Welcome to Term 2! We hope you enjoyed your break and are excited for the term ahead. We are looking forward to the events and activities we have planned, such as our whole school city excursion, Education Week and Friendship Day.

**Inquiry**

This term we are studying Indonesia for Inquiry. The grade 1/2’s are focussing on Indonesian culture and traditions. We will spend some time comparing our lives to those who grow up in Indonesia. This Inquiry topic supports the weekly Indonesian lessons undertaken by the students that Miss Varker will run this term.

**Literacy**

This term we will be focussing on Narratives and Explanation texts. Students will be reading and writing these genres focussing on the structure, language and punctuation used. We will also be introducing a new writing program called VCOP & the Big Write. Including VCOP in our writing sessions will help the students to pay particular attention to their choice of **Vocabulary**, use of **Connectives** and interesting **Openers**, as well as their **Punctuation**. On Thursdays the students will complete a Big Write, this session will involve 40 minutes of uninterrupted writing. Students will focus on using VCOP in their writing each week. The Big Write has a large focus on reviewing writing, receiving feedback and setting new goals to constantly improve writing.

**Numeracy**

This term students will be investigating different addition and subtraction strategies, multiplication, time, fractions, mapping and shapes.

**Home Learning**

Students will receive their home learning tasks on Mondays and this will need to be returned to school by the following Monday. Students will receive a range of different tasks consolidating the learning that is occurring in the classroom. Tasks are designed so students can ‘show off’ what they have learnt during the week. Homework is given at this level to assist in developing a sense of responsibility and organisation. Please see the classroom teacher if there are difficulties with homework before they become major issues.
This term we will be introducing ‘Talk Homework’ as a part of the VCOP/Big Write program. On Wednesday afternoons students will receive their Big Write topic for the following day. We ask for you discuss the topic with them to stimulate their thinking.

Students are expected to read every night at home for at least 15 minutes from their reading satchel. Take home readers are an important part of learning to read. We send home readers that are meant to be easy for your child to read. The words and pattern of the text are to be very familiar so fluency and confidence are increased.

**Blogs**

Our blogs will continue to be added to this term. It is a great way to communicate what students are learning in the classroom. Please subscribe to our blogs so you can be kept up to date with all the latest news.


1/ 2D- [http://sdemetrius.edublogs.org/](http://sdemetrius.edublogs.org/)

**Parent helpers**

Parent helpers are extremely valuable within the classroom and we greatly appreciate those who have helped out so far this year. If you would like to help out in your child’s classroom, please contact your teacher.

**Excursion**

This term we will be visiting the Arts Centre in Melbourne to watch a production of Circus Oz.

**Important Dates**

- 25th April- ANZAC DAY
- 16th May- Education Week
- 13th June- Queen’s Birthday
- 17th June- Friendship Day
- 22nd June- Student Led Conferences
- 23rd June- Circus Oz Excursion
- 24th June- Last day of term 2

Thank you for your continued support within and outside the classroom. We look forward to the second term of the year. Remember our doors are always open if you have any questions or problems please feel free to come and speak to us.

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