

Grade 1, Newsletter ***Term 2, 2017***

Welcome back everyone!

The term has started off very smoothly and we all look well rested. The students have settled into their expected learning routines and are happy to be back with their friends!

It will be another busy term with some amazing things happening!

For our Unit of Work this term we will be investigating 'When grandma was a girl' and how things in the present are different to those in the past. We will begin the unit exploring the items found inside a time capsule dug up from the sand pit and after looking at the items closely, discuss what they may have been used for? If they are still being used today and what they are made from? In week 8, students will participate in an incursion called 'The History Box'. More information to follow closer to the date.

What we expect the students to learn in reading:

Students will continue to select 5 'Just Right' books, including at least one non-fiction text, on a weekly basis and read these daily at school as well as at home with you. Your praise and encouragement as your child's reading develops, is invaluable. Please sign the log book nightly to show that you value their efforts as young readers and ask them what their reading goal is and what they need to practise to become a better reader.

This term it is expected that students will;

- ❖ Read texts on familiar topics and retell 3 ideas, facts or key events in sequence*
- ❖ Use comprehension strategies to build literal and inferred meaning*
- ❖ Notice text features to identify the text type and the purpose for reading*
- ❖ Continue to recognise and add to their bank of high frequency words*
- ❖ Read and have authentic texts read to them, talk about literature, act upon feedback and practise their goal*
- ❖ Use meaning, structure and visual information in the text to solve words*

What we expect the students to learn in writing:

Students will be given daily opportunities for choice over their writing. This includes choice over their own topics and materials. They will be expected to follow the 5 stages of writing (Rehearsing, Composing, Revising, Editing and Publishing) to complete a writing piece and are encouraged to write the high frequency words we have on our word wall automatically, so practising the words at home will also help them.

This term it is expected that students will;

- ❖ Create a range of texts that show emerging use of appropriate text structure and features and use vocabulary specific to the topic*
- ❖ See themselves as part of a community of writers who give and receive feedback from others and considers possible changes to a writing piece*
- ❖ Spend time writing text on a daily basis and practice their goal*
- ❖ Select their own topics to write about, rehearse and plan their message keeping a focus on the purpose for their writing and their intended audience*

This term students will begin our spelling program. A spelling folder and a notice will be sent home with your child shortly.

What we expect the students to learn in mathematics:

Students will continue to build on their knowledge of Number and Place Value.

This term it is expected that students will;

- ❖ *Recognise, identify and continue number patterns*
- ❖ *Represent and solve simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies including counting on (in real life situations)*
- ❖ *Measure and compare the length of different objects using uniform and informal units*
- ❖ *Recognise and classify familiar 2D and 3D shapes using their features (corners, sides, edges, faces)*
- ❖ *Tell time to the half hour (also o'clock)*

Specialist timetable:

	<i>ART</i>	<i>P.E</i>	<i>LIBRARY</i>	<i>DRUMMING</i>	<i>SPANISH</i>	<i>SCIENCE</i>	<i>I.C.T</i>
<i>1A Mrs. Sturzo</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>1B Mrs. McMahon</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
<i>1C Miss. Slator</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
<i>1D Miss. Emma</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>

If you are interested in becoming a parent helper, please come and see your child's teacher or put your name on the sign up sheet outside each classroom.

Also, Mrs McMahon and Ms Slator will be on Long Service Leave during the last week of the term so 1B and 1C will have an alternative Parent Interview day. Date will be announced shortly.

We look forward to seeing you all on Twilight School Thursday 18th May, when we open our classrooms to all interested as we run our normal program.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

*Grade One Teachers,
Jamie, Vicki, Shannon & Emma*