

TERM TWO NEWSLETTER: YEAR ONE (1/2F)

April 28th 2017

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of Week 2, after such a lovely Easter and a well-deserved break with family. The following information will let you know what will be happening in Year 1 this term.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In R.E. this term we will be looking at the different roles that people have in the local parish community and identifying words, actions and symbols used in the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist.

ENGLISH

We will continue to focus on 1-2 phonemes (sounds) per week through the **Sound Waves** approach.

We will continue to revise the **Magic 100 sight words**.

This term's literacy focus is on **Traditional and Dreamtime Stories**.

The children will be writing every day, with a particular focus on **narratives** and **journal writing**.

They will be participating in a variety of literacy activities such as sequencing, retelling, grammar, describing characters (**adjectives**), critical and creative thinking and role-play.

The children will be doing an **oral presentation** on their favourite narrative.

MATHS

This term in Maths we will be concentrating on:

Number and Algebra:

Begin to explore **numbers to 100** including place value and skip counting.

Continue with **addition** and introduce **subtraction**, both horizontal and vertical setting-out.

Identify **one-half** as one of two equal parts to a whole.

Measurement and Geometry:

Continue to describe the duration of time using seasons, months, weeks, days and hours, as well as telling the time in o'clock, in both analogue and digital.

Continue **Length** and introduce the concept of **Mass (weight)**.

Continue **Position** as well as **Direction**.

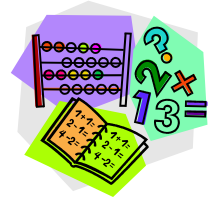
Recognise and name **3D** shapes.

Statistics and Probability:

Continue to create class picture **graphs** integrated into other curriculum areas.

Use tally marks to record **data**.

Identify outcomes of familiar events involving **chance**.



SCIENCE

Year 1's will be learning about **Earth & Space Science** this term. We will be observing things in the sky – sun, moon, stars, clouds, rainbows – and recording long and short term changes in the landscape and weather; phases of the moon; and properties of air.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

In Year 1 there are two sub-strands in Humanities and Social Sciences – history and geography. However, these will be combined under the one heading of ‘Humanities and Social Sciences’ on the report card.

The Geography focus for this term integrates into the science component of long and short term weather changes. The students will be observing and describing local weather and seasonal changes and comparing it to the weather of other places. They will also be looking at how different cultural groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, describe the weather and seasons. As part of their history focus on past and present family life the students will be investigating how toys and leisure activities have changed since the time of their grandparents.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

As well as our weekly physical education lessons, this term the students will be:

- exploring how eating healthy foods can influence health and wellbeing.
- exploring the benefits of regular physical activity and how physical activity can take place in a range of different environments.

DANCE

Throughout Term 2, the children will be participating in ‘**Dance Fever**’ each Monday. This is a wonderful opportunity to undertake the dance component of the Arts syllabus with trained professional teachers.



PARENT HELPERS

Thank you to the parents who are able to assist with our **morning reading sessions**. We will be needing parents to support the students’ reading on an individual basis each **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** morning from **8.50am – 9.30am**. Any morning you can stay for a little while and listen to children read will be greatly appreciated.

This term, we will be joining 2P for **Reading Groups** each **Monday & Tuesday afternoon** from **2:20 - 2:50pm**. Please let me know if you are able to help on either afternoon.

SPECIALIST LESSONS: TERM TWO

<u>YEAR 1/2F's SPECIALIST DAYS</u>			
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>
Term2 DANCE	MUSIC P.E.	LIBRARY BORROWING	P.E.

Thank you for your continued support.

I look forward to a wonderful term with your children!

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