

GRADE 1 NEWSLETTER - TERM 1

Dear Parents/Guardians,

To keep everyone updated we have a quick snapshot of what we are doing in our classes during Term One as well as other important information that is important to Year One.

Important dates for Term One:

Monday 9th March – Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 12th March - Coal Creek excursion

Monday 23rd March - 'Olden Day' Dress Up

Friday 27th March- Easter Bonnet Parade

Open afternoon – to be advised

What you can be doing at home.

DAILY HOME READING IS VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR ALL YEAR ONE STUDENTS.

Three books are sent home each week with your child to allow them a choice in what they read each night.

Your child **does not have to read all three books each night**, but in order for reading success they should read at **least one** of these books **each night**, and the title and date recorded in the reading log. (Please refer to the note at the front of the reading log if you have any queries about this.)

Further ways you can help your child achieve reading success is to ask lots of 'what', 'who' and 'why' questions before and after reading to support their understanding (comprehension) of the text.

Each week all Year One students will have a list of ten new spelling words to practise. We will introduce the words at school, and do some activities with them during the week, but helping your child to practise these words at home will support their spelling knowledge growth.

Literacy

This term the Year One students will be working on developing their understanding of recounts, letter writing, descriptions and poetry. As we edit our writing we will be checking for full stops and capital letters and experimenting with new vocabulary.

We will continue implementing the school-wide spelling and grammar approach through Jolly Phonics. Jolly Phonics is a comprehensive programme, based on the proven, fun and multi-sensory synthetic phonics method that gets children reading and writing from an early age. Our weekly spelling words reflect the weekly classroom focus. Revising these at home will greatly support your child in the classroom.

Maths

During Maths in Term One, the concepts that we will be covering include number sense to 100, time, money and chance. The students will be working on reading, writing and saying numbers to 100, what numbers are odd and even as well as developing a greater understanding of place value. They will be also engaged in 'hands on' activities as they discover aspects of time and Australian money.

At home there are many ways in which mathematics can be explored including cooking, counting money and playing board games. This will help foster an understanding of how mathematics can be applied in real-life situations.

Inquiry

This term the children will be learning about 'Family Life'. We will begin our investigations by learning what makes a family and how they are all different and special to us. Next we will look at how families, homes and schools have changed over time through interviewing grandparents and engaging learning experiences. We will celebrate our learning on our Dress Up Day (which you will receive further information closer to the date).

Mathletics and Lexia

Just a reminder, students have access to Mathletics and Lexia. If they wish to use these programs at home their login details will soon appear in their reading logs.

Wellbeing

This year we are continuing our Positive Education program "THRIVE", which focuses on student wellbeing. This term our theme is 'Enjoy Positive Emotions'. Students will be involved with weekly lessons to explore our feelings and relationships.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Year One Team