



Grade 2 Team
Welcome to Term Three 2016!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Term 3! What an exciting term it will be! We will celebrate our school's sixtieth birthday!

Our Unit of Work this term is 'What my body needs!' Students in Grade Two will understand the contributing factors that lead to a healthy life. They will also reflect on their own habits and make healthy choices for the future. They will learn about the Olympic Games and link this to their learning about a healthy lifestyle, exercise and sport.

They will acquire the following skills:

- *Making good choices.*
- *Making healthy choices.*
- *Making good choices after they learn new information.*
- *Collecting data.*
- *Recording information.*
- *Organisational skills.*
- *Drawing conclusions from data.*

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:

- *Form and state a basis for opinions about authors, illustrators and text.*
- *Relate important ideas of a text to each other. Re-tell and interpret key events or information in a text.*
- *Use comprehension strategies to build literal and inferred meaning and begin to analyse texts by drawing on prior knowledge e.g. character feelings and motivations.*
- *They will explore text structures & features. (text structure helps us summarise & features to identify the text type)*
- *Practise the comprehension strategies of Summarising and Questioning.*

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:

- *Use mentor texts to notice and discuss the way other authors use writing craft and try using specific techniques in their own writing.*
- *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 consider possible changes to a writing piece.*

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 multiplication and division and use these to solve simple problems.
- Explore chance by recognise the predictability and uncertainty of different events.
- Compare and order several shapes and objects based on mass using appropriate uniform informal units.
- Read and represent time to the quarter hour.

Important Dates:

- **Thursday 21st July:** *Book Fair Parade.*
- **Monday 29th August:** *Intensive 5 Day Swimming Program begins.*
- **Thursday 8th September** *Our School's 60th Anniversary Celebration.*
- **Friday 2nd September:** *Father's Day Breakfast @ 8:00 am.*
- **Thursday 15th September:** *National Sports Museum Excursion for Grade 1/2.*
- **Friday 16th September:** *Footy Colours Day & Last day of Term. Dismissed at 2.30pm*

Please note Term 4 will commence on Monday 4th of October

Specialist Days:

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

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.
- 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. Grade 2 Teachers.