



Stage 2 Newsletter Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful getting to know your children throughout last term. Term 2 is sure to be a busy and productive time for our students, full of memorable learning experiences. Parents, as always please keep your eye out for notes coming home and notifications on the School Bytes Parent Portal.

Curriculum focus areas

In Term 2, the students will be engaging with the Science Unit 'Earth and Space'. This unit focuses on changes caused by interactions between the Earth and the Sun, and changes to the Earth's surface. The students will engage with daily Spelling, Guided Reading and Writing with a focus on informative text features. Reading Fluency and a focus on sentence structure will also form a key component of English Programs. Daily writing practise will also take place with journal writing. Mathematics will incorporate daily problem solving in the form of a 'Question of the Day' with a focus on a series of specific strategies. In Creative and Performing Arts, the students will engage in Visual Arts and Drama lessons and will learn about happy relationships in their weekly PDHPE sessions. All students will engage in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) lessons throughout Term 2. The STEM lessons focus on creativity, critical thinking, teamwork and ingenuity.

Sport

Students will have the opportunity to try out for Winter PSSA teams on Friday 3 May. Those who are successful in gaining a place on a team will participate in sport each Friday between 11:00 – 1:15pm in Terms 2 and 3. All other students will participate in school-based sport and other rotating club activities during the same time period.

Public Speaking

During Term 1, Stage 2 students presented outstanding first-person style speeches to their teachers and peers from a convict's perspective. All teachers were highly impressed with the students' efforts. In Term 2, students will be asked to prepare speeches to present to their class as a part of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition.

STAGE 2 EXCURSIONS and INCURSION

All Stage 2 classes will be walking to Balcombe Heights Estate to visit the Hills District Historical Society on either **Monday 6, 13 or 20 May**. All students will also be attending Elizabeth Farm and Old Government House on either **Monday 17 or Thursday 20 June**. These excursions will support the students' learning in their Term 1 History Unit First Contacts.

The students will also have the opportunity to attend a World of Maths incursion (here at Jasper Road PS) **on Wednesday 29 May**.

Parents, please note that all permission and payments must be provided using the School Bytes parent portal.

REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Later this term, you will be sent your child's Semester One report. You will then have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher in a parent / teacher conference.

Parents, further details regarding our excursion and incursion, parent/ teacher conferences and the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition will be sent home soon.

Warm regards,

Mr Marshall (Stage 2 Assistant Principal), Miss Krause, Mr Griffiths, Miss Richardson, Mrs Bargri, Mrs Martin, Miss San Jose, Mrs Stammers, Miss Foran, Mrs Carney, Mrs Marquez, Miss Debba, Ms. Kehagias