

Year 2 Term 2 Overview 2018

17 May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had a happy and safe break. Below is a brief outline of our curriculum areas for this term.

English

For the first five weeks of term, year 2 students will be engaged in writing to explain. We will be exploring different text formats of this genre and towards the end of term, comparing this new knowledge with what we have learned over semester one.

In the second half of the term we will be focusing on writing to inform and reports.

This term there will be a continued focus on spelling with daily activities to consolidate and extend student's knowledge of spelling patterns. We will be introducing a word of the week and working through strategies we can use to spell unfamiliar words. This will help students to begin editing their own writing particularly for spelling and punctuation.

By the end of the term students are expected to be able to communicate effectively through writing and speaking. Students will also be consolidating their skills to give relevant feedback to peers and to reflect on feedback they receive from educators and others in the class.

Maths

A strong focus this term will be on data, fractions, time and length. Students will be involved in daily activities which will allow them to explore and practice these concepts. They will be collecting and presenting data and investigating measurement concepts with a strong emphasis on their use in a real life context. Ongoing assessments will help us to establish a good knowledge of what our students know and can do, which will then inform our teaching to ensure we are catering for individual needs. By the end of the term students will be expected to tell time to the quarter-hour, using the language of 'past' and 'to'.

Science

In science this term we will be exploring the unit 'Watch it Grow'. This unit provides opportunities for students to develop an understanding of lifecycles of plants and animals. We will be planting some seedlings and observing them grow and change over time. By the end of the term students are expected to be able to explain how living things grow, change and reproduce. Students will also participate in different types of guided investigations to explore and answer questions, and discuss and compare observations with predictions. (processing and analysing data and information).

Geography

Students will learn about place and how places have significant meaning to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the connection they have with Country, environment and nature. Our excursion to the National Museum of Australia will also link with our Geography inquiry where students will explore aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

P.E

This term in class and during specialist lessons, students will be focusing on the fundamental motor skills of throwing and catching. Students will be playing games and shown how to underarm throw, overarm throw and catch a variety of balls.

Health

This term we will be focussing on protective behaviours. Students will be learning about keeping themselves safe, detecting early warning signs when they are feeling unsafe, public and private body awareness (including correct names for body parts) and distinguishing between different types of touch.

ICT

Students will continue to become familiar with Chrome books including Google Classroom. This term we will be introducing Seesaw to keep you updated on some happenings in our classrooms so keep an eye out for the email inviting you to sign up.

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 10:20am 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.
- Students are expected to wear a SunSmart hat at school each day. Our school policy states that students without a hat will be required to play under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA).
- **We are an allergy aware school. We request that no nut products are brought into the premises. This is essential for the safety of a number of children across the school.**
- Library day is **Wednesday**, please remind students to bring any borrowed books into school to return.
- Reading Eggs is an internet based reading and early phonics program that can be accessed from any internet enabled device. Your child will also have access to Maths seeds as well. Please see your child's teacher if you do not.
- An overview of specialist teachers program will be emailed with the newsletter.

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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