



P/1/2 Newsletter - Term One

Welcome back to school!

I hope everyone had a lovely break and you are ready for another successful year of learning in 2022. Below is some information about the upcoming term.

Curriculum

Reading - Students will be predicting what happens in stories, learn to use a range of strategies to decode unknown words and visualise characters and settings. They will also be practising their sound-letter recognition.

Writing - This term the students are going to be practising their letter recognition and formation, and use their sound-letter knowledge to write familiar words. They will also be learning to write recounts, narratives and begin to use their Writer's Notebook.

Numeracy - Students will be practising their counting skills and expanding their place value knowledge. We will also begin learning about measurement and geometry.

Inquiry - This term the students will be exploring the theme of 'Growing Older and Wiser' in Inquiry sessions.

Diaries / Maths and Reading Nights

Thank you to all the families who have been diligently filling out the school diary and dedicating precious time at home to complete extra learning with their child. It's great to see the students so eager to learn at home with their families!

Tissues

Included in this year's school learning pack fee was a designated amount of money to purchase some boxes of tissues for the class. If your family would still like to donate a box of tissues for the class it would be greatly appreciated. A big thank you to the families who have already sent a couple of boxes along with their child to school!

Clothing and Containers

Just a friendly reminder to make sure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled, including food containers and clothing. We love seeing all of the food containers being used instead of cling wrap and food wrappers to promote a more sustainable and environmentally friendly lunchbox, thank you! However, if they are unnamed it makes it trickier to return them to their rightful owner.

Magazines

Once again, if any families are wanting to part ways with their old magazines the P/1/2 class would love to take them off your hands! The students like to cut out pictures, letters and numbers for different learning activities in the classroom.

Writer's Notebook

Each student has a 'Writer's Notebook' that they will be using throughout the year in writing sessions. This notebook has a plain black A4 front cover that is begging to be decorated with pictures and stickers that will inspire the students to write. If you have anything at home that your child could use to decorate their cover, please send it along to school by **Friday 18th February**. These items may include photos of family members and pets, magazine pictures of their favourite things, as well as colourful stickers. Throughout the year you may like to send along little tokens, for example movie tickets or holiday photos, for your child to stick in their notebook and use as writing inspiration.

M100W / MEOW Words

In the English language there is a group of 100 most frequently used words that make up half of the words used in all reading and writing. WOW! The P/1 students will be learning these sight words throughout the year at school and at home with your assistance. Students will be sent home with a booklet and a page of letters/words to learn. Once they learn that particular page of letters/words, they will be given the next set to learn. If your child has their MEOW booklet from last year, can they please send it along to school as soon as possible? On the booklet will be a day in which your child will be tested on their words at school so please ensure the booklet is sent to school on that day. It is recommended that they keep their MEOW Words in their book bag with their diary. Some letters/words will be learned quickly, others will take a bit longer - and that's okay. Helping your child learn to read these words makes a **significant** impact on your child's literacy progress and any time you can spend with your child to learn these words is greatly appreciated. The first two pages will be the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make.

Specialists

PE - Tuesdays

Art - Wednesdays

MARC Van - Every second Thursday, beginning Week Three of this term.

Indonesian - Every second Friday, beginning Week Three of this term.

Hats and Sunscreen

Please encourage your child to check they have their hat at school, and a supply of sunscreen if you wish for them to use it.

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home and at school. I look forward to a wonderful year as your child's teacher!

Kind regards,

Caitlin Pickering