**Year 1 Newsletter, Term 2, 2022**

Dear Parents/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!

This term we will be continuing to discuss our school motto ‘Learning Together’ and our 6 school values – Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Effort, Excellence and Empathy. It’s going to be a busy and exciting Term Two, full of fun learning!

In Reading, the students will develop their ability to read independently for sustained periods of time and will apply reading strategies modelled to them this term, including sequencing, visualising and questioning, to assist them in improving their reading fluency and comprehension. In Writing, students will become authors, creating their own texts. They will participate in handwriting, dictated writing and language experience each week. In Mathematics we will explore topics from all Mathematics strands including, addition and subtraction, counting, probability, place value, length, and time.

Take home reading will continue 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 student planner. Read with your child, to your child and have them read to you. Students should be building their independence and responsibility with putting their planner and other items in their bags before school and when they return home. For more helpful information regarding how to support your children with their home reading please refer to previous school newsletters.

Homework books, and spelling sheets (to be completed once daily), are sent home fortnightly and are expected back completed on Fridays – see homework sheets for correct dates. Homework sheets will now be posted to Seesaw and students will have the option of uploading tasks.

This term we are excited to announce that we will be going on an excursion to Werribee Zoo! All costs will be covered, and students will simply need to return permission and medical forms on time. Families are urged 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, and emails so you have the most up-to-date information.

If you need to speak to your child’s teacher 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.

**Upcoming Events & Important Dates**Thursday 5th and 6th May – Mothers’ Day Stall
Friday 13th May - Year 1 Werribee Zoo excursion

Week of May 23rd – Education Week

June 1st – Alpha Show

Monday 13th June - Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 24th June - Last Day Term 2, 2:10pm dismissal

**Specialist Classes**

Below is the Term 2 Specialist timetable. Your child will participate in Physical Education, Art, Kitchen Garden/STEM and Performing Arts this year as part of the Specialist Program. Library and AUSLAN sessions are also timetabled for each class. Please bring along an art smock and library bag to school as soon as possible. If you have already done so, thank you. On your child’s Physical Education day could you please ensure they are wearing appropriate footwear, and on your child’s Kitchen Garden day, could you please ensure their hair is tied back to promote safe food handling. Students may keep their books for up to 2 weeks before needing to return them.

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| **Class** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **1 Gonzalez** | PEPerforming Arts |  | Kitchen GardenVisual Arts | LibraryAUSLAN |  |
| **1 Jane** | PEAUSLAN | Kitchen Garden | Performing Arts | Library | Visual Arts |
| **1 Estelle** | PELibrary | AUSLANKitchen GardenPerforming Arts | Visual Arts |  |  |
| **1 Ahern** | Performing ArtsLibrary |  | PEKitchen Garden | Visual ArtsAUSLAN |  |

**Visual Arts with Mrs Lidia Woolley**In Term 2 year 1 students will be exploring the use of watercolour paint and black glue to create a bright watercolour artwork.

**Performing Arts with Ms Christina Muster**

In Foundation this term, students continue to explore drama and how they can make drama to communicate ideas and stories. Students use dramatic play to explore characters and settings of stories and puppet shows. Students explore role play and use puppets to perform.

**Kitchen Garden with Ms Christine Butcher**

During first semester 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 also be looking at what happens when different ingredients are mixed with others to produce a new substance. Can you please make that if your child has long hair it is tied back on the day that they have their Kitchen Garden lesson. Thank you.

 **Physical Education with Mrs Helen Craig**Students will further develop their ball control (dribbling with hands and feet) and kicking skills. 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.

**Year 1 Team,**

Nick Gonzalez (Team Leader), Estelle van Sittert, Jane O’Donnell, and Danielle Ahern.