

TERM 2 2023

GRADE 1/2 NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
25th April	ANZAC Day
5th May	House Sports Day
11th May	Mother's Day Stall
26th May	History Box 'Then and Now' Incursion
12th June	King's Birthday
21st June	Parent Teacher Share Time



INFORMATION

We hope you had a wonderful break with your families and are ready for a busy term 2. It was lovely getting to know our Grade 1s last term and seeing the familiar faces of our Grade 2s.

REMINDERS:

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time before the **8.45am** bell as learning begins at this time.

A **healthy** breakfast, prepared snack and lunch will assist with your child's learning. A water bottle is also an important addition for your child's lunch box.

Homework

Thank you to families for reading with your child every night. It was great to see many students receiving reading awards at assembly last term. Please remind your child that homework is returned to school every Monday.



PARENT TEACHER SHARE TIME:

Parents will have an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher on Wednesday 21st of June to exchange information and discuss your child's progress across the curriculum.

LITERACY

Students enjoyed writing a personal narrative last term and it was wonderful reading their stories! This term students will be writing realistic narratives, information texts and poetry. At this level, students are encouraged to add spaces between words, begin a sentence with a capital letter and end with a full stop, and use upper- and lower-case letters correctly.

Students have been enjoying writing in their Writer's Notebook. They are encouraged to bring memorabilia to school (photos, brochures, magazine cuttings, articles, pictures etc.). These are used as visual prompts for writing ideas.

In Spelling, students will continue to work towards reading and writing their Oxford Words. They also participate in 'Spelling Investigations' where they are encouraged to look at letter sound relationships and various spelling patterns.

Students will continue to practise good reading behaviours. They will continue to select "Just Right Books" and practise effective strategies to become better readers. This term the students will focus on the strategies of **Prediction, Summarising, Inferring** and **Visualising**.

MATHEMATICS

The topics students will explore this term are **Multiplication, Division, Time, Shape** and **Location**.

- Everyday problem-solving activities related to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Discuss how to get from one place to another or finding an object by using location vocabulary such as above, below or turn right etc.
- Reading an analogue and digital clock, and describing the time to the quarter and half hour.

Parents can support this learning at home by exploring time on a clock or a watch with your child, discussing different shapes around the house or counting objects when cooking or travelling in the car.

INQUIRY

Then and Now

(Humanities based inquiry)



Our Major Topic Understanding is: While some things stay the same, some things change.

Our Focus Questions are:

- What has stayed the same and what has changed since people in your family were your age?
- How do things change?
- Why do things change?
- Why do some things stay the same?

To support this topic, the 1/2 unit will participate in a History Box incursion, exploring 'Life -Then and Now'. This will give students the opportunity to explore school life, fashion, games and artefacts from the past.

Students will also explore their personal histories and that of their families. To achieve this, we will be requesting you help your child locate key info throughout the term. Your support is much appreciated—thank you.

Kind regards,

1/2 Team

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