

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The last term of the year has finally caught up with us. It is hard to believe that the children have nearly completed their first year at school. They have grown and developed throughout the year and it is wonderful to see how independent they are. This term will be another busy one with a variety of activities to look forward to.

The following is an outline of our program for the term:

ENGLISH:

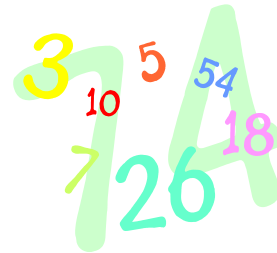
The daily Literacy session will include opportunities for language learning through speaking, listening, reading and writing activities, using quality literature, picture books, big books and sets of books for guided reading. The students will continue to receive explicit instruction in reading and writing strategies in small groups. They are developing their skills to compose and write simple sentences. Through the use of quality literature, the students have been learning to use discussion skills to talk about and explore the main ideas of the texts, to then move into independent writing. Classroom activities promote participation in individual and group tasks, which may be integrated with Geography and Science and Technology units. Home reading will continue this term and finish at the end of week 8.



MATHEMATICS

Our mathematics program will continue with diverse, interactive, hands on lessons. Students will engage in daily short, focused and frequent activities to consolidate mathematics concepts and number facts. This term we will be covering the following areas:

- Numbers to 30
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Area
- 3D Shapes
- Volume and Capacity
- Revision of the topics covered during the year



We also encourage you to continue to use 'Mathletics' at home.

HSIE (Geography and History)

This term for Geography, we will complete our "PEOPLE LIVE IN PLACES" unit, provides opportunities for students to identify places and develop an understanding of the importance of places to people. It also provides opportunities to communicate geographical information and use geographical tools.

SCIENCE

The unit "Material World", will allow the students to explore our immediate environment, both natural and man-made. They will classify objects by their observable properties and describes how the properties of different materials suit their design purpose.

PD, HEALTH and PE

Safety lessons will be the focus this term. It will include safety in the home, road safety, surf safety and sun safety. *Sport and fitness*, including dance will continue this term.

CREATIVE AND PRACTICAL ARTS

Music & Drama

Students will continue to have music and drama lessons with Mrs Covelle.

Visual Arts

Visual Art lessons will continue in the Art rooms with Mrs Bacon, where students will be provided experiences in making simple artworks and experimenting with a range of selected media forms.

PBL

“Together we provide a respectful, happy and friendly school environment where everyone strives to achieve excellence.” Our positive behaviour expectations are based around the core values of: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and EXCELLENCE. This term, we will specifically look at ‘Remember your manners’ (Respect), ‘Right place, right time and right uniform’ (Responsibility) and ‘Reach for the Stars’ (Excellence). Our Learning Disposition focus will be Aurora, Caspian, Octavia and Nova.

TERM 4 EVENTS

Week 3: Friday Fluro Day

Week 9: Bush Christmas Incursion
Presentation of Awards Ceremony
Mini Fete Day

Week 10: School Picnic Fun Day at school

If your child is absent, please use the Skoolbag app to notify the school of the absence. Alternatively, you can write your child’s teacher a note. Please remember to include your child’s name, class, date/s of absence and an explanation. Absences need to be sent to the school within 7 days.

We hope that the children have enjoyed their first year at school and thank you for your help and support this year.

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