

Specialists Units

Auslan



Animals

Welcome back everyone! And Welcome to our new Preps 2018. This term our Preps will be introduced to animal signs, always a favourite topic for new students learning sign language. We will also be learning colours. Our grade 1-6's will be a bit rusty after a long break so I will begin with lots of revision and hope no one has forgotten their fingerspelling! We will be covering some new topics later on in the term especially "All about me". Each student will learn to sign their favourite things, their likes and dislikes and will be encouraged to get to know each other using simple sentences in Auslan about who they are. I am also hoping to get many students interested in joining Auslan choir and have many songs in my repertoire I'd love to teach. Here's to a great Term 1!

Lesley Dickins

Music / Performing Arts

Grade 1/2's will continue to develop their musical ability this year with a large focus on creating a class piece for performance. The piece will be performed at the school during one of our recess/lunchtime concerts.

Students will accordingly develop their collaborative skills throughout this process. These include negotiation, listening and communication skills. Such developments are crucial for students entering a world that is increasingly collaborative.

John Koutsonikolas



Visual Arts

A major focus for the term will be to look at the elements of art such as colours, shape, pattern and texture and the children will be encouraged to experiment and use these in their artwork

Harmony Day activities will be completed to celebrate the cultural diversity of our community. The children will also engage in activities relating to the Chinese New Year and Easter.

There will be a focus on drawing, painting, construction and using paper skills / collage.

Could children please be supplied with an art smock to protect their clothing during art class. An old oversized shirt, clearly labelled with their name would be fine. Art smocks will not be stored in the art room and will become the responsibility of the child. Please become aware of the day that your child has art so that you may remind them to bring their art smock to school. Thank you.

Deb Morgan



Physical Education

Term one will be an exciting time for the 1/2 students as they will be continuing to develop the fundamental skills of bounce, roll and trap. The students will begin to experiment with a wide variety of equipment to develop their skills. Close attention will be placed on ball control with the introduction of modified sports. Emphasis will be placed on developing correct technique to execute skills. E.g. stepping forward with the opposite foot when rolling a ball to a target. The students will be introduced to the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP), which aims at developing the student's ability to receive, interpret and respond successfully to sensory information. The PMP program is proven to assist with students learning within the classroom environment and can assist in the development in Literacy and Numeracy skills.

Vanessa Shiels



Sustainability

In grade P-2 the students will be introduced to the recycling programs at ANPS through the practical use of the paper, can/plastics, worm bins and general waste bin.

The students are encouraged to be aware of the need to care for the environment in which we live in, through every day actions and behaviours. Monitors from each grade are responsible for the weekly collection of classroom recycling products

Through out the year the students will participate in environmental education sessions, and be involved in the hands on practical understanding of how their waste is recycled at ANPS using the schools worm farms / paper and cans / plastic recycling programs, Monitors from each grade are responsible for the weekly collection of classroom recycling products