



Year 2/3/4

Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have had a relaxing break and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Term One is a busy one for the students and hopefully they are well rested and ready to enjoy all that will be on offer. Listed below is important information, please feel free to make a time to discuss any queries you may have with me.

SPECIALISTS DAYS

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

CURRICULUM

Starting Right - This fortnight, students will be completing tasks from our 'Starting Right' program, with a focus on our school values, classroom and school procedures, goal setting, work ethic and expectations.

Reading - Students will build their comprehension with a focus on visualising, text structures and features, and clarifying. Students will continue to have independent learning goals to focus on which will be revised during fortnightly individual conferences.

Writing - We will be setting up our Writer's Notebooks and decorating front covers with student choice pictures, stickers etc. that they can bring to school from home. Students will be writing memoirs using seeds from their Writer's Notebooks. In the second half of the term we will be learning about, planning and publishing narrative mysteries. Students will have fortnightly writing conferences with opportunities to share and develop new learning goals in their writing.

Numeracy - This term the students will continue to strengthen their understanding of place value and using the four operations. We will also cover the topics of 3D shapes, Measurement (length) Data, Fractions and Number Patterns. Students will be building skills around estimating using knowledge that they have retained.

Inquiry - Identity Unit - The Game of Life

Students will consider ethics, customs, hobbies and sports, and people who are important in their lives as they develop cards to play in 'The Game of Life'. They will learn which health messages in the media are safe to trust and how to say no when someone is pressuring them.

FRUIT AND WATER

Each day students are given two short breaks during learning (10am & 12:30pm). Students are able to have fresh fruit/vegetables during these breaks. We are trying to have a focus on 'wrapper free' lunchboxes as much as possible and your support with this would be greatly appreciated with students focusing on their impact on the environment. Students should also have a water bottle each day to avoid interrupting learning time to use the bubble taps.

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. It is important that students have their diary at school with them each day. If you have lost or misplaced your child's diary, replacement diaries are available from the office for \$5.

READING AND MATHS NIGHTS

It's great to see some students recording home reading nights already. I enjoy hearing about the books that students are choosing to read independently. Please support your child's reading at home by reading with them, questioning them about their independent reading and providing structure so that reading time is a normal occurrence in their routine. Maths Nights is a way to enjoy the maths that we encounter each day, with tasks such as cooking (measuring, counting), travelling (distance, time), building (shapes, measuring) etc. Students also can access Mathletics and Studyladder with their login codes pasted in their diaries from next week.

Students will be acknowledged on achieving 25 night milestones for Reading and Maths Nights.

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 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.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

In the near future we will conduct our Cross Country at Anakie Reserve (date TBA). Distances for each age group will be; Year 2 = 500m, 9 & 10 year old = 2km and 11 & 12 year old = 3km. Students in Years 3-6 will have an opportunity to qualify for the MVA Cross Country held in Teesdale at a later date.

Kind regards,

Steve Smith