

Grade 2 Newsletter Term 1, 2022

Dates to Remember

Glasses for Kids program	Monday 28th February, 1st March, 2nd March
Grade 2 Victoria Police Incursion	Tuesday 1st March
Grade 2 Ballet Workshop	Thursday 3rd March, 10th March, 17th March, 24th March
Labour day Holiday No School	Monday 14th March
Meet the Teacher	Wednesday 16th March
Swimming Program	Monday 21st March -1st April
Last day of Term 1	Friday 8th April

Welcome back to school. We are looking forward to a great partnership and a productive working year. The students have settled in really well.

The teachers in the Year 2 Department are:

- Mr Aaron Willoughby (Room 18)
- Ms Krystyna Bochenek (Room 17)
- Ms Sonia Naicker (Room 14)

OTHER PARENT INFORMATION:

- We encourage students to arrive on time before the 9am bell to maximise their learning opportunities.
- We hope for maximum student attendance to fulfill student learning potential throughout the year.
- Home reading has now commenced. Students are expected to bring their blue reading satchels home each night to complete their 20 minutes of nightly reading. The Grade 2's will be issued with a new diary soon. It is expected that these diaries are filled in each night and placed back into their reading satchels.

Curriculum Overview

NUMERACY

Students will solve simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of efficient mental and written strategies. They will learn to recognise, make, represent and order numbers to at least 999. In Measurement and Geometry, the students will be focusing on time. They will be reading calendars and time to the quarter hour. Students will also learn about length, area and capacity.



READING:

This term our focus for Reading has been settling into reading routines and expectations, establishing classroom libraries and reading conferences.



We will revise choosing Just Right Books, which are books that are a good fit for each student.

We will also be focusing on comprehension strategies such as predicting, making connections and questioning. Students will learn strategies to help them decode and solve words when they read.

We will look at persuasive texts where students will have the opportunity to analyse and critique texts.

Just a reminder, students will choose new Take Home books every Monday. They are encouraged to read each book more than once to develop their fluency and understanding of the text.

We encourage students to attend Early Bird Reading each morning in the library to continue to practise their reading strategies and work on their goals to become more efficient readers.

WRITING

This term, the students will become more familiar with writing Persuasive texts. They will have the opportunity to form personal opinions with a focus to persuade the reader.



Students will be introduced to their writer's notebook where they will develop their ideas to become effective writers.

They will learn to follow the writing process which includes planning, drafting, editing and revising and publishing their work.

They will develop spelling strategies and the proper use of punctuation and grammar within their writing.

INQUIRY

This term, Grade 2' will be immersed in the unit of Places and Spaces. Students will learn about the services in their community. The Victorian Police incursion will tie in with this unit to enhance students knowledge on emergency services. They will learn about navigation and consider the language of direction and location. Students will also look at sustainable practices as they design and construct their own model building in groups.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be handed out every Monday (starting in Week 3). This will consist of revision of concepts learnt in class. Please support your child with their learning at home. Due to Covid restrictions there is currently no Homework club until further notice.

