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Parafield Gardens R-7 School

Room 25 Newsletter Term 2 2018



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 7 students will be involved in NAPLAN testing during week 3. 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, 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

Wednesday 9th May
Photo Day



15th, 16th and 17th May
NAPLAN

Monday 11th June
Public Holiday
Queens Birthday



Tuesday 12th June
PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday 4th July
Reports Go Home
Casual Day with gold coin donation

Friday 6th July
Last Day of Term 2
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 information text writing followed by debating across a number of classes.

The students are excited to read and analyse *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rawlings as part of their literacy studies.

Maths - Australian Curriculum

Number and Algebra

- solve problems involving multiplication of large numbers by 3 and 4 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 continue working in ability groups across year levels to further develop their understanding of key skills in maths.

Resource Based Learning Although the Resource Centre is in the process of major civil works students will be learning how to research using a variety of recourses within the classroom. They will be involved in locating primary and secondary sources of information to answer questions that they have formulated in small groups.

Music/Drama - Mr Luke This term in Media Arts we will be examining the exciting world of superheroes. Students will be designing their own superheroes with super powers, weakness and origin story. We will then script and create radio dramas around their adventures!

HASS This term, we are beginning an inquiry into ANZAC Day and its significance to us. The students will be applying their knowledge and understanding of research to grasp an understanding of why and how ANZAC Day 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

After an extremely successful start to the year, I am excited to introduce new topics that will allow students to develop new skills. In term 2 students will learn about how to form positive relationships with others and the effects that these relationships can have on them. Students will also learn about mental health and wellbeing with a focus on hygiene and healthy body image.

The term 2 Physical Education component involves the following:

European Handball - Students will learn a number of skills including; dribbling, passing, shooting, defending and goalkeeping.

Basketball – The following skills will be practised and developed over a 5 week unit; passing, dribbling, shooting, defending and game play.



Term 2 will also include a lunchtime sporting competition for year 5-7 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.

Concerns

If you ever have any concerns regarding your child's progress feel free to write a note, email or call me and we can make a time to discuss it.

Kind Regards

Frank Liemareff

