

# Grade 1 Newsletter

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## English

This term in Writing we will be starting with a focus on recount writing before moving into narrative writing later in the term. The use of VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers, Punctuation) will be integrated into our program, encouraging students to up-level their writing using more interesting language and sentence structure.

Reading workshops are underway in grade 1 where we have started learning about how to pick 'Just Right' books and how to read to ourselves and to someone else. Reading workshops will continue throughout the term with focuses on improving our vocabulary, reading fluency and decoding as well as comprehension.

## Mathematics

This term in Mathematics we will have a focus on our number skills with weekly counting lessons, as well as learning more about place value, addition and subtraction. Outside of Number, we will be exploring 2D shapes, days and months of the year and chance.

We will also be working on our problem solving skills using our whole school approach called CUBES. CUBES assists students to break down worded maths problems to simplify what the question is asking and guide them towards choosing a strategy to solve. The strategy we will work on this term is drawing a diagram.



## Term 1 2019

## Upcoming Events

Meet the Teacher—24th & 25th February

Student Free Day-10th of March

School Photos— 17th March

Family Fun Night— 19th March

## Dojo



Class Dojo is a tool for tracking behaviour and communicating class information, photos and direct messaging between teacher and parents. It is a free app, or can be used online. Forms have been sent home with instructions to sign up and log into your child's class account. It is advised that you take advantage of this tool to keep in touch with what occurs in the classroom throughout the year. Please continue to utilise Compass or contact the office for absences, late arrivals or early pick-ups.

## Specialist Timetable

Grade 1s will continue their specialist classes on the following days. Grade 1 Sport for all classes will be on Monday. 1W and 1PB will visit the library on Thursdays and 1G on Tuesdays and 1M will visit the library on Fridays.

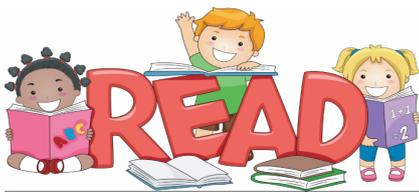
	<b>Mandarin</b>	<b>Sport</b>	<b>Performing Arts</b>	<b>Visual Arts</b>
<b>1PB</b>	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday
<b>1M</b>	Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday
<b>1G</b>	Thursday	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday
<b>1W</b>	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday

# Speaking and Listening

Show and Tell is a great speaking and listening opportunity for young children. It consists of short informal speaking to an audience about simple topics. Show and Tell also aides in the development of the students' expressive language. To assist the children to get the most out of the experience, we have provided a weekly focus. Discussing your child's show and tell with them prior to presenting will also help them to continue to develop their confidence. This term children will bring a special item to share that links to numerous phonemes. Ask children to think of something to share that links in with the phoneme. If any questions please ask any of the teachers.

All grades will be required to bring the relevant items on **MONDAY**.

Week 5	/ar/ as in car
Week 6	/e/ as in bed
Week 7	/ck/ as in duck
Week 8	/i/ as in tin
Week 9	Free choice



# Parent Helpers

If you are available to assist in the classrooms please note that you are required to attend our Parent Helpers Course. (Only if you haven't done this previously). The date for this will be announced soon. Please make sure your 'Working with Children' card details are at the office. If you require a WWC, you can apply online or visit your local Post Office. <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Once this is finalised, please see the grade 1 notice-board outside of 1W's classroom to sign up to assist in the classroom. This includes reading with children, working with a small group on targeted literacy skills and assisting with literacy sessions.

# Fruit Snack

Please send your child to school with a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable for fruit snack that can be had in the classroom. Any cut up fruit/vegies can be placed in a separate container. Please also provide a water bottle for easy hydration.



# Computers

Your child has received our ICT Acceptable Use Policy. They are required to read and discuss with you the necessary rules for the safe use of ICT when learning. Please explain or clarify anything with your child, then sign and return the form to your class teacher. Once received, students will then have permission to use school ICT equipment.

# Unit of Inquiry

To begin the year, we will be focusing on our Unit of Inquiry '**The choices people make affect their development as a learner**' under the Transdisciplinary Theme of Who We Are.

We will explore this unit guided by the following lines of inquiry:

- The ways we learn
- Personal responsibilities
- Making choices

