



Government  
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Department for Education  
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# Room 33 Newsletter

## Term 2 2017



**Dear Parents/Caregivers,**

It is wonderful to see your child back at school, ready to go and delve into new learning. During Week 2, the year 5 students will engage in the Naplan test. Please provide some nutritious food to keep them going during the test and after it.

**Absences:** It is the responsibility of the parents/caregivers to notify the school of your child's absences. Students are not to inform the school or myself. You can contact the school on 8258 1816 or write a note in the *student's diary* to inform me.

**Class Expectations:** It is important for the students in room 33 to be successful. In order for this to occur, all students are required to:

- Follow the teacher's instructions
- Work safely and include others
- Be respectful to all members
- Be responsible for own and class property

**Hats:** As part of the school uniform, children are now required to wear their hats every day of the year. If necessary you can purchase one for from the Front Office for \$5.50.

**Homework:** Every child will have some homework each day. This will be inclusive of Maths, completing English tasks such as writing and spelling, and science tasks.

### CURRICULUM

#### ENGLISH: Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Comprehension:

Students will increase their literacy skills by:

- Listening and responding to texts, interpret and analyse texts
- Understand and verbalise vocabulary about the Earth, earthquakes and natural disasters.
- Use knowledge of sentence structures
- Express and develop ideas in group tasks
- Explore common and less common plurals, suffixes
- Plan, rehearse and deliver presentations for defined audiences and for specific purpose with accuracy,

Students will have a weekly spelling contract. The contract allows the students to enhance their literacy and comprehension skills. It will also enable the students to increase their grammar and pronunciation of new words.

**S.T.E.A.M.** In term 2, the year 5 & 6 students have the opportunity to explore and discover the *earth, the cause and effects of earthquakes* in Australia and across other areas of the world. This topic will be integrated across the Curriculum even though it is a Science component.

### What's on this term

#### WEEK 2

Tues 9th to Thurs 11th May  
NaPlan tests

#### WEEK 3

Thursday 18th May  
School Photos  
Friday 19th May  
Room 33 Hosting the  
Assembly  
School Colour Run

#### WEEK 4

Thursday 25th May  
Assembly

#### WEEK 6

Thursday 6th June  
Assembly

#### WEEK 7

Monday 12th June  
Public Holiday  
Tuesday 13th June  
PUPIL FREE DAY

#### WEEK 8

Thursday 20th June  
Assembly

#### WEEK 10

Wednesday 5th July  
Reports sent home  
Thursday 6th July  
Assembly

Last Day of Term  
Friday July 7th July  
Casual Day with

Gold Con Donation  
Early Dismissal 2:00pm

This includes Science, Technology Engineering, The Arts and Mathematics. Students will also learn through history the cause and effects of earthquakes including the designers and the designs of building structures. The students will increase their knowledge, skills and understanding by collaborating ideas in group tasks.

**Literacy and Numeracy** will be an integrated process as students will be able to:

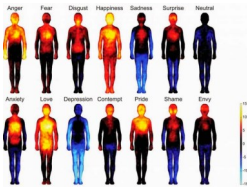
- Estimate and calculate use efficient mental strategies to solve problems.
- create a simple budget plan and cost predictions
- using the appropriate topical language within a group
- create inquiry question/s to conduct research on the computer.

### **PE and Health with Mr. Cuconits**

I am extremely excited to continue working at Parafield Gardens R-7 School this term.

#### **Health:**

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.



#### **PE**

The term 2 Physical Education component involved 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.

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### **The Arts**

The students will learn about Aboriginal Art as a structural form for mapping and communicating ideas. They will also compare different social, cultural and historical artworks. This component requires the students to plan and organize their ideas before creating their artworks.

### **Music and Drama with 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.

### **AUSLAN with Ms Krohn**

Australian Sign Language is the recognised visual language of the Deaf community. During second term the students will be reviewing and expanding their Auslan vocabulary through sign games, songs, video, the use of IT equipment, signed conversations and written projects. We will cover a “Food” topic exploring foods found in celebrations/festivals/restaurants and signing appropriately. Use of Time markers in sentences will be a focus point.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

The students are required to wear their school uniform every day. Nail polish needs to be removed before the school week, long nails need to be short so that they are able to participate in physical activities. Our school uniform is navy blue. Please remember that denim is not part of the school uniform. Uniform items can be purchased from the front office.

Term 2 is a very busy time. If you wish to meet with me, please do not hesitate to write a note in your child's diary or phone the school, leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

**Warm regards**  
**Ms. Nola Foster**