



Stage 2 Newsletter Term 2

Dear parents and 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 Schoolzine app.

Curriculum focus areas

In Term 2, the students will be engaging with the Science Unit 'Living World'. This unit focuses on the classification, life cycles and survival of living things. The students will continue with daily Phonics, Guided Reading and Writing with an ongoing focus on the differences between imaginative, persuasive and informative text purposes. 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, as well covering the three mathematical strands – Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. In Creative and Performing Arts, the students will engage in Visual Arts and Dance lessons and will learn about interpersonal relationships and active lifestyles in their weekly PDHPE sessions.

Sport

Due to wet weather in Term 1, Winter PSSA team trials were not able to take place. These trials will take place early in Term 2. Students who are successful in gaining a place in a PSSA team will participate in sport each Friday between 12:15 -3:00pm, in Terms 2 and 3. All other students will participate in school-based sport and other rotating activities during the same time period.

Public Speaking

During Term 1, Stage 2 students presented outstanding speeches to their teachers and peers on family celebrations and commemorations. All teachers were highly impressed with the students' efforts. In Term 2, students will be asked once again to prepare speeches to present to their class as a part of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Further information will be sent home regarding public speaking tasks soon.

NAPLAN

In May, our Year 3 students will complete NAPLAN assessments. The timetable for NAPLAN is as follows:

Tuesday 11th May – Language Conventions and Writing Tests

Wednesday 12th May – Reading Test

Thursday 13th May – Numeracy Test

Year 3 parents, please ensure that your child attends school on these days. More information regarding NAPLAN will be sent home soon.

STEM

We are very excited this year to continue our collaboration with the University of Sydney STEM Academy in implementing STEM initiatives (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) with our Stage 2 students. The students are thoroughly enjoying their STEM lessons and are already demonstrating high levels of creativity, critical thinking and ingenuity.

Warm regards,

Mr Marshall, Mrs Keast, Mrs Beedham, Mr Bath, Mrs Isaac, Mrs Rose, Mr McKay, Mr Armstrong, Miss Walker, Mrs Yatras, Miss O'Connell, Miss Kehagias



Key learning areas

Specialist programs

ICT with Mr Cairns– students will be exploring the world of coding. Using an application called Scratch, students will be developing their understanding of how to build code to create animated game and movies.

Library with Mrs Tokatlian – students will continue to be encouraged to borrow for a wide variety of books. During library lessons they will also be explicitly taught inquiry research skills.

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