



YEAR 1/2 Newsletter TERM 3 2017

Dates for your Diary

Friday 28 th July	Planting Tree Day Excursion (Year 2s)
Wednesday 2 nd August	Minibeasts Incursion (Year 1s)
Friday 4 th August	Jeans for Genes Day
11 th , 14 th and 15 th August	Book Fair
Wednesday 16 th August	Book Week Production
Friday 25 th August	Daffodil Day
Thursday 31 st August	Whole School Photo
Thursday 14 th September	R U OK? Day
TBC	Excursion to Melbourne Museum & IMAX (Year 2s)
Friday 22 nd September	End of Term Three (Sports Clothes Day) – early finish 2.30pm
Monday 9 th October	Start of Term 4

Tuesday 18th July, 2017

Dear Families,



'Long, Long Ago'

We're back! Welcome back for Term Three, we hope you all enjoyed your Term Two holiday break and you're ready for another busy and fun filled term. The themes for Term Three are: **'Minibeasts'** in Year One and **'Long, Long Ago'** in Year Two.

In Year One, students will be researching minibeasts to answer overarching questions including:

- What is a minibeast?
- What is a minibeast's environment?
- How do they use their senses for survival?
- How do we classify minibeasts?

We will enjoy insect safaris in the garden and fact finding expeditions!

As part of this topic we will be welcoming three minibeast class pets that will rotate amongst the Year Level. They have been ordered from a reputable company that sell minibeasts to schools and students for educational purposes. If you any concerns, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

In Year Two, students will be looking at the history and geography and the diversity of environments in which dinosaurs existed within. Students will discover and learn to identify and classify dinosaurs and their features.

Minibeast Safari (Year One)

Could all students please bring a **shoebox** to school which students will use to make a minibeast diorama showcasing students' knowledge including types of insects and habitats. Each class has bug catchers which students will use to investigate minibeasts in our school yard. If your child has one at home please bring it to school for continual observing of minibeasts.

Many students are already showing a great interest in finding minibeasts alive and their remains (shells etc.). If your child would like to bring these in to share with the class that is fine, however we ask that they be contained humanely within the catch and release guidelines. This means students will carefully catch, care for and then release the animal within the same day. Thank you for your assistance.



It would also be helpful if each student could bring in a disposable plastic container as students love exploring and finding Minibeasts at recess and lunch time – this will save filthy, bug and dirt filled lunchboxes.

Morning Routine

A reminder to all families that students should be at school at 8:50am. When the music at 8:50am is played, this is the time for students to put down chairs, hang up their bags, change their take home books and be prepared for the day. Parents may also wish to take the opportunity to briefly pass on information to their child's teacher during this time.

Take Home Books

Your child's take home book is aimed at being easy to read. This promotes confidence; the ability to make predictions; fluent orchestration of reading behaviours; expressive oral reading; awareness of text structure; independent problem solving and further enjoyment of reading.

Homework

Students will commence homework in Week Two this term. These tasks are sent home on a Monday and due the following Monday. Please sign the homework sheet, with students being responsible for returning their homework book on Mondays weekly to the classroom for new homework tasks.

Donations

We are in desperate need of **tissues** after last terms colds and sickness! Thank you to parents who have made donations to the classrooms of items such as boxes, magazines and greeting cards. When donating magazines please ensure they are appropriate for children.

MATHS BAGS

The very popular Maths Bags will recommence week 3 of this term. Each child will have the opportunity to bring home a Maths Bag sometime throughout the second half of the year, which includes Maths games, activities and a reflection book for the child/ren to record and share what they have done with the class.

Cameron Close (Year One)

Students will continue to visit the residents of Cameron Close on a rotating basis from 11.30-12.30 on a Wednesday beginning Week One. Students have enjoyed the experience of showcasing their reading skills and interacting with the residents.

Parent Helpers (Year One)

Parent helpers will commence in Week Four. Please complete the attached form if you would like to be a parent helper in Term Three. Your child's teacher will send out notes with your allocated times during Week Three. Please remember that if you are helping in the classroom that you bring your Working with Children Check and leave a copy at the office, as well as signing the Code of Conduct form.



Specialist Program & Special Features of Year 1/2 Program in Term 3

This term Year One and Two students will continue to participate in a variety of specialist programs. The following timetable indicates the specialist timetable in Year One in Term Three.

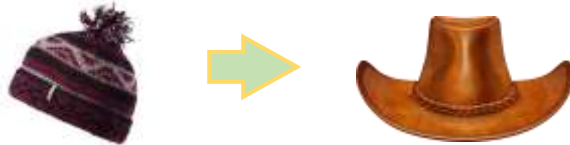
	1A	1B	1C
Visual Art (Mr John Davey)	Thursday	Tuesday	Thursday
LOTE (Mrs Shuoyin Tu)	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
Performing Arts (Mrs Zelema Levy)	Tuesday	Thursday	Thursday
PE (Mr Ashley Walshe)	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday

	2A	2B	2C
Visual Art (Mr John Davey)	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday
LOTE (Mrs Shuoyin Tu)	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Performing Arts (Mrs Zelema Levy)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
PE (Mr Ashley Walshe)	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday

*It is important that children bring their library bag to school each Thursday.

* Appropriate footwear to be worn during PE and Fitness sessions.

Hats



As part of our Sunsmart Policy, children are still required to wear their school hats at the beginning of the month of September.

“Remember in September; Put it away in May”

Kind Regards,

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Gayle Cope & Steve Donohoe