



Grade 2 Team
Welcome to Term Two 2016!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Grade Two Team welcomes parents and students back to Term Two. The students have settled in well and are excited for another term of learning.

Our theme for the Term is 'The History of Sunshine Heights Primary School!' Students in Grade Two will learn that there are things in the past which are a part of our school that tell us a story.

They will acquire the following skills:

- *Speaking clearly.*
- *Presenting information to others.*
- *Cooperating with others, taking turns and being courteous.*
- *Asking good questions.*
- *Organizing information.*
- *Presenting their findings.*

What we expect the students to learn in Reading:

Students will continue to participate in daily Independent Reading activities where they will be provided with opportunities to discuss and compare a variety of texts. Students will:

- *Read supportive texts that assist in phrasing and fluency.*
- *Spend an extended amount of time reading authentic texts on a daily basis and participate in opportunities to talk about literature and practice their reading goal.*
- *Relate important ideas of a text to each other. Re-tell and interpret key events or information in a text.*
- *Continue to recognise a bank of high frequency words text quickly and automatically.*

Home reading continues as a daily expectation. We do expect all children to be reading for at least 15 minutes every night. Please encourage your child to share their reading goal with you.

What we expect the students to learn in Writing:

During this term students will continue to see themselves as writers. They will:

- *Re-read their writing and revise by adding, deleting or changing parts of their text to improve meaning and make it more interesting for the reader.*
- *Edit writing by checking spelling and punctuation to make it easier to read.*
- *Understand that publishing is the sharing of a piece of writing we are proud of with an audience.*
- *Spend an extended amount of time writing authentic texts on a daily basis and where possible, practise their goal as discussed during conferencing.*

What we expect the students to learn in Mathematics:

During this term, students will explore the following:

- *Students will read, write, order and interpret numbers to at least 1000.*
- *Students will explore effective mental strategies for addition and subtraction and use these to solve simple problems.*
- *Use informal and formal (cm, m) units to measure length.*
- *Compare, order and match objects by area or perimeter, using informal units.*
- *Use everyday location words to describe positions.*
- *Interpret simple maps of familiar locations and identify the relative positions or key features.*

Important Dates:

- **Friday 22nd April:** Earth Day & Trip to Kororoit Creek.
- **Monday 25th April:** ANZAC Day Public Holiday.
- **Friday 6th May:** Mother's Day Breakfast @ 8:00 am.
- **Tuesday 17th May:** CERES excursion for Green Team members.
- **Thursday 19th May:** Twilight School 1:00pm to 7:00pm.
- **Friday 3rd June:** Report Writing Day. (Student Free Day)
- **Monday 13th June:** Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.
- **Friday 17th June:** Student Reports sent home.
- **Wednesday 22nd June:** Parent Teacher Interviews 1:00 pm – 7:30 pm.
- **Friday 24th June:** Last day of Term. 2.30pm Dismissal. (Casual Dress Day)

Please note Term 3 will commence on Monday 11th of July.

Specialist lessons days:

CLASS	ART	PE	ICT	LIBRARY	DRUMMING	SCIENCE	LOTE-SPANISH
2A	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
2B	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday
2C	Wednesday	Thursday	Monday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Friday

Other information:

Homework

Students will select words from the Oxford Word Lists and their own writing. They are encouraged to practise reading and writing their words using Look, Say, Name, Cover, Write and Check. They are also required to complete a numeracy activity.

Sunsmart

We are encouraging our students to continue to develop Sun-Smart behaviours. This includes:

- Ensuring that they wear hats throughout the year (especially in the warmer months of Term One and Term Four).
- Encouraging the students to place sunscreen on themselves before school at home.
- Encouraging the students to bring along a 30+ roll on sunscreen that they can use to put on themselves during the day.

Absences

- If your child is absent from school, a note explaining the absence is required. Parents can also notify the school through **tiqbiz**.

Valuables

- To avoid any problems please do not send valuable toys or other items to school.

Personal Belongings

- Please label all school related items such as jumpers, hats, water bottles, and your child's Green Book Bag.

House Keeping:

- **Thank-you** to parents who have already sent 2 boxes of tissues for the year.
- Purchase a **Green Take Home Book Bag** from the office if your child does not have one.
- Join **tiqbiz!** If you have any questions on how to join please speak to the friendly staff at the front office.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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