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Room 28 Newsletter

Term 2 2017



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to term 2!

I trust you have had a safe and relaxing holiday. As usual we have a busy term planned. One that will provide many rich learning experiences for your child.

Naplan

The year 5 students will be involved in Naplan testing during week 2. This will involve Reading, Spelling, Language Conventions, Writing and Numeracy tests over a period of three days; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please help your child to remain calm and well rested during this week and ensure that they arrive at school on time. If they arrive late, they will miss the initial preparation and become stressed. They will also interrupt the students who are working. Teachers have to adhere to strict guidelines during each test and unfortunately we are unable to provide extra time for the late comers to complete the questions. Importantly, we must reassure all students with regard to the Naplan Test that it is simply another tool used by teachers to measure student progress.

Reconciliation Week

During week 5 we will celebrate Reconciliation Week, with activities which embrace diversity, tolerance and an understanding of the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. In addition, we will celebrate the cultural backgrounds of the students in our class and learn about countries, geographical points of interest, foods and customs.



Absences As you would be aware the roll book is now recorded electronically. It is crucial to contact the school by 10:00am if your child is away. Otherwise you will receive a text from the school alerting you that your child has not arrived at school. Please contact the school on receiving a message.

What's on this term
This Term Assemblies will be held on
FRIDAY WEEK 3
THURSDAY WEEK 4, 6, 8, 10
At 9:00am in the Hall

Thursday 18th May
School Photos

Friday 19th May
Colour Fun Run

Tuesday 30th May
No Pen Morning

Monday 12th June
Public Holiday
Queens Birthday



Tuesday 13th June
PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday 5th July
Reports Go Home

Friday 7th July
Last Day of Term 2
Casual Day with
gold coin donation
Early Dismissal 2:00pm



Literacy Block occurs every morning, involving Reading Comprehension, Writing, Grammar and Spelling tasks. The children work in groups according to their needs.

Tasks include guided reading, poetry, questioning, comprehension strategies, vocab extension, grammar, punctuation, genre writing, handwriting, spelling and word knowledge.

Genre Writing will focus on Persuasive Text writing followed by debating across a number of classes.

Maths - Australian Curriculum

Number and Algebra

- solve problems involving multiplication of large numbers by 1 and 2 digits
- use efficient mental, written strategies and digital technologies.
- solve problems involving division
- revise problem solving which involves addition and subtraction using large numbers
- revise and reinforce quick recall of times tables and basic number facts
- unit of work on Fractions

In addition to our class lessons the students will work in ability groups across year levels to further develop their understanding of fractions.

Students will also be working on a maths task where they need to develop a 'Healthy Living Park'. This task will incorporate area, perimeter, converting between units of measurements and following specific criteria. They will also develop their skills in drawing to scale.

Resource Centre In the Resource Centre students will be learning how to research using a variety of resources. They will be involved in locating primary and secondary sources of information to answer questions that they have formulated in small groups. This will relate to the topics of the gold rush, adaptations in science and digital technologies.

Music/Drama - Mr. Luke This term in the Arts we will be planning for and filming our year 5/6 Wakakirri project. We will also be doing some exciting learning in Music. The students will be listening and responding to a range of musical genres. They will be creating original melodies and learning how to notate them. We will explore musical concepts such as dynamics, timbre, pitch and tempo. The students will also be developing their "musical ears" by learning to identify pitch intervals and different chord structures.

HASS This term, we are beginning an inquiry into the gold rush. The students will be applying their knowledge and understanding of research to grasp an understanding of why the gold rush occurred, how it shaped Australia and who was responsible.

Digital Technologies This term students will be given the opportunity to explore the workings and the development of computer systems. Students will become familiar with the base two number system, binary.

Physical Education/Health - Mr Cuconits

I am extremely excited to continue working at Parafield Gardens R-7 School this term and I look forward to continuing the great work that was started in Health and PE in term 1. In term 2 students will learn about mental health and wellbeing with a focus on hygiene and healthy body image. Students will also be involved in exploring the concept of safety and keeping safe, as well as taking an in depth look at healthy food and nutrition.



The term 2 Physical Education component involves the following:

Football – Students will learn a variety of skills including; kicking, handballing, marking and creating space.

Basketball – The following skills will be practised and developed over a 5 week unit; Passing, Dribbling, shooting and defending.

Term 2 will also consist of a lunchtime sporting competition for year 2-7 students. Basketball has been chosen due to its popularity and teams will play every Wednesday in the Hall.

Homework Please check your child's diary and homework book as they will consist of a variety of maths challenges, spelling, reading and also completing any unfinished work from lessons throughout the school day.

Diaries Please check your child's diary as it contains important information about your child's assessment results, homework and useful reminders about what is happening at school.

Kind regards
Frank Liemareff

