

## **YEAR TWO, TERM THREE NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here is our Term 3 newsletter for Year Two! There are a few reminders, some important dates to remember and our main focuses this term for each learning area. Thanks for reading! :)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

ALPHA Show – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of July

Performing Arts Showcase (Family Night) – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of August

Performing Arts Showcase (School) – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of August

Science Week – Week 5

First Aid Program for Kids – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of August

Book Week Dress Up Day – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of August

THRIVE Parent Night – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of August

Footsteps Program – Weeks 6 to 10 (in class time)

Curriculum Day – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of August

Year 6 Genius Hour – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of August

Father's Day Stall (Day 1) – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of August

Father's Day Stall (Day 2) – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of August

Maths Parents Open Morning – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of September

Responsible Pet Ownership Program (Day 1) – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of September

Responsible Pet Ownership Program (Day 2) – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of September

Life Education Van – Weeks 9 and 10 (date TBC)

Footy Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of September

Last Day of Term 3 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of September

### **SEESAW**

By now, SeeSaw will have lots of fantastic pictures of our year so far! If you still haven't connected to your child's journal and you would like to see all your child's work for the year, please contact your classroom teacher.

## **TERM THREE LEARNING SNAPSHOT**

### **ENGLISH**

This term in literacy, we will be revisiting some topics to further deepen our knowledge, as well as learning some brand new concepts. In writing, we will begin our persuasive writing unit, where we will be looking at forming opinions and reasons about a topic. We will be carefully selecting words to make strong arguments, to convince our readers why they should agree. We will also begin looking at discussion pieces and how to respond to various opinions. In reading we will continue learning a range of different strategies to improve our comprehension, accuracy and fluency. Reading a variety of texts will also expand our vocabulary to

improve our overall literacy ability. This term, most students will begin receiving a Jolly Phonics style reader as one of their take home books. The sounds in the front and comprehension questions in the back of these books will continue to support the students learning from this program at home. We will continue working hard on our spelling and grammar lessons through this program as well. It would be fantastic if you could continue encouraging your children to read at home and practice their spelling as much as possible. You would be amazed to see how much reading one book at home each night helps them!

## **MATHS**

This term, the students will be introduced to some new concepts. During multiplication and division sessions, we will be investigating repeated addition, groups, arrays, repeated subtraction, grouping into equal sets and solving simple problems. With the unit of transformations, we will be investigating the effects of slides, flips and turns on various shapes. To finish off the term, we will work on fractions, where the students will recognise and interpret halves, quarters and eighths of shapes and collections. Our number talks will continue throughout this term where the students will be encouraged to explain their methods and share their strategies when mentally calculating subtraction problems. At home it would be very beneficial for you to encourage your child to learn their 2, 5, and 10 times tables.

## **INQUIRY**

In Inquiry this term, we will be learning all about Sustainability and how to lead sustainable lifestyles. Some of the things we will be investigating are how to reduce, reuse and recycle in our everyday lives, how to save power, energy and water, the benefits of worm farms and composting and the resources the earth provides us with and how to maintain these for years to come.

## **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

In digital technologies this term we will continue working on improving our typing skills through programs such as Typing Tournament, Microsoft Word and Publisher. The students will continue working on skills such as creating PowerPoints and navigating the computer. Programs such as Mathletics and Lexia will continue being used to support our literacy and mathematics programs.

## **WELLBEING**

This term, we have continued to participate in regular 'THRIVE' sessions. This term centres around the students working on being healthy, involved members of our school. The lessons focus on being involved members of a team, building empathy and kindness and how to help others. We have also been learning how to be safe online and how to keep our personal information private.

Thank you,  
The Year Two Team