

Grade 2 Team
Welcome to Term Four 2017!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our last Term in Grade Two! We hope that you all had a restful holiday and are ready for another exciting term. Throughout this term we will build on the skills already gained and prepare for 2018. Our unit of work this term is 'Kids on the Move.' This unit of work prepares children to become safe and independent road users. We will focus on pedestrian and passenger safety and bicycle education.

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. This term the students will focus on:

- *Use comprehension strategies to build literal and inferred meaning and begin to analyse texts by drawing on prior knowledge-Visualising*
- *Form and state a basis for opinions about author, illustrators and texts (Author Study Mem Fox)*
- *Explore how authors use language in different ways (poetry, persuasive and procedural)*

What we expect the students to learn in Writing:

During this term students will continue to see themselves as writers and focus on the following:

- *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*
- *Use mentor texts to notice and discuss the way other authors use writing craft and try using specific techniques in their own writing*
- *Understand that publishing is the sharing of a piece of writing we are proud of with an audience*

What we expect the students to learn in Mathematics:

During this term, students will explore the following:

- *Representing and modelling halves, quarters and eighths*
- *Exploring degrees Celsius as a unit of measure for temperature*
- *Understanding there are changes in weather as the seasons change*
- *Visualising the effect of simple flipping, sliding and turning of shapes*
- *Transformation and symmetry: Continue patterns using half turns and quarter turns on a shape*

Important Dates:

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| • Monday 30th October | 2A Bike Education Excursion |
| • Wednesday 1st November | 2B & 2C Bike Education Excursion |
| • Friday 3rd November | Spanish Festival Day (casual dress) |
| • Monday 6th November | Curriculum Day (pupil free day) |
| • Friday 1st December | Be Yourself Day (casual dress) |
| • Thursday 14th December | Festive Concert |
| • Friday 22nd | Last day of Term 4 (1.30pm Dismissal) |

Please note Term 1 will commence on Thursday 1st February 2017

Specialist lessons days:

<i>Year Level</i>	<i>VISUAL ARTS</i>	<i>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</i>	<i>SPANISH</i>	<i>LIBRARY</i>	<i>SCIENCE</i>
<i>2A</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>2B</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>2C</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Friday</i>

Other information:

Home Reading

Students are expected to complete regular home reading. This will consist of approximately 20 minutes reading, 5 nights a week. Students should record their daily reading and we ask that you sign to acknowledge that your child has completed the required reading.

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.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, a note explaining the absence is required.

Valuables

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

Personal Belongings

Please label all personal items, especially school jumpers as they are an expensive item to replace if lost.

Sun Smart

As the weather is warming up, students will need to have a Sun Smart hat at school. We strongly recommend that all students apply sunscreen during Term 4.

Parent Helpers

Thank-you to those parents who have kindly volunteered their time to participate in the parent helpers program. We value the support received and if anybody is interested in helping in the classroom or within the school please speak to your child's teacher. We would really appreciate any parents who are able to assist during Literacy to provide book introductions for students and listen to students read. We would also love to hear from any parents who are able to help with laminating and cutting out activity cards to support students in Mathematics.

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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