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Parafield Gardens R-7 School

Room 32 Newsletter Term 4 2018



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Hello and welcome back to term 4! This year is just flying by! Your children have come so far since the beginning of the year and I am incredibly proud of them all. They have created such a positive and supportive learning environment that has given them all the opportunity to learn and develop a wide range of skills. I would like to say thank you to all the parents who have provided ongoing support during the year. By providing your children with extra support at home with your child's reading; you have helped them have a very successful year. I hope that this support will continue throughout the year by reading with your child and practising their sight words **every** night.

Personal items

It is great to see that most of the children are bringing a water bottle to school each day. Please continue to send your child to school with a water bottle as it is needed throughout the day to keep them hydrated. Please also remember to name all items belonging to your child. This ensures that if something is misplaced there is a greater chance of it being returned to the correct child.

Communication

Please continue to check your child's green/blue folder daily to ensure that important messages reach you. Please also make sure that your child is coming to school with their folder **every day** with their reader, diary and sight words inside. It is very important that all students bring their reader every day to ensure that they have plenty of opportunities to change their reader to access a range of texts.

Homework

It is very important that your child reads for at least **10 minutes every night**. Students are also required to complete at least **4 Studyladder activities each week**. If students complete these activities by Friday of each week they are given reward time on the computers.

Remember

- Assemblies this term will be held Thursday mornings of weeks 2, 4, 6, and 9.
- Students wear hats all year round!
- Bring a drink bottle with water each day.

What's on this term

Assemblies this term will be held on Thursdays in Weeks 2, 4, 6, & 9

Week 3

Thursday 1st November
Music Count Us In
Friday 2nd November
Sports Day

Week 5

Monday 12th November
Remembrance Day Ceremony

Week 6

Monday 19th to Friday 23th
November
Year 3-5 Swimming

Week 7

Monday 26th November
Pupil Free Day

Week 8

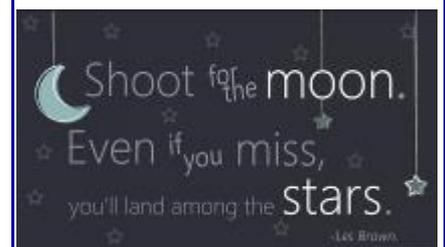
Tuesday 4th December
Parafield on Parade (POP)

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



English

Reading

Along with students' **reading at home everyday for 10 minutes**, students will also participate in daily read-to-self sessions. This enables the students to continue developing fluency and comprehension in their reading whilst encouraging them to develop independence in reading and to apply decoding strategies. Our reading program will also be made up of shared, guided and modelled reading. These sessions will include explicit teaching of reading strategies.

Spelling

Students will continue to use their weekly spelling contract. As spelling is the first thing that we do in the morning, it is important that your child gets here on time so they don't miss out on this practise session. A test of their words will be taken each Friday morning.

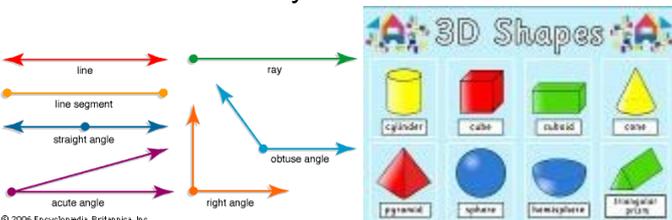
Writing

This term we will continue with information reports. We will also do a recap of all of the genres that we have already covered this year. This will be a part of our modelled writing sessions. These sessions allow for explicit teaching of the genres. Handwriting lessons will continue to occur regularly to reinforce correct formation of un-joined lower and upper case letters.

Numeracy

Students will continue to revise and develop Natural Maths and Big Ideas in Number strategies to *Trust the Count* by playing maths games, using flash cards, participating in numeracy talks, problem solving and completing mental routines. In addition to this, students will be working towards achieving the following learning objectives:

- identify data sources and plan methods of data collection and recording
- interpret and compare data displays
- collect data, organise into categories and create displays
- conduct chance experiments, identify and describe possible outcomes and recognise variation in results
- identify angles as measures of turn and compare angle sizes in everyday situations
- make models of three dimensional objects and describe key features



Science

In Science this term we will again be joining up with Room 31 to explore Physical Science. Students will be provided with opportunities to investigate different heat sources and how heat moves from one object to another.



Technology

In Technology the students will be exploring the ozobots. Students control the Ozobots with colour markers by drawing lines and codes for it to explore.

HASS

This term, students will continue working with Room 31 for our HASS program. This term will be centered around learning about festivals and celebrations from all around the world. Students will discover the history behind such celebrations as Halloween, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.



Music & Drama with Miss Yates

This term in music, students will be preparing for Music Count Us In Day in week 3. They will continue to participate in the Recorder Karate program and revise elements of rhythm. Students will have play and compose music using xylophones and percussion instruments.

In drama, students will continue to explore and develop the elements of a character and apply them in improvised scenarios. Students will participate in scripted drama including Reader's Theatre. They will describe the elements of drama, including where and why drama exists.

Health and PE with Mr Poulain

Last term students had the opportunity to participate in a number of different sporting clinics and activities. During Health lessons students have learnt about keeping themselves and others safe. With sports day fast approaching in early term 4, students have been practising sports day tabloid events which are highly competitive, fun and teamwork focused. In term 4 the students will continue to learn about keeping safe in other areas including water and fire safety. During PE I will be continuing to work on developing the student's fundamental movement skills with a particular emphasis on throwing, catching and fielding.

I am very proud of the students' growth and development throughout the year, and I am looking forward to seeing them participate on sports day to show off their skills.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Bright

