

Dear Stage 1 parents and carers

Welcome back to Term 2, 2022! We are ready for an exciting and productive term ahead. Below is some important information regarding class routines and expectations.

## **English**

### *Speaking and Listening*

Stage 1 will be provided with numerous opportunities to develop their public speaking skills through stage and classroom learning activities, including the presentation of NESTigation projects.

### *Reading and Viewing*

Students will participate in class reading groups, where they will engage in modelled, guided and independent learning experiences. Reading groups will be differentiated to cater for student abilities. 'Take home' readers will continue to be provided to students weekly.

### *Writing*

This term, Stage 1 will be viewing, appreciating and studying quality literature, to develop their English language skills. They will be learning about various texts including: persuasive writing and information reports.

## **Mathematics**

Students will be investigating and exploring:

- Number patterns and skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s - both forwards and backwards
- Length
- Collecting data and using picture graphs
- Place value using two- and three-digit numbers
- Position
- Addition and subtraction with two-digit and three-digit numbers
- Fractions - wholes, halves, quarters and eighths
- Area



All Mathematics teaching involves students learning through hands-on experiences, problem-solving and mathematical investigations.

For further information on the topics covered please follow this link to the NSW Stage 1 Mathematics syllabus:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/learning-areas/mathematics/mathematics-k-10/content>

## **NESTigations**

This year stage 1 will have the opportunity to participate in NESTigations. NESTigations is a program that merges the hands-on creative learning of Investigations, with the organisational skills that students will need in middle primary to participate in ProjectNEST. Students will practise the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills of communication, critical thinking and creativity, as they move through a variety of learning stations. Learning stations are centered around student interests and intentionally constructed by teachers to consolidate the learning gained in explicit teaching sessions of Literacy, Numeracy and Geography. We have found NESTigations time to be one where students approach their learning with great joy and we are excited to share it with Stage 1 this year!

*We appreciate any donations of small boxes for Nestigation construction activities this year.*

## **Geography**

Geography, this term, will focus on people's connections to places. Stage 1 will investigate how and why we travel to places in our communities. Students will explore and describe the features of places and the unique connections people have with various locations. They will identify how people interact with and care for the environment. Students will discuss factors that influence travel and gain insight into how children across the globe access education. Stage 1 will use mapping and data collection tools to communicate geographical information.

## **Science and Technology (STEAM)**

This term, Stage 1 will continue their exploration of motion, before commencing an investigation of living things. Students will focus their inquiry on improving environments to encourage living things to thrive and beginning to understand why animals and plants have different habitats based on their needs for survival.



## Creative Arts

This semester, our Visual Arts program will be delivered by Ms Bowman. Students will continue to study the elements of art. Through line, shape, colour and form, students will produce artworks to showcase at the 2022 Art Exhibition.

Music will be taught by Ms MacDonald, where they will sing, play and move to music, demonstrating an awareness of their own capability in using voice and other sound sources. They organise sounds into simple structures and begin representing creative ideas symbolically.

## Library

Library lessons will be taught by Ms Whelan. Students are able to borrow two books each week to take home. The library is also open at lunch time and before school, if they would like to borrow and return more frequently.

*NB: Classes will rotate with specialist teachers on a fortnightly basis.*

## Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

This term, students will participate in an array of different team sports and games. These activities will help Stage 1 develop their fundamental movement skills. For PDH, students will learn to describe the qualities and characteristics that make them similar and different to others. Stage 1 will explore strategies people can use to feel comfortable, resilient and safe in situations.

## Homework

Stage 1 are continuing with the *Sound Waves* spelling program this term. It is very important that the green spelling book is returned to school **every Monday** in order to receive new spelling lists for the week ahead. We expect that students have the opportunity to practise and become familiar with their words several times each week.

Spelling lists are based around one grapheme per week.

We have included a **link** to a **PDF** with a variety of different and engaging spelling activities that you might enjoy with your child:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gSD3dqtBxOHff\\_8eAy\\_HoUr8XqzHXNSv/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gSD3dqtBxOHff_8eAy_HoUr8XqzHXNSv/view?usp=sharing)



*Mathletics* activities will continue to be changed fortnightly to reflect the content learned in class - this is an opportunity for your child to practise and consolidate mathematical skills and concepts.

## **Home Reading**

We strongly encourage that each child should be reading for 10-15 minutes every evening. This should be an enjoyable experience for both you and your child. We ask that you take the time to listen to your child read the books that they bring home, or books from your home collection.

Quality picture books often have a richer vocabulary and are more interesting to read, so these are encouraged when your child is able to make the transition from levelled readers. Some children are also reading chapter books. Please ensure that you chat with them about what they have read to help them understand any new vocabulary and to make sure that they comprehend what they read.

## **Classroom Communal Items**

All stationery items are for communal use within the classroom as Stage 1 students do not use personal pencil cases.

Option: if you are in the position to assist, please organise the following items listed below for communal use;

- Tissues
- Disinfectant wipes

We look forward to working with you and sharing in your child's learning!

The Stage 1 Team, 2022