



Grade 1/2 Newsletter Term 2 2017



Welcome back to term 2. We hope that everyone enjoyed their holidays and have bellies full of chocolate from Easter on the weekend!

Important Dates

Thursday 20th April- House Sport Day at School

Tuesday 25th April – ANZAC Day holiday

Monday 12th June – Queen's Birthday holiday

Thursday 29th June – Student-Led Conferences (Student free day)

Hats

Just a reminder that hats need to be worn until the end of April. If students do not have a sun smart hat on they will be expected to sit in the gazebo during recess and lunch time.

Class Blogs

We love keeping you all up to date with what we are doing at school. Our blog addresses are:

Grade 1/2 J <http://12joy.global2.vic.edu.au/>

Grade 1/ 2 D <http://sdemetrius.edublogs.org/>

You can make your child's blog a favourite on your computer and check in on what we have been up to from time to time. You can also subscribe to our blogs so that you will be emailed when the blogs are updated.

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Literacy

In literacy this term, children will be developing their knowledge and understanding of language and literature as well as developing their written communication skills, with a focus on narrative texts and poetry.

Numeracy

In numeracy, students will engage in daily mathematics sessions developing their number sense as well as exploring a variety of mathematical concepts through hands-on activities and investigations. These learning experiences provide opportunities to develop students' problem solving and communication skills through rich, open-ended tasks. This term, we will be focusing on place-value, fractions, money and the four processes.

Unit of Inquiry

This term our inquiry unit is focused on celebrations around the world. We will begin by looking at what the families in our classroom celebrate. In each of the following weeks we will look into different cultural celebrations and investigate the meaning, traditions and customs associated with each celebration.

Home reading

Children should be bringing home 1 book per night along with their yellow reading diary. These should be kept in their reading satchel to keep them from getting damaged. The home reading program is a levelled reading program where children take home a book at an INDEPENDENT reading level on a daily basis. Children should be able to read these books without assistance and should aim at increasing fluency and improving expression, automatic recognition of commonly used words and comprehension. Home Reading should be an enjoyable experience where your child reads independently with success. Children are consistently monitored in class and will move up levels when necessary. Please listen to your child read each day and praise and encourage them often.

Homework

Completing home learning tasks is an important part of education. Each student will be required to read at home for 10 minutes at least four nights a week. They will need to practise their spelling words and complete a spelling and maths task in their home learning books. 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. Home learning tasks will be sent home on a Tuesday and will be due the following Monday.

Big Write

We will be continuing the Big Write program this term. Students will bring home 'talk homework' on Wednesday nights that have the writing topic and genre for the following day's Big Write. Our focus this term will be Narratives and Poetry.

Parent Helpers

As you know, we would not be able to run such successful classroom programs, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden programs, excursions and camps without your involvement. If you are able to help out at any stage please let us know. Please remember to help at the school you will need to complete a Working with Children Check.

Healthy Snack

Students will continue to eat a healthy snack at 10am and 12.30pm. Healthy snacks need to be either a fresh fruit or vegetable.

Hot Lunches

Pie warmers are available every day to heat student lunches in the Central Learning Space. They do not cook food, just warm it up. Hot lunches should be clearly labelled and wrapped in foil or a container that will fit in the pie warmer's narrow shelves.

Contact us

The best way to keep in contact with us, is through email. All emails are checked daily and we often get back to you within a few hours. Please feel free to email questions, absence notes and update us on any information regarding your child. Please be aware that when

contacting us through the Skoolbag App we are unable to reply directly through the App, please include your email address so we can easily reply to you.

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We look forward to catching up with all of you during the term.

Sarah and Belinda