

Term 2 Overview 2017 LSG

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Dear Families

Welcome to another busy and exciting term.

In this letter we will briefly explain some of the engaging programs that will be happening this term as well as inform you of a few changes and housekeeping matters to support you and your child's return to school for term 2.

English

Writing

This term the students will be writing to instruct. Due to the individualised nature of the LSG, where some students are in the experimental writing phase and other students are in the proficient writing phase, the students will explore this genre via targeted and individualised programs.

Reading

This year we have reintroduced our Daily 5 literacy structure enabling students to have choice about the order they complete planned, and levelled learning activities. Students complete five activities a day comprising of read to self, read to someone, listen to reading, work on writing and word work. This program will ensure they have opportunities every day to read to an educator and work individually and in small groups. The online program Reading Eggs will also be used to complement and enhance our literacy program. All students can access this through the internet outside of school hours. Please see your child's class teachers if you require the login and password information.

Mathematics

This term in mathematics we will have a strong focus on patterns and skip counting. Due to the range of abilities within the group our 'I can' statements will be taken from student ILPs. Some classes will follow the Daily 3 mathematics structure enabling students to have choice about the order they complete planned and levelled learning activities. To support maths at home, the online Mathseeds program is also available through the Reading Egg website.

Social Skills and Health

As it gets colder this term we will look at dressing for the weather, healthy eating and hygiene to prevent the spread of illness. We will continue to have a growth mindset focus throughout the year; exploring how to think positively about our learning and keep trying. Exploring our emotions and how they affect us will also be a focus. LSGTW will keep exploring Protective Behaviours.

Physical Education

Classroom teachers will be working collaboratively with our specialist PE teacher to further develop fundamental motor skills including kicking, throwing, running, dodging, and catching activities. Each day the

LSGs will participate in a gross motor session which will include a variety of activities designed to develop these skills whilst focussing on taking turns, persistence and group work.

Science

This term we will continue to look at plant life and how plants grow. The students will be engaged in a range of activities including growing their own seeds, time in the sensory garden and exploring the requirements that living things need to survive.

History

Our history lessons will be built around the idea of families and how they have changed over time. This could be a great discussion point for time at home with your children, to discuss your family structure. We would love to see some photos of families from the past and present, so please feel free to send some in with your children.

W@M

W@M is working wonders in the school please ask your children about their points. We continue to learn about expectations around the school and how to be Responsible, Respectful, and Safe Learners. Look out in the school newsletter for more information as our implementation rollout continues.

Specialists

This term Paula Charles will continue to work with LSGTW and Jarryd Heywood and Brittany Phelps with LSGNC.

The specialist teachers will provide a mix of PE and art, as well as normal programming. This mix will be based on the specific needs of each class. If you would like your child to continue to participate in the Spanish program please see your classroom teacher so that they can arrange for your child to join the mainstream Spanish lessons for their year group. If you have any questions or concerns please come and see your classroom teacher.

Library

LSGTW will continue to have their library session every Tuesday, and LSGNC on Monday. At this time students will be able to borrow and return books as well as investigate and build their skills in the use of our school library. This term we will be learning how to choose good fit books.

Fruit break

Each day, students will have fruit break during the morning session. This is an opportunity for the students to give their brains a boost to help them concentrate through until Break 1. Students will need to bring fresh fruit or vegetables, ideally cut up, which is easy for them to manage and eat in approximately 10 minutes.

Music

LSGNC is lucky to have Brenda Frew providing music lessons once a week on Tuesdays. The students are introduced to musical concepts through singing, playing of instruments, music and movement.

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Kind Regards

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