

Room 23 Newsletter

Term 4 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all families. I would like to extend a special welcome to Jawid, who is a new student. We hope that he and his family have a happy and productive time at our school.

It is the time of year when you may be doing a 'Spring Clean Up'. As you are no doubt aware, I have a children's Treasure Box in the classroom, from which the children choose trinkets to acknowledge good work, behaviour etc. As you do a tidy up, rather than discard old or unused toys, please remember the grateful recipients at school; "one person's trash is another's treasure".

Mathematics

Mass and Lineal Measurement will be our focus this term. We will also create, and interpret data from tables, lists and graphs. We will also have a unit of work on division. The children will gain "hands-on" experience with measuring a range of objects as part of our work on Mass. They will use a variety of manipulatives such as balance scales to help them in their investigations. The *Volume* component will involve the students making products using tactile objects such as unifix blocks and also accessing digital sites to calculate the volume.

English

During this term weekly spelling tests and exposure to high frequency reading words will continue. Our text types will be Narratives and Information Reports. Within these text types, we will have a particular focus on structure, referencing items, paragraphing, punctuation and spelling. Emphasis will also be placed on comprehension strategies. Towards the end of the year we will turn our attention to the new text style of letter writing. The festive season will be an opportune time to write greetings to friends and loved ones.

HASS

The students will focus on local landmarks, our state geography and make connections with countries around the world. Regions with which our students have family connections will have a special focus. As a United Nations Peace School the principles of respect for cultural diversity are embedded across the curriculum. We will work on projects about Divali and Hanukkah and make wreaths and poppies for Remembrance Day.

Science

Our Primary Connections topic for the next couple of months will be "Staying Alive". This has a biological science focus that deals with the basic needs of animals. We will examine similarities and differences between pets and humans. There will be a homework component for this unit. Thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

What's on this term

Assemblies this term will be held on Thursdays in Weeks 2, 4, 6 and 9 at 9:00am in the Hall

Week 3

Thursday 1st November
Music Count Us In

Friday 2nd November
Sports Day

Week 5

Monday 12th November
Remembrance Day Ceremony

Week 7

Monday 26th November
Pupil Free Day

Week 8

Tuesday 4th December
Parafield on Parade (POP)

Week 9

Wednesday 12th December
Casual Day with Gold coin Donation

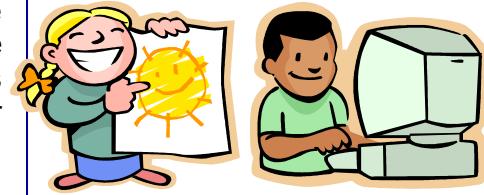
Thursday 13th December

Class Visits for 2019
Class Parties
Reports go home

Friday 14th December

Last day of Term 4

Early Dismissal at 2:00pm



Media Arts

This term the students will be making and responding to media artworks. We will consolidate our learning using various apps on the iPads. We will explore the use of different techniques, processes and technologies to produce a variety of products. We will work with animations and computer graphics. Students will understand how images, sound (loudness, softness, background noise), music, light and text can be used for effect.

Technology

Our work in Digital Technologies will consist of an emphasis on coding. The children will consolidate their skills using the school's ozobot robots and be introduced to the beebots. The students will undertake challenges to construct objects and write algorithms (a series of instructions to make something move). These activities not only promote creativity, but it also develops the children's ability to make personal connections with their learning.



Reminders and important notices

- As the weather becomes warmer it is important that all students bring a drink bottle of water to school each day. They are able to access this 'brain fluid' daily.
- All students will be required to wear **sun safe hats** as a part of the school uniform. If your child does not have a hat they will be asked to stay in the shade during break times. Please see the office staff if you need to purchase a new hat. They are \$5.50 each.
- Sports Day** will be held on Friday of Week 3. Students are encouraged to wear sun safe clothing in their team colours! It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible on this day.

The old Resource Centre has now become the new and exciting Hive. This is primarily a STEM space but first thing in the morning the children will be able to borrow books to take home. The staff in the Hive will be more than happy to assist from 8:15am each morning.

Music and Drama - Amanda Drury

Welcome back to another term of fun-filled Music, Dance and Drama lessons. This term will see our students participating in *Music, Count Us In*, an event where many schools come together at once to sing. Alongside this, our students will continue to learn about beat, rhythm, pitch and dynamics, including notation and composition using both our voices and instruments. We will be exploring improvisation and theatre sports in drama, and take the skills we learned in term 3 through Yoga to create our own dances using cross over and a variety of postures.

Health and PE - Matthew Cuconits

After an extremely successful three terms, I am excited to introduce new topics that will allow students to develop new skills. In term 4 health lessons students will learn about food and nutrition with a focus on healthy eating. Students will also learn about maintaining healthy friendships.

The term 4 Physical Education component involves the following:

- Badminton - The following skills will be practised and developed over a 4 week unit: overhead clear, underarm clear, drop shot and smash.
- Soccer – The following skills will be practised and developed over a 4 week unit; passing, dribbling and shooting.



As we begin the last school term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that I have an 'open door' policy. If there is anything you would like to discuss, please let me know so that we can arrange a mutually suitable time.

Thank you also to the parents who contact the office, as we all collectively support the school's attendance system. This helps us fulfil our legal obligation to monitor the children's safety and well being. Please contact the office on 82581816, if your child will be late or absent.

I look forward to another productive term with the children.

***Kind regards,
Sue Pasalidis***