



Government
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Room 8 Newsletter

Term 4 2020



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back everyone to the last term of the year and its going to be an extremely busy term with transitions for our older students to their new classes and some new students into Room 8. We wish them and their families the very best in their new class and an exciting future ahead. We will also be preparing for our Sports Day which is in week 2 and POP (Parafield on Parade concert) in week 8- we are excited and look forward to it.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you parents and caregivers for your ongoing support this year. Your support and encouragement has helped your child become independent and successful in a number of areas. I appreciate you sending fruit each day and as the weather is getting warmer, make sure that your child also brings a water bottle to school.

Swimming lessons will continue this term and we will be taking public transport as usual leaving by 9:00am. Please ensure your child is dressed in bathers under their uniform. You could consider sandals as an alternative to sport shoes on swimming days.

Cooking will resume on Friday even weeks. Please make sure you contribute \$2 towards the purchasing of the ingredients. Cooking involves literacy, numeracy, social skills and more much more than just preparing and eating what is cooked.

Sports Day has been scheduled to take place (weather permitting) in **week 2 on Thursday 22nd October**. Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions, our families will be unable to attend, however we will be sure to take lots of photos which we can share on the school website and on Class Dojo.



Parafield On Parade (POP) will be held this term on **Tuesday 1st December** with Room 7 and 10. Due to the current social distancing and Covid recommendations, details about this event are not finalised. Everyone will be provided with up to date information as the event gets closer.

Notes will be sent out to you about those events closer to the day. I look forward to another exciting term with your child.

Please contact the office or myself if your child is absent so we have an accurate attendance record. It is important that your child attend school regularly to build on friendships, social skills and academics.

Kind Regards
Rosaline Singh

**THE REMAINING ASSEMBLIES
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAYS
OF WEEKS 4, 6 and 9**

**Thursday 22nd October
Sports Day**

**Friday 23rd October
Pupil Free Day**

**Monday 26th October and
Monday 2nd November
Dental for Schools Program**

**Thursday 5th November
Music Count Us In**

**Tuesday 10th November
No Pen Day**

**Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance Day Ceremony**

**Tuesday 1st December
POP!**

**Wednesday 9th December
Casual Day with
gold coin donation**

**Thursday 10th December
Class visits for 2021
Reports go home**

**Friday 11th December
Last day of Term 4
Early dismissal at 2:00pm**

**The 2021 School Year
commences on
Wednesday 27th January**

**A special note regarding Sports
Day and POP Night**
Due to COVID restrictions, our families are unfortunately unable to attend our Sports Day. Also due to the current social distancing and COVID recommendations, details about our POP event are not finalised. Everyone will be provided with up to date information as the event gets closer.

Curriculum

Literacy

We will continue learning the rest of the letter names and sounds through Jolly Phonics and practise Heggerty Phonemic Awareness lessons each day. It is great to see students enthusiastically participating in learning new sounds, blending and segmenting, thinking about rhyming words and able to identify initial, middle and final sounds. It is evident when they make the transfer of their new learnings to reading and writing.

Reading

Your child will bring home a reader. Readers are practised one on one at school each day with an adult. Along with it will be a set of tricky words. It is vital to make time to practise and help them become familiar with words and text. In our shared reading time we will be looking at **rhymes and songs this term.**

Numeracy

Students will continue to develop confidence with number strategies, number sequencing and writing numerals. We will continue with simple computation, addition and subtraction. We will continue our focus on Measurement and will learn to tell time using analogue and digital clocks.

Science

With the beautiful Spring weather coming up we are hoping to grow fruits and vegetables in our garden and look at their basic needs.

Wellbeing program

We will be learning about feelings and emotions through digital stories (The Transporters) and through class discussions and role play. They are learning to read facial expressions and body language that each emotions present.

Music & Drama with Ms Britz

This term the class will participate in the "Music Count Us In" event. The class will learn an elastic dance, a cup routine and will play untuned percussion to the song. They will learn and memorised lyrics to the song and will rehearse and practise dances and actions for the song. The class will then evaluate the day and all they have learned. The class will also focus on dance throughout the term. They will learn about differing dance genres and the history behind them. They will choreograph their own dance routines, with and without props, and will perform these to their peers. Towards the end of the term the class will rehearse and perfect a performance piece for this year's "Parafield on Parade" concert.

Health and PE with Mrs Neilson

For Health and PE we will continue to work on ways to keep ourselves safe. We started to cover accidents and emergencies and 000 last term, and we will continue down that path by introducing some fire safety and water safety.

The beginning of term 4 will see us preparing for and participating in Sport's Day! We have been practising for these events for a few weeks now and are looking forward to a fun day. After that we will be focusing on dance! It will be another fun term in Health and PE!

Auslan with Mrs Neilson

Last term the children in Room 8 enjoyed learning about their families and songs about their family. It was so nice watching them share information about the people close to them and the different kinds of families we have.

This term we will be focusing on the Auslan alphabet, days of the week and weather. We will be adding some Auslan signs to the songs that children in room 8 already know and playing lots of games. It will be another fun term for Room 8 in Auslan.

