

5/6 Class Newsletter



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the new school year at Zig Zag Public School, I am very excited to be working with your child this year. We have had an unusual (Covid) but great start with all children settling into their new class, routines and forming new friendships, and what a fun group of kids they are.

At present we are establishing our class routines and expectations within the classroom as well as behaviours that are acceptable in the playground. I also encourage the children to use our PAX behaviours throughout the day, to further enhance their learning and others around them. Children earn stickers for good behaviour or work, which is added to their 'Reward Chart' and once their chart is filled they are rewarded with a pick from the 'Prize Box'.

This Semester our class will be learning about 'The Material World' in Science and in Geography 'Factors that Shape Places'-which will be taught by Mrs George.

Literacy will take place in the morning session and we will be using 'Learning Intentions' where children will know exactly what they are focussing on and through establishing a 'success criteria' they will understand what it looks like.

Mathematics will take place during the middle session of the day and will follow our whole school maths scope and sequence, with the continuation of our Daily Math reviews.

Children have decided to adopt a 'flexible seating' policy within our classroom, which means children are free to choose where they sit on a daily basis.

Our class will be again involved in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program with the children participating in gardening lessons (Wednesday) and cooking lessons (TBA -starting in term 2) lead by our Kitchen/Garden Specialist Mrs Simpson.

Miss Jade is the Student Learning Support Officer for our class on Monday, Thursday and Friday. She provides additional support for the children in the classroom and the playground. She works within the classroom as well as

removing children for more intensive one-on-one programs in speech, mathematics and Literacy.

Mrs Howell will take the class for Library lessons each week-Friday , children are encouraged to borrow each week, and can use the books they borrow as their 'Read-to-self' book in class or as home readers.

Homework is an important component of your child's education but not compulsory, it will be handed out on a Monday and is to be returned on a Friday. Home reading is also a valuable part of each child's development and it is expected that they aim to read 10-15mins each night, either to themselves or to an adult. We have a strong focus on Reading Fluency this year at Zig Zag Public and encourage children to read aloud at home to help improve their oral reading skills. Reading is a fantastic way to build a child's vocabulary and writing skills.

Weekly Activities

Wednesday -Gardening (even weeks)

Wednesday-Scripture and Music with Mrs Smith

Thursday-Cooking (odd weeks-Term 2)

Friday-Assembly, Sport and Library with Mrs Howell

I do ask that all children try to bring a few essential items each day, including a lead pencil, glue stick, eraser and a drink bottle. It would be greatly appreciated if each child could bring in a box of tissues to help us get through the dreaded cold season.

If at any time during the year, you or your child experiences any problems or needs any assistance please feel free to contact me at school to discuss the matter further.

Looking forward to a fun filled year of learning with your child.

Kind Regards

Mrs Julie Wallace

