

Grade 1 Newsletter

Literacy

This term in Writing we will be continuing our focus on narrative writing before moving into procedural 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.

Reader's workshops are progressing well in Grade 1 and we have established our focus on being independent readers.

Reader's workshops will continue throughout the term with focuses on different text types including fiction and non-fiction texts, punctuation, summarising and finding the main idea in a text.

We are continuing to implement the SMART spelling program daily, where students practise their words that link into our weekly phoneme focus.

Numeracy

This term in Mathematics we will continue to focus on our number skills with weekly counting lessons from the students point of need. We will continue to learn more about place value, addition and subtraction. We will be introducing both multiplication and division this term. The other areas of Mathematics we will be exploring are money, location and time.

We will also be working on our problem solving skills using our whole school approach 'CUBES.' The CUBES strategy we will work on this term will be making a model to solve a problem.



Term 2, 2021

Upcoming Events

- Mother's Day Stall 7th May
- Curriculum Day 28th May

Library

All classes will attend the library each week beginning Week 3 of Term 2 and students will have the opportunity to borrow books to take home.

The loan limits for the following year levels are:

Foundation to Year 2: two books per week

We request that all students bring a bag to school to protect their library books while they are being transported.

Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Specialist & Library Timetable

All specialists are on a Wednesday and we will continue to have Grade 1 sport on a Monday. The library timetable for all grades are below:

1W, 1M, 1K & 1T: Friday

1PB: Thursday

Subway Lunch

Subway lunches are now available each Friday. This includes a sandwich or wrap, a cookie and a drink and will cost \$7. You can collect order forms from the office, or print them from home via Compass. If you are interested in placing an order, order forms and correct change are due to your child's classroom teacher **by Wednesday** each week.

Speaking and listening

Show and Tell is a great speaking and listening opportunity for young children. It consists of short informal sessions speaking to an audience about simple topics. It also aids in the development of the students' expressive and receptive language.

Show and Tell will be changing this term, where the students will take it in turns to bring our class mascot home with them on a Wednesday, to have at home for the weekend. The students can write about their adventures together in the provided journal and share this with the class on the **Monday**. Discussing your child's mascot retell with them prior to them presenting will also help them to continue to develop their confidence.

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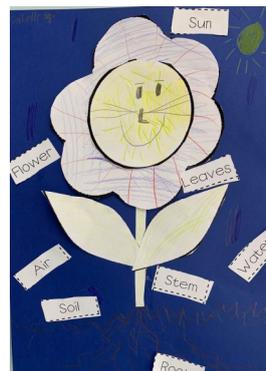
During our ICT/Esmart lessons we have focused on safe use of technology and following our school ICT Agreement we have all signed. We have been working hard on signing into programs such as Essential Assessment and Mathletics independently. These are all areas you can help reinforce at home. Your child's Mathletics password is pasted in the front of your child's Learning Journal, should you wish to complete tasks from home.

Unit of Inquiry

To begin this term, we will continue with our Unit of Inquiry 'Plants sustain life on Earth and play a role in our lives' under the Transdisciplinary Theme of Sharing The Planet.

So far in this unit we have explored the features of plants and their function. We will continue to explore this unit guided by the following lines of inquiry:

- **How living things rely on plants**
- **How people can impact life on Earth**



Homework

We will be continuing the homework routine for Term 2. It is recommended that students:

- **Read each night**

This can be a physical reader or using a digital platform such as Bug Club or Sunshine Online.

Students are meant to bring home books that are an 'easy' fit for them to read with you at home.

- **Practise their 6 SMART spelling words**

These words are pasted into your child's Learning Journal each Monday and they are to come back to school in their reader bag on Fridays. There is a grid on the first page of their Learning Journal with activity ideas to practise their words.

- **Magic Words**

Students have a laminated copy of the first 200 Magic Words. Students can practise these words at their own pace.

