



Year 2/3/4

Term 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been great having the class back at school as we slowly transition away from remote learning over the coming weeks. Thank-you for the at home support that has been provided to students during the uncertainty of restrictions. Whilst school operations will continue to be a little different in Term 4, I'm sure that students and staff will fill this term with great memories of achievements and activities.

SPECIALISTS DAYS

Tuesday (odd weeks)	MARC Van & Indonesian
Wednesday	Art
Friday	P.E.

CURRICULUM

Reading - Students will build their reading strategies (decoding of text). We will analyse Text Structures and Features, visualisations and inferencing and making text connections (text to self, text to text and text to world). Reading assessments will be completed using MOEW words and records of reading accuracy and comprehension along with online assessment to provide feedback on student development.

Writing - In Term 4, students will be working through different forms of poetry. Through poetry the students will have the opportunity to express ideas and feelings, sometimes using rhyming patterns, rhythms, and specific formulas. The students will publish various pieces and compile these into a take home 'gift' to share with their families. This term students will complete a moderated writing sample to be assessed by the teaching team, along with spelling assessment.

Numeracy - This term students will focus on place value up to millions, and strengthen their multiplication skills and knowledge. As a class we will also cover the topics of mapping, time and number sentences. This term students will also complete an end of year Essential Assessment - Number and Algebra, to gain feedback on their learning progress.

Inquiry - Our inquiry topic this term is '*Creativity - Frame by Frame*'. Students will practice thinking creatively as they develop a simple story and characters, settings, and props for their story. They will draw a storyboard that depicts the most interesting scene from their story idea and use the storyboard to make a stop motion animation. They will build a set and a prop, and capture images for their stop motion animation.

DIARIES

Diaries are an important communication tool for our school. Student Reading and Maths Nights are to be recorded and messages regarding upcoming absence for appointments can be communicated. **If you have lost or misplaced your child's diary, replacement diaries are available from the office for \$5.** It is a requirement for all students to have a diary at school each day.

FRUIT AND WATER

Each day students are given two short breaks during learning time (10am & 12:30pm). Students are able to have fresh fruit/vegetables during these breaks. Students should also have a water bottle each day to avoid interrupting learning time to use the bubble taps.

READING AND MATHS NIGHTS

It is great to see some students making the most of their reading at home. Well done to those students that have reached 200+ reading nights thus far. It would be great to see those students that have fallen behind make an effort to change their approach to home reading and set achievement goals for the final part of the year. I can support where needed.

Maths Nights is a way to enjoy maths that we encounter each day. When you are completing tasks such as cooking (measuring, counting), travelling (distance, time), building (shapes, measuring) etc. Students also can access Mathletics, Studyladder and Sumdog with their login codes pasted in their diaries. Students will be acknowledged in the newsletter and at our school assembly on achieving 25 night milestones.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school (phone/email/Compass) in the morning of that day to inform us. On the first day of your child's return, please provide a written explanation of absence to the classroom teacher. We are tracking our attendance in class and aiming for 100% attendance days.

It would be great to have students at school but a reminder that we are mindful of COVID symptoms. Please alert the school (Compass or a phone call) if your child will not be in attendance each morning they are going to be absent.

FACE MASKS and HATS

Please ensure students have their face masks and hats at school each day. It has been pleasing to see students already being aware of having both of these at school and remembering to wear them. Please check that your child has their name on their hats, it makes it much easier to find or return when this is done.

Kind regards,

Steve Smith