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Room 8 Newsletter



Term 4 2018



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back for the last term of the year. I hope everyone had a good break. The last term is usually fast and furious with whole school activities such as Sports Day and POP (Parafield on Parade).

Just a few reminders:

- ◆ Please remember to drop your child before the two bells at **8.35 or 8.40am** when possible so they have enough time to organise themselves in the morning. Thank you to parents for understanding the importance of your child's independence. 
- ◆ If your child is late please report to the office for a **late pass**.
- ◆ **Please use the communication book** or make an appointment if you need to talk to me as it is vital to settle the children calmly into the morning routine. Please keep it brief if you do have to share an important message. 
- ◆ Thank you for sending a **piece of fruit** for your child's healthy snack break. Children do look forward to fruit time and enjoy tasting different fruits.
- ◆ Children are expected to wear **hats** during recess and lunch play and whilst outside the class room. If your child needs a new hat it can be purchased from the front office for \$5.50. Please ensure your child's hat is labelled.
- ◆ As the weather is getting warmer it is important that your child is drinking plenty of water to keep hydrated. **No cordial please**. Make sure that your child has a **drink bottle** to bring to school.
- ◆ Please remember to return library books back by Monday to be exchanged. If your child has an overdue book they are unable to borrow another book.

I look forward to work with and support you and your child this term and make it fun.

Regards,
Rosaline Singh

Reading

What's on this term

Diary Dates

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

Week 2

Tuesday 23rd October
Room 7 & 11 Bake Sale

Week 3

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

School resumes
for 2019 on
Monday 29th
January

Please support your child by listening or reading to them each night. We will change readers as needed to familiarise the students with the text and to promote confidence in reading. Along with the reader, a set of Oxford Sight Words and Fitzroy readers or Letter/Sound book will be sent to practise at home.



Phonics

We will practise and revise the sounds again. Please continue to practise the actions and sing along the Jolly Phonics songs. You can find the Jolly Phonics songs on YouTube. We are revising sounds of letters and learning to blend and decode words.

Numracgy

This term we will continue to focus on number and simple computation (adding and subtracting). We will continue to work with numbers making and counting small groups of objects and understanding concepts of more and less. We will also learn about Time and Money during the term, recognising and making small amounts using coins.

HASS and Geography

For our topic this term, 'Where in the world are we?', we will be studying our country - Australia. We will be learning mapping skills to locate our country and its states and territories on the world map. We will also investigate other facts about Australia.

Cooking

Children enjoy cooking and look forward to it. We will be cooking fortnightly on Fridays. A small fee of \$2 will be collected to cover costs.



Swimming

We will continue swimming lessons on Tuesdays and we will be taking public transport. We will inform you if we take private cars on the day via phone call. Please send your child dressed in bathers under their uniform. With the warmer weather approaching, sandals could be an alternative to sport shoes on swimming days.



SPORTS DAY

Sport's Day will be held on Friday 2nd November (week 3). Your child is placed in a team and will participate in team activities on the day. You will be notified of your child's team colour by week 2 of this term. Your child can wear their team colours on the day, however in

accordance with our School Sun Safe policy, clothing should cover your child's shoulders (no singlets). For their comfort, children are required to wear sport shoes on that day. Please come and encourage your child on this day. I am sure they will love it.



Health and Physical Development

Term 3 was a very enjoyable start to teaching at Parafield Gardens R-7 School. I have been especially impressed with the students' behaviour during PE & Health lessons. The students have really enjoyed learning about 'keeping safe' during term 3.

In Term 4 the students will continue to learn about keeping safe in other areas including water and fire safety. During PE we will be continuing to work on developing the student's fundamental movement skills with a particular emphasis on throwing, catching and fielding.

Emma-Lee Dunstan
Specialist Health/PE Teacher

Music and Drama Program

This term in music, students will continue to prepare for Music Count Us In Day in week 3. They will continue to expand their knowledge of rhythm using stories about the Note Neighbourhood and apply these skills in different contexts, including playing them on xylophones. Students will explore patterns, rounds and echo in different songs.



In drama, students will explore drama using different settings and situations. They will combine voice, movement and expression skills to investigate and create stories.

Ms Yates
Music/Drama Specialist Teacher

Highlights of Term 3

This year's Bookweek theme was 'Find your treasure'. Room 8 found their treasure in Mem Fox's books. We enjoyed reading her books throughout term 3 and dressing up as our favourite characters.

