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Parafield Gardens R-7 School

Room 24 Newsletter Term 2 2019



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to term 2. I hope everyone had a restful holiday. We have had a very positive start to the term already, with students settling in well and showing great eagerness and enthusiasm towards their learning. We have a busy term planned and I am looking forward to teaching and learning with your child. I encourage you to come into the classroom to talk with me if you have any questions or concerns, or to share any information regarding your child.

Here are some highlights from term 1

Measurement



Excursion to Birdwood Motor Museum



Home Readers

Students' literacy skills are enhanced when they practise their reading regularly. Many thanks to those parents who take the time to listen to their child read on a daily basis and are filling in the reading diary. It is this practice that helps the children's reading skills to develop quickly, understand what they read, read fluently and enjoy books about many different things. It is a wonderful thing to see a child with their nose in a book reading. Reading opens up a whole world of knowledge, fun and enjoyment!

English

This term we will work on **reading comprehension**, learning the strategies of questioning, making connections, skimming and scanning.

In **writing** the focus is on the features of a variety of text types including procedural and persuasive.

In **guided reading** the focus is on reading strategies, fluency, increasing our

What's on this term

THIS TERM ASSEMBLIES WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY OF WEEKS 2, 4, 6, 8 AND 10

**Monday 27th May to
Monday 3rd June
Reconciliation Week**

**Wednesday 22nd May
School Photos**

**Wednesday 29th May
No Pen Day**

**Monday 3rd June
PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Tuesday 4th June
Skeleton Dance Crew
Visiting**

**Monday 10th June
Public Holiday**

**Wednesday 3rd July
Casual Day with
Gold Coin Donation
Reports Go Home**

**Friday 5th July
Early dismissal 2:00pm**

**Term 3 Commences
Monday 22nd July**

Always have a go!

Remember **mistakes**
are
stepping stones to
learning!

sight word vocabulary and learning about different text types while working with others.

In **spelling** we will be continuing to learn alphabet skills, digraph sounds, suffixes, the *Jolly Phonics* tricky words and how to spell words which are specific to different areas of study.

In **grammar** we will be learning about adjectives, plurals, compound words and alphabetical order.

Letter formation and style is taught during **handwriting** lessons with both the upper and lower case letters.

Close Reading: These are weekly lessons where we join with Room 23 students and work on the Interactive Whiteboard to analyse aspects of texts such as identifying unfamiliar words and improving fluency.

Science: Physical Sciences Topic: Push - Pull

This term our work is based on the Primary Connections program entitled "Push - Pull". It is part of the Physical Sciences module that provides the opportunity for students to explore the forces of pushes and pulls. Through investigations, students observe and gather evidence about how these forces act in air and water, and on the ground. It would be much appreciated if you could help your child with the homework component. More information about this will be sent home throughout the term.

Mathematics

This term students will learn the concept of place value, fractions and time. They will be further exploring grouping and ordering collections to at least 1000.

We will explore geometrical and spatial reasoning through 2D shapes, 3D objects, flips and slides. They will also continue to learn addition and subtraction involving two digit numbers.

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths

STEM learning in Term 2 will see students focus on reducing the effects of plastic in our environment. The children will do an audit on class and school litter, then work in groups to identify ways of minimizing rubbish at a local level.

TECHNOLOGIES

This term students will develop an understanding of coding using various educational apps. They will also work on Study ladder activities and learn keyboard skills through the Typing Tournament program.

HASS

History will be our HASS subject this term. We will focus on various elements such as toys, schools and clothing. We will make comparisons with the past, the present and predict designs for the future.



VISUAL ARTS

This term we will have a focus on indigenous art for Reconciliation week. The art component will also be incorporated within our Maths units.



Music and Drama with Ms Selena Britz

Music:

The class will learn to play the recorder and will learn how to read basic music notation. They will learn new songs to perform using their instrument.

Drama:

This term the class will focus on mime and hot seating. They will develop an awareness of characterisation and will also participate in a range of team games and activities which encourage turn taking and co-operation.

Physical Education and Health Program with Mr Matt Cuconits

After an extremely successful start to the year, I am excited to introduce new topics that will allow students to develop new skills. In term 2 students will learn about how to form positive relationships with others and the effects that these relationships can have on them. Students will also learn about drug education and how to use medicine safely.

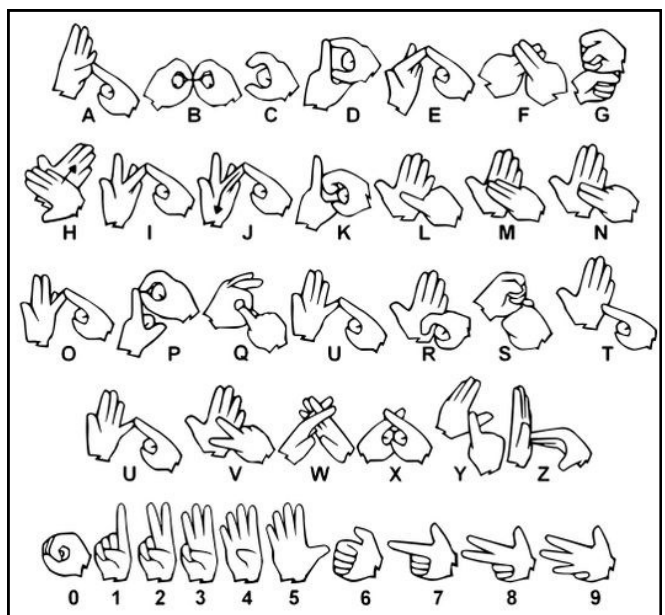
The term 2 Physical Education component involves the following:

European Handball - Students will learn a number of skills including; dribbling, passing, shooting, defending and goalkeeping.

Soccer – The following skills will be practised and developed over a 5 week unit; Passing, Dribbling, shooting, defending and game play.

Auslan with Christine Krohn

During this term the Yr 2 students will be reviewing and expanding their Auslan vocabulary through sign activities, songs, video, the use of IT equipment, and written projects. We will cover a "Food" topic exploring foods found in a healthy lunch box. Basic o'clock time will also be covered through sharing daily eating routines.



Show and Tell

Speaking and listening are such an important part of your child's oral language development. This makes a positive impact on students' confidence when speaking in front of their peers. Our sharing program started in week 1 and students shared stories about their holidays. Please see the weekly sharing topics and roster, which you can cut out and keep for future reference. I encourage students to bring an item in from home when possible. This item must stay inside during breaks and be given to me in the morning for safe keeping. Students may also choose to just speak about the weekly topic.

*Kind Regards,
Sharan Kaur*

Show and Tell Roster

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jonathan	Shaun	Joshua	Lachlan	Damian
Sakina	Tyler	Ruth	Lilli	Lakshana
Yaseen	Samantha	Pal	Bass	Mason
Aditya	Violet	Cathy	Jasraj	Anthony

Show and Tell topics for Term 2 2019

Week 2 Collections

Share something that you collect.



Week 3 Mystery bag

Place an item in a paper bag and write 3 clues about it that you can read to the class. Will they be able to guess your mystery item?



Week 4 Say Cheese

Share your favourite photo with the class. Where was it taken? Why is it special to you?

Week 5 I Spy With My Little Eye

Something that begins with the same letter as your name.

Week 6 When I grow up

What do you want to be when you grow up? Where will you work? Who will you help?

Week 7 Favourite story

Share your favourite story with the class. What is your favourite part? Who are the characters?

Week 8 What I like to do for fun

Week 9 My favourite piece of clothing

Week 10 What I like to do in the holidays

