



Stage 2 – Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer

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 Schoolzine app.

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 continue with daily Phonics, Guided Reading and Writing with an ongoing focus on the differences between imaginative, persuasive and informative text purposes. Vocabulary building and the development of inferential understanding will also form a key component of English Programs. Daily writing practice 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 as covering two of the three mathematical strands – Number and Algebra and Measurement and Geometry. 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 who have been successful in gaining a place in a Winter 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 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 once again to prepare speeches to present to their class as a part of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition.

NAPLAN

In May, our Year 3 students will complete NAPLAN assessments. All NAPLAN assessments will be online this year. The NAPLAN online test window is nine days. The NAPLAN commencement date is MONDAY 9TH MAY. *Year 3 parents, please ensure that your child attends school on these days.*

Stage 2 Excursion and Incursion

Stage 2 students will be attending Experiment Farm and Old Government House on **Monday 20 June, Wednesday 22 June and Thursday 23 June**. This excursion will support the students' learning in their Term 1 History Unit First Contacts. The students will also have the opportunity to attend a planetarium incursion (here at Jasper Road PS) **between Monday 30 May and Thursday 2 June**. The incursion will support the students' learning in their Term 2 Science Unit Earth and Space.

Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences

Later this term, your child will bring home their Semester One report. You will then have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher in a parent/teacher conference (COVID restrictions permitting).

Further details regarding NAPLAN, 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), Mrs Beedham, Mrs Withers, Miss Ritumalta, Mrs Rose, Miss Baker, Mrs Stammers, Miss Walker, Mrs Yatras, Miss Burbage, Miss Baker