

Year 1 Newsletter, Term 2, 2023

Dear Parents, Families and Guardians,

Welcome back to school for Term 2! We hope that you and your family have had a great break, and that you are looking forward to the weeks ahead. It's going to be a busy and exciting Term Two, full of fun learning! This term we will continue our focus on our 6 school values – Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Effort, Excellence and Empathy.

In Reading, students will develop their ability to read independently for sustained periods of time and will apply reading strategies modelled to them. These include include summarising, inferring, and monitoring and correcting, which will assist them in improving their reading fluency and comprehension. In Writing, students will become authors, they will create their own Information and Fiction texts. They will participate in handwriting and learn about different elements of literacy including Onset and Rime, sounds, and spelling patterns each week. In Mathematics, we will explore topics from all Mathematics strands including addition and subtraction, shape, data and location.

Students' homework focus this term will reading and spelling. Your child should be bringing books home multiple times a week and practising the same texts over a few days to support their comprehension, fluency and word recognition. Please ensure your child is reading for a minimum of ten minutes a day and completing an entry into their green student reading journal signed by their guardian. We encourage you to support students to read aloud and to sound out unfamiliar words. Students will complete spelling one practice of each spelling word each day over the two weeks before their homework book is due back.

Students should be building their independence and responsibility with putting their journal, notes, lunch boxes, bottles, library bags, lunch orders, and other items in their bags before school and when they return home.

We are excited to announce that this term we will be going on an excursion to Scienceworks! More information to be sent home shortly. Families will need to give permission and complete medical forms promptly. It is important to ensure that medication and medical action plans required by the school (Asthma, Allergies, Anaphylaxis etc.) are current and supplied to the office as soon as possible. Please ensure you are checking bags, planners, Compass, and emails daily so you have the most up-to-date information.

If you need to speak to your child's teacher at any point, please make an appointment to meet with them at a suitable time. Alternatively, you can phone the school on 9743 0633 and leave a message for the staff member to call you when they are available.

Lastly, below you will find information regarding your child's Specialist Classes, as well as important dates coming up for the following term. Term 2 will commence on Wednesday, April 26th and finish on Friday 23rd of June with a 2.10 finish.

Year 1 Team, Nick Gonzalez (Team Leader), Asha Cole, Natasha Dovaston and Dylan Cohen

Upcoming Events & Important Dates

Staff Curriculum Day/Student Free day - Monday 24th of April.

Anzac Day Public Holiday. **No students required at school** - Tuesday 25th of April.

First day of Term 2 - Wednesday, April 26th at 8:50am.

Education Week - 15th - 19th of May.

Whole School House Colour Activities Day - 24th May.

Kings Birthday Public Holiday. **No students required at school** - Monday 12th of June.

Various dates: Grade 1 assembly performances (Fridays from 2:20pm in the gym).

Specialist Classes

Below is the Term 2 Specialist timetable. Students require a bag to borrow and must return library books each week. It is asked that students wear appropriate footwear for their PE day.

| Class | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1 Gonzalez | | Performing Arts Library/Auslan | Visual Arts | Science | PE |
| 1 Cohen | | Performing Arts Library/Auslan | P.E | Science | Visual Arts |
| 1 Cole | PE | Science | Performing Arts | Visual Arts | Library/Auslan |
| 1 Dovaston | PE | Science | Performing Arts | Visual Arts | Library/Auslan |

Visual Arts with Mrs Lidia Woolley

In Term 2 students in Year 1 will be encouraged to investigate the skills, techniques and processes of textiles. Students will have the opportunity to express their ideas using wool to create a three-dimensional textile artwork.

Performing Arts with Ms Christina Muster

In Levels 1 and 2, students continue their exploration and learning about how ideas and stories can be imagined and communicated through drama. They improvise and create roles, characters, and situations. They share their drama with peers and experience drama as audiences.

Physical Education (PE) with Mrs Helen Craig

Students will further develop their ball control skills of bouncing and kicking. They will participate in minor team games that promote health and fitness. In gymnastics they will explore ways of moving and developing control when stopping, starting, springing and landing.

Science with Ms Tanya

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