auslan	PE Kitchen Garden		Visual Arts Library
<b>1 Cohen</b>	P.E Auslan	Performing Arts	Visual Arts Kitchen Garden Science		Library
<b>1 Cole</b>		Performing Arts Science	P.E Kitchen Garden	Visual Arts Library	Auslan
<b>1 Dovaston</b>	PE Kitchen Garden	Science	Performing Arts	Library Auslan	Visual Arts

### **Visual Arts with Mrs Lidia Woolley**

In Term 3 students in Grade 1 will be exploring the art making process of collage. They will be encouraged to play with and investigate the materials of collage such as paper and paste. Through their art making students will explore the collage techniques of scrunching, tearing, folding and fringing.

### **Performing Arts with Ms Christina Muster**

In Term 3 students will be learning about music and how to play several percussion instruments and create simple tunes. They will be exposed to many different music styles.

### **Physical Education with Mrs Helen Craig**

Students will focus on developing their striking (forehand and two-handed strike), catching and throwing skills.

They will apply their skills in minor team games with a focus on cooperation with others and fair play.

In gymnastics they will explore ways of moving and developing control when stopping, starting, springing and landing. They will begin to link movements to form simple sequences.

### **Kitchen Garden with Ms Butcher**

During Term 3 students will participate in a range of activities to promote healthy eating and be able to make informed choices about the foods they eat. They will be involved in planting seeds and vegetables in the garden, tending to these and then using the produce from the garden to make healthy recipes to eat in the Kitchen Garden Classroom Restaurant. They will look at the difference between fruits and vegetables and the different parts of a plant and their purposes. Please make that if your child has long hair it is tied back on the day that they have their Kitchen Garden lesson.

**Year 1 Team,** Natasha Dovaston (Team Leader), Dylan Cohen, Asha Cole & Sophia Alex.