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Room 33 Newsletter

Term 1 2019



Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2019 school year in Room 33. I hope that you have had an entertaining summer break. My name is Emily Brown and the students will call me Miss Brown. This is my second year at Parafield Gardens R-7 and I am eager to begin this journey with the Year 6 and 7 students in our class. I look forward to working together with families and building strong relationships which will support your child throughout the year. If you have a concern about your child, please contact me to make a time to chat.

Personal Items

Water bottles must come to school every day with water only in them please. Lunch boxes are kept in your child's schoolbag. If your child is bringing in a mobile phone or other electronic device, it is essential that they hand it into the office before school. Please name all items belonging to your child. This ensures that if something is misplaced there is a greater chance of it being returned.

Communication

I believe that communication is essential for the educational growth of your child. Communication between parents and caregivers, your child and me is important so with this in mind, I would like to invite you all to send me an email (which can be found at the bottom of the first page) regarding your child. Each student has a diary which will be the main form of communication. They will write down their daily homework, as well as any notes that they need to hand to their family.

If your child is absent you must inform the school promptly. This can be done by ringing the school. Parents who have not notified the school with the reason for the absence will be contacted via an absentee form for an explanation. An SMS will also be sent by the school as a reminder to notify the school of the absence. Students arriving at 8:45am or later must go to the front office prior to coming to the classroom to receive a late pass.

Positive Relationships

The first week of this term will consist of me getting to know the students, how they learn and what they want to learn. It is essential for me to understand them and for them to get to know me and my style of teaching, which may differ to that of their previous teachers. During this time I will also discuss my expectations of the students as well as their expectations of me as their Year 6/7 teacher. Building this relationship in the first week is important for the rest of the school year to be successful, and all support that can be given from home will be gratefully received.

What's on this term DIARY DATES

**THIS TERM ASSEMBLIES
ARE HELD ON
THURSDAY OF WEEKS
2, 4, 6, 8, 11
at 9:00am in the Hall**

**Wednesday 13th February
Acquaintance Night & AGM
6:30pm in the Hall**

**Tuesday 26th February
No Pen Day**

**Monday 11th March
Adelaide Cup
Public Holiday**

**Friday 29th March
PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Monday 1st to
Friday 5th April
Parent Teacher Interviews**

**Wednesday 10th April
Casual Day with Gold Coin
Donation**

**Friday 12th April
Last day of Term 1
with Early Dismissal at
2:00pm**

English

This term in English the students will be working on developing their drafting and writing skills in order to create procedural texts. We will also analyse the differences between historical and literary recounts in order to create our own pieces of writing. Students will work on their weekly spelling contracts for homework in which they will focus on phonological, visual, morphemic and etymological word knowledge. They will have a weekly spelling test on the Friday.

Our class novel this term will be **The Secret Garden** by Francis Hodgson Burnett. We will be analysing the choices that the author is making in order to engage the reader.



Mathematics

In Mathematics, we will be taking part in maths groups with the other Year 6 and 7 classes. These will be split so that students are grouped based on abilities; this allows teachers to focus on one particular area in which students may be having difficulties.

In class this term, we will analyse our class via statistics and probability. There will also be some focus on place value and fractions and decimals.



Students will continue with *Big Ideas in Number* and *Natural Maths* problem solving skills.

HASS

For Humanities and Social Sciences, the Year 7 students will be joining Miss Karapas and Miss Elliott along with their Year 7 students to access their year level curriculum. They will be studying Civics and Citizenship with a focus on the court system and the rules within the courts.

Year 6's will be focusing on Civics and Citizenship where we will discuss our Government and the characteristics of a democracy.



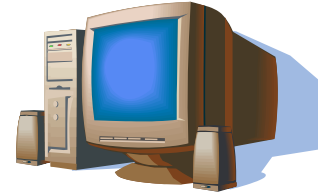
Science

Similarly to HASS, the Year 7's will be joining Rooms 31 and 32 for this subject. Their topic focus is Earth and Space Sciences with a narrow scope on Seasons and Eclipses with links to The Arts.

The Year 6's will be discussing Earth and Space Sciences and the environmental changes that can occur, as well as discussing historical and cultural contributions to our country.

Technologies

For Technologies this term there will be a focus on Digital Technologies. The students will interpret the importance of computers and analyse the different hardware, software and digital devices that are used in order for them to work effectively. This will be completed by a hands-on activity to create their own digital device.



The Arts

Along with activities throughout the term to incorporate current cultural events, the students will be focusing on Media Arts where they will create a Podcast on a topic/subject of their choice.



Health

During Health students will be developing their skills in order to develop a strong Growth Mindset for their learning.



Music with Drama with Mr Luke

In the Arts this term students will start by participating in a series of Drama workshops focusing on performance skills including improvisation, mime, tableaux and scripted work. There is a strong emphasis team work, collaboration, resilience and problem solving skills. It's going to be a lot of fun!

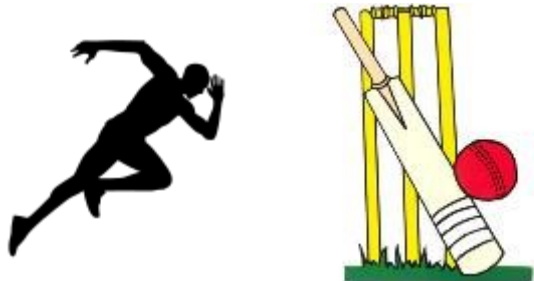


Health and PE with Mr

Cuconits

I am extremely excited to continue working at Parafield Gardens R-7 School this year. I look forward to working with all students during 2019. In term 1 students will learn about the dangers and effects of the sun and gain a greater understanding surrounding the Sun Smart program. Students will also be involved in exploring the concept of safety and keeping safe, as well as taking an in depth look at the health benefits of physical activity.

The term 1 Physical Education component involves the following: Athletics , Cricket



AUSLAN with Ms Krohn

Language Other Than English – Australian Sign Language is the recognised visual language of the Deaf community. During First Term the Yr 3-7 students will be reviewing basic greetings, numbers and colours, and expanding Auslan vocabulary and grammar features through various class related topics.

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Permission Slip

During the course of the year, through our curriculum studies, we occasionally watch videos and documentaries. Some of the ratings will be P.G. Please indicate if you give permission for your child to watch these videos.

I do/ do not give permission for my child to watch PG rated videos in Room 33 during 2019.
Parent/Caregiver's

Name _____

Signature _____

Thank you for taking the time to read through the class newsletter. I look forward to getting to know you and your child and working together in order to develop a “growth mindset” and foster a positive attitude towards education in your children.

Kind Regards,

Emily Brown.

Auslan Alphabet

