



Grade One Newsletter

Term 1, 2017

Hola!

A big welcome back to all our 2016 students and their families and also a warm welcome to all new families and students to the school. We hope everyone had a well-rested and safe break. We can't forget Miss Emma and Mrs. McMahan who will be joining the Grade One team. We are looking forward to a fantastic year with you both!

It's hard to believe that not too long ago these students were Preps! Nervously entering the school and feeling, we're sure, very overwhelmed. These are not the same students. They are now confident, inquisitive learners ready to take on the days new challenges.

It's wonderful to see new friendships being formed in the classroom and in the playground. We hope that they have come home sharing some exciting news about their new room and school experiences!

Making sure that your child has his/her Book Bag with their books returned every morning is an important daily routine. They will be independently selecting their 'Just Right' books every Monday just like last year. Continue to praise all efforts whether it's packing their own bag or recognising high frequency words.

Fingers crossed Library starts on Monday 6th February! If you have your child's yellow Library bag at home could you please return it as soon as you can. Instead of purchasing new library bags, we thought we could recycle last years and reuse them. Your child will need this bag to borrow a book from our school library each week.

This year we continue all specialist programs and welcome back Mrs. Davies for Science and Mr. Damnic for Physical Education.

This term our unit of work is: 'Happy Days'. Students will develop the skills of;

- recognising and describing emotions*
- when and with whom it is appropriate to share their emotions with*
- recognising that conflict occurs &*
- distinguishing between appropriate and inappropriate ways to deal with conflict.*

We will also continue to imbed Growth Mindset into all areas of the curriculum and use daily relaxation as a tool to reflect of our days interactions and learning.

What we expect the students to learn in Reading:

A great way to promote independence is to encourage your child to write their 5 books into the space provided in the 'title' section of the log book. As their confidence increases you may also like to suggest jotting down a small reflection of their own about one or two of their books.

Their goal will also be in the log book in the, 'Home – School Communication' section. Students will be encouraged to read their goal every day before Independent Reading and practise it both at school and at home. Conferencing will occur over a 3-4 week cycle.

This term, students will practise the skill of using meaning, structure and visual information to solve words. They will also be adding to their bank of high frequency words, reading and writing these automatically.

What we expect students to learn in Writing:

Students will be given daily opportunities to write about their ideas and build on their belief that, ‘they have choice over their topics and materials’.

They will be encouraged to select their idea, rehearse it and write it, keeping a focus on the purpose for their piece and their intended audience. They will be encourage to spell unknown words and continue to build a range of spelling strategies. As they begin to produce writing pieces they will also be giving and receiving feedback from peers to consider possible changes to a writing piece.

What we expect the students to learn in Maths:

Students will be given daily opportunities to explore and solve mathematical problems and believe that they are young Mathematicians.

This term, students will begin practising to read and write 2 digit numbers. They will also count forwards and backwards from 1-100 and practise skip counting by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s.

They will sequence events according to days of the week and months of the year. Record data using graphs, tables and tally’s and investigate 2D and 3D shapes, describing their features.

Specialist Timetable Term 1:

	ART	P.E	LIBRARY	DRUMMIN G	SPANISH	SCIENCE	I.C.T
1A Mrs. Sturzo	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1B Mrs. McMahon	Monday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday
1C Miss. Slator	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday	Monday	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday
1D Miss. Emma	Wednesday	Friday	Monday	Monday	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday

Thank you for your support and partnership. We look forward to the year ahead. Could we also kindly ask if each child could contribute one tissue box for the term.

Grade 1 Teachers

Jamie Sturzo, Vicki McMahon, Shannon Slator and Emma Smerke