

1/2W Class Newsletter: Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the start of the 2022 school year. This year your child is in 1/2W and will be taught by Mrs Wood from Monday to Thursday and Mrs George on Fridays. We also have our SLSO, Mrs Robinson in the room to support the class. We have 18 wonderful students in 1/2W and we are looking forward to a positive year of learning.

In the past few weeks, students have been settling into routines, reviewing classroom expectations and engaging in learning activities and getting to know each other.

Here is a list of our weekly activities:

- Physical Education activities- Monday and Fridays
- Scripture- Wednesdays
- Library - Fridays (even weeks)
- Technology- Fridays (odd weeks)

A few other things to note:

- Please remember to pack some fruit or vegetable snacks and water each day for our morning fruit break.
- Please ensure your child has their hat each day for outside play and activities.
- Students are allowed to bring a pencil case (but it is not required). Please ensure that they just have a few items such as pencils, textas, eraser. They do not need pens or highlighters. We also have class supplies of necessary stationary.
- Home reading: We will be sending home 2-3 readers each Monday for students to read at home throughout the week. We understand if you can't read every night, but whatever you can manage will help support their learning. We will also use Epic. Students should have their login details but if you don't have them, please let us know.
- Homework: We will also be sending home some spelling words each week and ideas of how to practise them in a fun way. This is not compulsory, but if students wish they can hand it in each Friday.

- We have started News this week. Below is a copy of the topics that were sent home. If they wish, students can bring in a drawing or some writing based on the weekly topic to share when they present their news.

News Topics- Term 1	
Week 6	Where do you live? Describe your place. Talk about the rooms in your place. Draw a map to show other students the location of the front door, kitchen, lounge, bathroom, bedrooms
Week 7	Different activities for different weather. Pick an activity that you do in different weather. What is the activity? Do you need an special equipment?
Week 8	Are we there yet? Talk about a place you have been to in Australia. Describe how you went there, how long it took and a special feature of this place. Try to show where it is (roughly) on a map.
Week 9	Maps. Bring in a map and talk about it. It could be a map drawn of your street or a map of a place you know about. What does your map show? What are the features? Why did you choose it?
Week 10	My favourite park. Where is your favourite park? What do you like to do there? Describe some of the special features.
Week 11	Free choice.

Monday Abigael Savannah Ashton S. Harrison	Tuesday Jyrell Theo Ruby Joseph	Wednesday Toby Declan Penelope Molly	Thursday Arlen Ashton N. Maggie	Friday Myah Tanner Grace
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Teaching and Learning Programs

English

Every morning, students will engage in modelled, guided and independent literacy activities to support and extend their learning. The morning session will involve explicit phonics instruction, spelling and reading. In Shared reading, students will read books by Julia Donaldson and Axel Sheffler and engage in

activities with a focus on vocabulary, comprehension and grammar. Students will also work in smaller ability based Guided Reading groups where they will work with the teacher on their area of needs. In writing, we will look at ways to construct ideas for imaginative and persuasive texts. Speaking and Listening activities will be integrated into all Key Learning Areas in addition to 'News' each week.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, the content that will be covered includes: Whole Number, Patterns and Algebra, Addition and Subtraction, Length, 2D, Mass and Time. Students' will be involved a range of hands on activities that will continue to build on previous knowledge and achieve specific outcomes in each of the mathematical strands.

Science

Our unit is: Material World. Students will be involved in investigations about how materials can be changed, manipulated and combined.

Geography

Our unit is: Feature of Places. Learning will include studying places at home and school and ways people interact and care for different places.

Creative Arts

Students will engage in visual art, drama and music activities linked to other areas of study.

Personal Development

Lessons will involve ways students can be inclusive and respectful. Students will also explore how they can make decisions to be healthy, safe and physically active.

We look forward to a fun filled year ahead and working with you and your child to support their learning. Please feel free to contact us through the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,
Mrs Elena Wood and Mrs Leona George