

Term 3 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 3.

English

Writing

This term students will be developing their ability to write imaginative and informative texts and delving into the writing process. Students write in class every day and are pleased to see their writing skills increase.

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 teacher if you require the login and password information.

Mathematics

This term in mathematics we will have a strong focus on money. To ensure the learning is targeted to suit each individual's learning needs, 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 program 'Mathseeds' is also available through the Reading Eggs website, using the same logins and passwords.

Social Skills and Health

As it gets colder this term we will look at dressing for the weather, healthy eating and personal 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 continue to work through the 'Protective Behaviours' unit of work.

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. These sessions include a variety of activities designed to develop movement skills whilst focussing on taking turns, persistence and group work.

Science and Technology

Our science and technology unit this term will be based on the weather. Students will be engaged in activities such as describing temperature, observing cloud cover, investigating wind speed and the water cycle.

History

Our history unit will be closely linked to our science and technology unit based on the weather. We will be exploring the changes in weather forecasting and patterns throughout history.

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.

Specialist Classes

This term Paula Charles will continue to work with LSGTW and Jarryd Heywood and Brittany Phelps with LSGBN. The specialist teachers will provide a mix of PE and art, as well as following the normal class program. 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 language program, please see your child's 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 child's classroom teacher.

Library

LSGTW will continue to have their library session every Tuesday, and LSGBN every 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 eating time after break one. 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

LSGBN is lucky to have Brenda Frew providing music lessons once a week on Tuesdays. LSGTW will have their music lesson with Brenda on a Monday. The students are introduced to musical concepts through singing, playing of instruments, music and movement.

Indigenous culture lessons

The LSG classes are lucky to also have Wynetta Rix joining us once a fortnight to share Indigenous music, art and culture with us.

Kind regards

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