

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER - TERM 1

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Year Two in 2021! We are so excited to be working with your children this year. This is our first Newsletter for the year. It includes a few reminders, some important dates and our learning area focuses for this term.

The Year Two Teachers are:

2B – Mrs Barnes, Room 5

2D - Miss Di Paolo, Room 6

2M – Mrs Morton, Room 1

2I – Mrs Iurato, Room 2

2S – Miss Senysyn, Room 4

2H – Mrs Hallal, Room 3

Please don't hesitate to call us at any time, via the school office if you need anything! :)

REMINDERS

If your child has not brought in an art smock or library bag yet can we please organise these as soon as possible. All classrooms are grateful for the donations of tissues and paper towel to support the hygiene practices.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 26th February – School and Sibling Photos

Monday 8th March – Labour Day Public Holiday (No School)

Wednesday 3rd March - Cranbourne Botanical Gardens Excursion (information to follow)

Tuesday 30th March - The Alpha Show, The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Thursday 1st April – Last Day of Term (2:30pm finish)

SEESAW

SeeSaw is up and running in all our classes! We are looking forward to sharing and celebrating the students' learning, so make sure you check for updates regularly. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

TERM ONE LEARNING SNAPSHOT

ENGLISH

In writing this term, we will be looking at the structure of recount, descriptive and response writing pieces and refining our handwriting. In Year Two, our weekly spelling and grammar lessons follow the Jolly Phonics/Jolly Grammar program. The Jolly Phonics characters also appear in some of our take home reading books. We would really appreciate your support in assisting your child to complete regular home reading throughout the week. Please sign your child's reading log which is now located in their **THRIVE** diary. Our weekly spelling words are located in a 'take home' spelling book (small exercise book). Please assist your child by revising the weekly spelling words regularly.

MATHS

During Term One, we will be working on number sequencing such as skip counting by 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s forwards and backwards. We will also be exploring place value concepts, shapes (both 2D and 3D), addition and subtraction, telling the time to the quarter hour, and measurement. We will be introducing a range of problem solving strategies to support our students to solve open-ended investigations. We also encourage our Year Two students to use Mathletics at home, to further consolidate their skills and knowledge.

INQUIRY

Our Inquiry topic for Term 1 is **Exploring our Local Area's History**. We will be investigating our local area's history, the significant people and/or places from our community's past and the history of our local Indigenous people. We are planning an excursion to **Cranbourne Botanical Gardens** on **Friday 26th March** to compliment this unit.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

In digital technologies this term, we will be focusing on revising how to log into the computers. We will be using Mathletics and a new Literacy based program called Reading Eggs - more information to follow. We will also be working on improving our typing skills.

WELLBEING

This year, Woodlands will continue implementing our school-wide wellbeing program called 'THRIVE'. This term's focus is 'Enjoying Positive Emotions'. The students will be exploring concepts such as expanding their emotional literacy, recognising their emotions and identifying body language. The students will also continue to receive awards based around the THRIVE values at our Junior School Assembly.

Thank you,

The Grade Two Team