Term 4 Overview 2016
Year 2

Dear Families

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 a new term.

English
This term our students will be focusing on writing to persuade. There will be a continued focus on spelling with daily activities to consolidate and extend student’s knowledge of spelling patterns. Within class, students will be learning how to be confident speakers and will prepare and present a short presentation to their peers. Students will create persuasive texts and proofread their work to check for spelling, sentence structure and punctuation. During independent writing, students will reflect on their reading.

Mathematics
This term in mathematics students will continue to learn about mass, using scales to weigh different objects around the classroom. They will be learning about the days in each month and the months of the year through creating their own calendar. Towards the end of the term, students will be practising drawing and describing different 2D shapes and working with tangrams. We will also revisit the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, practising numbers up to 1000.

Science
In science this term we will be exploring the unit ‘Water Works’. This unit provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of earth’s resources, including water. Students will investigate the water cycle, make predictions and follow the process of inquiry to test their predictions.

Physical Education
In addition to students weekly specialist PE lessons, we will be focusing on sportmanship. Students will use cooperative strategies to work in group situations when participating in physical activities.

Creative Arts - Dance, Visual Arts and Music
During term four, students will continue with creative arts rotations. Year two classes will rotate in five week blocks to focus their learning on elements of the creative arts.

Health
This year’s whole school focus for Fresh Tastes is ‘Food and Me’, which focuses on looking at healthy choices of foods to make us go, grow and glow. The focus for the term is recognising how emotional responses impact on others’ feelings.
Swimming
This term students will be participating in swimming lessons at CISAC swimming pool in Belconnen, daily from 31 October to 11 November. All parents should have received a note with the details of our swimming program. Please return this note as soon as possible.

General Information
• The day’s program starts at 9.00am. If your child is late arriving to school, please ensure that they are signed in at the front office. Also, just a friendly reminder that in the event of your child being absent, please send in a written note to your child’s teacher or use the school app.
• At 10:00am every day we have a fruit break. We ask that children eat fresh fruit or vegetables only. Please remember to also include a water bottle. Students are able to keep their water bottles on their desks.
• As the weather warms up students are expected to remember to bring a sun smart hat. Our school policy states that students without a hat will be required to play under the school shelters.
• We are an allergy aware school and therefore request that no nut products are brought into the premises as it is essential for the safety of a number of children across the school.
• Library day is Thursday, please remind students to bring any borrowed books into school to return, so children can then borrow again.
• Don’t forget that the Reading Eggs program can be accessed from home via the internet. It is encouraged for all student to access this program. Please see your child’s class details for log on details if you are unsure.
• An overview of the specialist program (PE, arts and Spanish) will be emailed with the school newsletter this week.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child’s progress, please do not hesitate to contact us. The best way to receive a quick reply is to contact us by email.

Yours sincerely

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